

The Climate Registry (TCR)

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SBI AIM submission on opportunities to further enhance the effective engagement of non-Party stakeholders with a view to strengthening the implementation of the provisions of decision 1/CP.21.

Proposal: U.S. State Action Pavilion at COP23

The climate and energy policies that are currently being implemented by states position the U.S. to meet its obligations and commitments under the Paris Agreement. Now more than ever, it is essential that we sustain this momentum and emphasize the urgent need for U.S. sub-national entities to reduce global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on a revolutionary scale. While currently there are opportunities for U.S. sub-national actors to present during the official COP event, these are difficult to secure and do not allow for wide-ranging programming on U.S. climate action.

The U.S. State Action Pavilion at COP23 would provide a venue and platform for:

- Showcasing the work that is being done to mitigate climate change by state leaders and other sub-national actors in the U.S., such as cities and corporations
- Incentivizing and encouraging further momentum in sub-national climate action in the U.S.
- Building new or strengthening existing partnerships and collaborations between U.S. states, between U.S. states and the business community, and between U.S. states and other jurisdictions from around the world
- Learning opportunities between U.S. state officials and other jurisdictions on mitigation options and how best to manage policy, institutional, and communication challenges
- Highlighting the research that is being done to consolidate the results of climate action in U.S. states, even those not expressly committed to reducing GHGs

Potential side event topics could include:

- Clean power generation systems, e.g., wind and solar energy
- Efficient and low-emission transportation
- Land use, forestry, and, agriculture

- Water and waste management
- City, state, and regional collaborations
- Sub-national and business collaborations
- Market/investment/financing opportunities
- Community resilience activities

Roles and responsibilities

The UNFCCC would provide the space/venue for the pavilion, as well as the credentials for U.S. sub-national participants. The Climate Registry (TCR), in partnership with the Climate Action Reserve, Georgetown Climate Center and The Nature Conservancy, would be responsible for the day-to-day organization of side events and coordination of participants. Programming would also be undertaken by these partners, in collaboration with the Under2 Coalition, C40, ICLEI and the Global Covenant of Mayors.

About TCR

TCR is an independent non-profit that builds capacity in GHG measurement, reporting and verification. We operate at the nexus of the private and public sectors: we are governed by U.S. states and Canadian provinces, and partner with hundreds of corporations, cities, academic institutions, NGOs and sub-national agencies to measure and manage their climate impact. Since our inception in 2007, we have taken a delegation comprised primarily of U.S. states to the annual UN climate conference and hosted informal and official side events that showcase sub-national leadership, initiatives, and collaboration. For more information on TCR: www.theclimateregistry.org