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Women4Climate: Mayor of Paris Launches Initiative for Women Leadership in Tackling Climate Change

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Mayor Hidalgo joined by powerful women in the climate change movement and architects of the Paris Agreement, to encourage even greater women leadership in climate change.

Marrakech, Morocco (11 November 2016) – More must be done to support female leadership in tackling climate change, warned key figures in the climate change movement, today. Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris was joined by Patricia Espinosa, UNFCCC Executive Secretary, Laurence Tubiana, French Ambassador for Climate Change Negotiations, Dr. Hakima El Haite, Minister in Charge of Environment, Morocco and Celestine Ketcha-Courtes, Mayor of Bangangte, in recognizing the unique contribution by women mayors and other leaders in securing the landmark Paris Agreement. Speaking at the COP22 Conference in Marrakech, one year since the Paris Agreement was negotiated, they insisted that women must now have a central role in delivering on the deal in the years ahead.

“The negotiation of the Paris Agreement was concretely delivered by women leaders, and women will be essential in making it a reality in our cities,” said **Mayor of Paris and C40 Chair-elect, Anne Hidalgo**. “There are so many women mayors, deputy mayors, CEO and NGO leaders in cities around the world. I am determined to recognise their unique role that they are playing in transforming our cities. Women are more than ever key to the future of our planet”.

“Implementing the Paris Climate Change Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals is now the common cause of nations,” said **Patricia Espinosa, UNFCCC Executive Secretary**. “There is abundant evidence that this journey will happen faster and with greater, positive impact, if the leadership role of women at all levels of society is recognized, encouraged and embraced.”

“Cities are leading the way on tackling climate change and female mayors are amongst the most ambitious in delivering on this issue,” said **Celestine Ketcha-Courtes, Mayor of Bangangte**. “Through powerful initiatives such as the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, we are getting the job done.”

Supporting and celebrating women leaders in climate action will be a key priority for Mayor Hidalgo’s term as C40 Chair, and will be a major theme of the C40 Mayors Summit, the meeting of the world’s most influential mayors to be held in Mexico City from November 30 to December 2. The Summit will bring together the world’s most influential mayors, representing 650 million citizens to present their common goals for a sustainable future, one year after COP21 in Paris





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The C40 Cities connects 85 of the world's greatest cities, representing more than 650 million people and one quarter of the global economy. Created and led by cities, C40 is focused on tackling climate change and driving urban action that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and climate risks, while increasing the health, wellbeing and economic opportunities of urban citizens. The current chair of the C40 is Rio de Janeiro Mayor Eduardo Paes; 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](#).

The ceremonial handover of C40 Chair, from Mayor Paes to Mayor Hidalgo, will take place during the C40 Mayors Summit 2016, taking place in Mexico City from November 30th to December 2nd. As the foremost global gathering of mayors of the world's megacities the C40 Mayors Summit will set the agenda for a climate safe world in the years ahead. To register to attend the C40 Mayors Summit please visit: <https://mayorssummit2016.c40.org/>

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