

## Scores of Cities Commit to Bold Climate Action to Deliver on the Highest Ambition of Paris Agreement

*Mayors of 26 cities commit to create Green & Healthy Streets in pledge to procure only zero-emission buses from 2025 and ensure that major areas of their city are zero emission by 2030.*

*Action will prevent 11,000 premature deaths per year, from air pollution*

*More than 70 mayors commit to develop and begin implementing ambitious climate action plans by 2020 and become emissions neutral by no later than 2050.*

*815 cities signed the One Planet Charter to reinforce their commitment and take continued actions to reach a zero emission buildings and zero waste objective.*

**San Francisco, CA (14 Sept 2018)** — Mayors of the world's greatest cities have reaffirmed their commitment to delivering on the highest ambitions of the Paris Agreement. Through a series of bold pledges, unveiled at the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco, cities are committing to the specific climate action and policies needed to keep global temperature rise to below 1.5°C.

12 cities - Birmingham, Greater Manchester, Honolulu, Medellin, Oslo, Oxford, Rotterdam, Santa Monica, Seoul, Tokyo, Warsaw, & West Hollywood – representing more than 140 million urban citizens have committed to deliver a zero emission mobility future. By signing the [C40 Green & Healthy Streets Declaration](#), the pioneering city leaders pledged to procure only zero-emission buses from 2025 and ensure that a major area of their city is zero emission by 2030. The policies are designed to fight air pollution, improve the quality of life for all citizens, and help tackle the global threat of climate change.

These cities join 14 others already committed to Green & Healthy Streets: Paris, London, Los Angeles, Copenhagen, Barcelona, Quito, Vancouver, Cape Town, Seattle, Mexico City, Auckland, Milan, Rome & Heidelberg. More than 80,000 buses run on the streets of these 26 cities, representing a major shift towards zero emission vehicles in the world's great cities.

Analysis of the air quality in these cities reveals that the policies announced today could prevent 11,000 premature deaths per year.

The [One Planet Charter](#) is a joint initiative driven by C40, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy and ICLEI, highlighting more than 1,700 commitments made by cities around the world to build sustainable and resilient infrastructure,

products and services, while also recognizing the importance of working closely with national governments and business sectors to mobilise global climate action.

25 cities and regions committed to significantly cut the amount of waste they generate, accelerating them on the path towards zero waste. By signing C40's [Advancing Towards Zero Waste Declaration](#), these cities and regions have **pledged to cut the amount of waste generated by each citizen 15% by 2030, reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and incineration by 50% and increase the diversion rate to 70% by 2030**. Together these 25 cities and regions, representing 150 million citizens, will reduce the amount of waste disposed by at least 132 million tons by 2030.

38 cities, regions and businesses have committed to significantly cut greenhouse gas emissions in new and existing buildings as part of the World Green Building Council's [Net Zero Carbon Building Commitment](#). Cities signing the Net Zero Carbon Buildings Declaration have pledged to ensure all buildings in the cities, old or new, will meet net-zero carbon standards by 2050. Reducing annual buildings emissions to zero in just the 19 C40 signatory cities is equivalent to removing 190 megatonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e, or the emissions of 47 coal-fired power stations.

Recognising that climate change and issues of poverty and social inequality are inextricably linked mayors of 30 cities, representing close to 100 million citizens, have [pledged to deliver inclusive climate action that benefits all citizens equitably](#). Mayors of Accra; Athens; Barcelona; Bridgeport (Connecticut); Buenos Aires; Cape Town; Chicago; Denver; Durban; Guadalajara; Hong Kong, China; Houston; Johannesburg; Los Angeles; Medellin; Mexico City; Milan; Montreal; New York City; Paris; Philadelphia; Salt Lake City; San Francisco; Santiago; Seattle; Sydney; Tel Aviv; Tokyo; Toronto & Washington DC. have pledged to increase action on community-led development, inclusive climate action and infrastructure projects that achieve major environmental, health, social and economic benefits especially in low-income and vulnerable communities.

The powerful message that "Climate Change Isn't fair", highlighting the importance of inclusive climate action, has been seen on billboards across San Francisco this week. The sites were generously donated by JCDecaux Group.

These commitments and policies are each designed to deliver urgent, large-scale climate action, which scientists agree is necessary to prevent catastrophic climate change and keep global temperature rise to below 1.5°C - the highest ambition of the Paris Agreement. Through [C40's Deadline 2020 Initiative](#), mayors of 72 cities worldwide, representing 425 million citizens, have publicly committed to develop and begin implementing ambitious climate action plans by 2020, in order to achieve

the highest goals of the Paris Agreement at the local level. These plans will see many more cities rapidly join the 27 C40 cities that have already peaked their greenhouse gas emissions, and become emissions neutral by no later than 2050.

These mayors join more than 9,000 others who have committed to action – including planning as well as implementation and regular progress reporting - consistent with the Paris Climate Agreement through the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy. Combined the impact of these commitments could achieve annual reductions of 1.4 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>e in 2030 and 2.8 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>e in 2050 from BAU.

Globally, cities made 244 commitments in urban resilience, committing to developing by end of 2020 an inclusive climate mitigation and adaptation plan that benefits all citizens equitably. In addition, 443 commitments have been made in renewable energy, including through ICLEI's 100% RE Energy Cities and Regions Network, pledging to moving towards 100% renewable electricity (city-wide) by 2035, and [100% renewable energy](#) (including electricity, heating and cooling, and transport) by 2050.

These bold commitments will ensure cities deliver their fair share of emissions reductions to keep global warming within the boundaries that scientists tell us is safe.

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#### **Notes:**

##### **26 Cities committed to the Green & Healthy Streets Declaration:**

*Newly committed:* Birmingham, Greater Manchester, Honolulu, Medellin, Oslo, Oxford, Rotterdam, Santa Monica, Seoul, Tokyo, Warsaw, & West Hollywood

*Existing signatories:* Paris, London, Los Angeles, Copenhagen, Barcelona, Quito, Vancouver, Cape Town, Seattle, Mexico City, Auckland, Milan, Rome & Heidelberg

##### **25 Cities & Regions committed to the Advancing Towards Zero Waste Declaration:**

*Newly committed:* Los Angeles, and Wales

*Existing signatories:* Auckland, Catalonia, Copenhagen, Dubai, London, Milan, Montreal, Navarra, New York City, Newburyport, Paris, Philadelphia, Portland, Rotterdam, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Monica, Sydney, Tel Aviv, Tokyo, Toronto, Vancouver & Washington D.C

**26 cities & regions committed to the Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment:**

Newly committed: Cape Town, Durban, Medellin, Baden-Württemberg, Catalonia, Yucatan, Navarra

**Existing signatories: Copenhagen, Johannesburg, London, Los Angeles, Montreal, New York City,**

Newburyport, Paris, Portland, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Monica, Stockholm, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto, Tshwane, Vancouver & Washington D.C

**12 businesses committed to the Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment**

Salesforce, Majid Al Futtaim, Integral Group, Signify, Cundall, Kilroy Realty, Frasers Property Australia, AMP Capital Wholesale Office Fund, Berkeley Group, Shaw Contract, GPT Wholesale Office Fund, Stockland.

**30 Cities committed to deliver inclusive climate action that benefits all citizens equitably:**

Accra; Athens; Barcelona; Bridgeport (Connecticut); Buenos Aires; Cape Town; Chicago; Denver; Durban; Guadalajara; Hong Kong, China; Houston; Johannesburg; Los Angeles; Medellin; Mexico City; Milan; Montreal; New York City; Paris; Philadelphia; Salt Lake City; San Francisco; Santiago; Seattle; Sydney; Tel Aviv; Tokyo; Toronto; Washington DC.

**72 (64 C40 cities) Cities committed to develop ambitious climate action plans by 2020 & become emissions neutral by no later than 2050**

Abidjan, Accra, Addis Ababa, Amman, Austin, Barcelona, Beverly, Boston, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Caracas, Chengdu, Chicago, Copenhagen, Curitiba, Dakar, Dar es Salaam, Dhaka, Dubai, Durban, Guadalajara, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Heidelberg, Honolulu, Houston, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Kampala, Karachi, Kuala Lumpur, Lagos, Lima, London, Los Angeles, Medellin, Melbourne, Mexico City, Milan, Montreal, Mosier, Nairobi, New York City, Oslo, Paris, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland, Qingdao, Quezon City, Quito, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Salt Lake City, Salvador, San Francisco, Santa Monica, Santiago, Sao Paulo, Seattle, Seoul, Stockholm, Sydney, Tokyo, Tshwane, Vancouver, Venice, Warsaw, Washington, D.C., West Hollywood, Yokohama

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**About C40 Cities:**

C40 Cities connects 96 of the world's greatest cities to take bold climate action, leading the way towards a healthier and more sustainable future. Representing 700+ million citizens and one quarter of the global economy, mayors of the C40 cities are committed to delivering on the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement at the local level, as well as to cleaning the air we breathe. The current chair of C40 is Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo; and three-term Mayor of New York City Michael R. Bloomberg serves as President of the Board. C40's work is made possible by our three strategic funders: Bloomberg Philanthropies, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), and Realdania.

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### **About Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy**

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy is the largest global coalition of cities and local governments voluntarily committed to actively combatting climate change and transitioning to a low carbon and climate resilient economy. Led by UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Climate Action, Michael R. Bloomberg, and European Commission Vice President, Maroš Šefčovič, in partnership with local, regional and global city networks, the Global Covenant has thousands of city signatories across 6 continents and more than 120 countries, representing over 700 million people or nearly 10% of the global population. By 2030, Global Covenant cities and local governments could collectively reduce 1.4 billion tons of CO2 emissions per year from business-as-usual – equal to the emissions of taking all car in the United States off the road for one year. [www.globalcovenantofmayors.org](http://www.globalcovenantofmayors.org)