





# The Mexico City Pact 'Global Cities Covenant on Climate' and the carbonn° Cities Climate Registry

Local climate action the world can count on

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### Background



At the World Mayors Summit on Climate in Mexico City on 21 November 2010, two groundbreaking global initiatives were launched – **the Mexico City Pact** (Global Cities Covenant on Climate ), and the **carbonn® Cities Climate Registry** (cCCR) as its reporting mechanism.

Hosted by the Government of Mexico City, the summit was supported by the World Mayors Council on Climate Change, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, and United Cities and Local Governments. It was further endorsed by Club de Madrid.

### What is the Mexico City Pact?

The Global Cities Covenant on Climate, also known as the Mexico City Pact, scales up the role and efforts of cities globally in combating climate change.

The Mexico City Pact builds on existing efforts (e.g. Covenant of Mayors in Europe, US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, Copenhagen World Catalogue of Local Climate Commitments) and achievements of global advocacy through the Local Government Climate Roadmap.

"The Mexico City Pact sends a key signal to the negotiations that it can indeed be done, and that millions, if not billions, of people around the world are ready to begin implementing climate change action."

Christiana Figueres, UNFCCC Executive Secretary

### What is the carbonn<sup>®</sup> Cities Climate Registry?

The cCCR is a mechanism for cities and local governments to make **commitments to climate change that the world can count on.** The cCCR consists of :

- Signatories cities that express a willingness to disclose information on commitments, emissions and actions.
- Pioneers cities that sign the Mexico City Pact and start reporting commitments, emissions and actions through carbonn (pursuant to Article 4 of the Mexico City Pact).

Developed *by* local governments *for* local governments, the cCCR ensures **transparency**, **accountability** and **comparability** and is the global response of local governments to **measurable**, **reportable**, **verifiable** climate action. The **Bonn Center for Local Climate Action and Reporting - carbon**<sup>®</sup> is the engine behind the cCCR.



# Links between the Mexico City Pact, cCCR and carbonn.

Mexico City Pact	Political Commitment	Article 4. of the Global Cities Covenant on CI envisages that signatories report their climate commitments, performance and actions regularly through the <b>carbon</b> <sup>®</sup> <b>Cities Climate Registry</b> ( <b>cCCR</b> ). Any city or local government that wishes to join cCCR is requested to sign the Mexico City Pact.
Cities Climate Registry	Reporting progress Showcasing action	The <b>cCCR</b> will present the list of cities that sign the Pact and provide an online, real-time scorecard of what signatory cities report.
carbon <i>n</i>	Technical support	The Bonn Center for Local Climate Action and Reporting - carbon <i>n</i> <sup>®</sup> will collect and compile data provided by cities, as well as ensure continuous improvement of the system and help build cities' capacity to measure and report their climate information.

"The cCCR is designed to create uniformity in reporting of urban greenhouse gas emissions as well as keep track of local projects which combat climate change." CNN International

## What will cities be reporting?

The cCCR will present a scorecard based on the following climate information that will be provided by Pioneers. Further details will be available at <u>www.carbonn.org</u>

Climate Reduction	GHG Emissions Performance	Climate Actions
Commitments		
Government and/or community level	Guided by the International Local Government GHG Emissions Analysis Protocol (IEAP)	<i>Mitigation</i> : buildings, facilities, transport, waste and other areas
Absolute or business-as-usual	Prepared for government and community sectors	Adaptation: water, coast, land management, health, agriculture, food, and others
CO <sub>2</sub> , CO <sub>2</sub> eq, carbon intensity, renewable energy and energy efficiency	500015	Status: completed, in progress, search for funding
		Action Areas: awareness raising, capacity building, legislation, technology investment
		<i>Funding</i> : municipal, sub-national/national, ODA and climate funds

Figure 1. Range of reporting elements for cCCR Pioneers.

"I see the Mexico City Pact as a support for our policy goals and look forward to an intensive cooperation with all European cities and metropolitan areas, to tackle the issue of climate change via a joint approach."

Johannes Hahn, EU Commissioner for Regional Policy



## The Mexico City Pact 'Global Cities Covenant on Climate'

We, the mayors and local authority representatives by signing the The Mexico City Pact, 'Global Cities Covenant on Climate', we commit to:

1. Reduce our local greenhouse gas emissions voluntarily

2. Adopt and implement local climate mitigation measures designed to achieve our voluntary reduction targets

3. Develop local adaptation strategies to address the local impact of climate change

4. Register our emission inventories, commitments, climate mitigation and adaptation measures and actions in a measurable, reportable and verifiable (MRV) manner

5. Seek the creation of mechanisms that allow direct access to international funding for local climate actions

6. Establish a Global Cities Covenant on Climate Secretariat

7. Promote the involvement of civil society in the fight against climate change

8. Advocate and seek partnerships with multilateral institutions and national governments on our local climate actions

9. Promote partnerships and city-to-city cooperation

10. Spread the message

By May 2011, **185 cities** and local authorities, serving about **300 million people worldwide** endorsed the Pact.



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### Where can I find more information?

- World Mayors Summit on Climate at <u>www.wmsc2010.org</u>
- Mexico City Pact at: worldmayorscouncil.org/the-mexico-city-pact
- carbonn Cities Climate Registry at: <u>citiesclimateregistry.org</u>
- Bonn Center for Local Climate Action and Reporting at: <u>carbonn.org</u>









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