

## 2011 C40 Mayors Summit Fact Sheet

- **The** C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Mayors Summit will take place from 31 May – 2 June in Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- **The Summit** is hosted by the City of Sao Paulo and delivered in collaboration with the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) and Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) Cities Program.
- **Why Cities?:** While cities only occupy 2% of the Earth's land mass, they contain over 50% of its population, use two-thirds of its energy and generate over 70% of its carbon emissions. Cities are strongly positioned to generate real change and with global protocols and treaties unable to impact significant reforms, cities can have a meaningful global impact.
- **Participation:** During the Summit, senior officials from over 40 leading cities around the world, and nearly 30 Mayors, will discuss the climate change challenges facing their cities and share knowledge based on the actions they have taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Summit will help cities to scale-up their efforts and have an even greater impact. Importantly, it also provides an opportunity for the C40 to solicit feedback from cities to inform the strategic direction of C40 programs and initiatives; to build networks of cities with similar profiles and agendas; and to support individual cities even more effectively.
- **Keynote speakers include:**
  - Sao Paulo Mayor Gilberto Kassab, Summit host
  - President Bill Clinton
  - New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Chair of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40)
  - World Bank President Robert Zoellick
- **Key topics covered at the Summit include:**
  - Energy Efficiency in Existing Buildings
  - Carbon Measurement
  - Integrated Waste Management
  - Bus Rapid Transit & Low Emission Bus Programs
  - Green Industry Investment
  - International Engagement and Advocacy
  - Climate Change Risk Assessment and Resilience

To acknowledge the critical role of carbon measurement and transparency in tackling climate change, the C40 will release two landmark reports at the Summit: the first ever public disclosure of greenhouse gas emissions across the majority of C40 cities; as well as a benchmark of actions C40 cities have taken to date and an inventory of powers cities hold over sectors. A detailed panel discussion on measurement will also take place.

- ***This is the fourth C40 Summit*** and it is the first time the Summit will take place in Latin America. Previous Summits were held in:
  - London, England: October 2005
  - New York, USA: May 2007
  - Seoul, South Korea: May 2009

#### **About the C40:**

- The C40 is an organization of large and engaged cities from around the world committed to implementing meaningful and sustainable climate-related policies locally that will help address climate change concerns globally. President Bill Clinton and New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg recently announced the expanded alliance between the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) and CCI Cities, a program of the William J. Clinton Foundation.

#### **C40 Members**

- **C40 participating** cities (40): Addis Ababa, Athens, Bangkok, Beijing, Berlin, Bogotá, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Caracas, Chicago, Delhi NCT, Dhaka, Hanoi, Houston, Hong Kong, Istanbul, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Karachi, Lagos, Lima, London, Los Angeles, Madrid, Melbourne, Mexico City, Moscow, Mumbai, New York, Paris, Philadelphia, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Sao Paulo, Seoul, Shanghai, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto, and Warsaw.
- **C40 affiliate** cities (18): include Amsterdam, Austin, Barcelona, Basel, Changwon, Copenhagen, Curitiba, Heidelberg, Ho Chi Minh City, Milan, New Orleans, Portland, Rotterdam, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, Stockholm, and Yokohoma.

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