



Abstract Template

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Organisation : the City of Copenhagen

Short description:

The capital of Denmark and host city to the UN climate conference COP15.

Presentation title: The Aftermath of Copenhagen - Global Confusion vs. City Consensus

Executive Summary of your Abstract:

After Copenhagen what's next? Cities and local governments are taking the lead in the challenge of combating climate change.

Abstract:

Ever since COP13 in Bali, cities and local governments have been working towards sending a strong message to the UN about the importance of cities in combating climate change. There was an advocacy process during COP15, where Copenhagen, in cooperation with ICLEI and C40, hosted the Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors. Almost 100 mayors from the most important cities around the world attended the summit, thus sending a strong message to the UN, that cities and local governments must be included in the UN climate agreement. A message, the Copenhagen Communiqué was delivered to the UN.

Reducing the CO₂-emissions in an urban context is of uttermost importance. It's about making our cities more liveable, healthier and more innovative. Making sure that we pass on our cities to future generations – in a better shape than they are in now.

The future of our cities and the welfare of citizens around the world depend on our actions and our will for change - now. Cities and local governments will continue to advocate for the role of cities in combating climate change. Continue to put pressure on national governments and the UN system in order to create better working frameworks and conditions for cities and local governments.

Resumé: Mayor of the Employment and Integration Administration at the City of Copenhagen. Former Mayor of the Technical and Environmental Administration in Copenhagen.

Recommended reading: <http://www.climate-catalogue.org>,
http://www.c40cities.org/docs/ccas_communique_2009.pdf, www.worldclimatecommunity.com