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Facts and Figures

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Local Governments' mobilisation for a global and comprehensive post-2012 climate agreement

We have gathered here in Poznan to advocate the need for an ambitious post-2012 climate mechanism that should also recognise the role of cities and local governments in climate action.

Mr Nadkumar Jantre, Municipal Commissioner of Thane, India



Context

In international climate negotiations, emerging economies play a significant role. Local mobilisation in Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria and South Africa will strengthen and maximise the involvement of local governments in the climate debate towards a strong post-2012 climate agreement and its implementation.

Objective

- Advocate for strong climate protection targets and implementation mechanisms that include and refer to the potential of local governments' climate protection and adaptation activities.
- Acknowledge local governments as being key actors in climate protection and adaptation, receive the respective recognition and, especially, framework conditions for realising their potential towards the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen (COP15) and beyond.

Impact

- Mobilisation of local governments worldwide, with a special focus on the 7 target countries for an ambitious climate agreement
- Dialogues between the local and national governments held in the 7 target countries. Local governments offer local-national partnerships for the implementation of an ambitious agreement.
- Local governments will be present at COP15. The participation of 20 local government representatives from the target countries is supported and facilitated.

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Local governments take on role in international climate negotiations

Local elected leaders in emerging economies have been instrumental in creating awareness about the importance of local climate action in the implementation of an international climate agreement.

These leaders have had the chance to meet with their national government representatives in Mexico, Brazil, South Africa (open to the African continent), India, Indonesia and China.

As a result, local national dialogues were set up and will continue during the next meeting in Copenhagen. Locally elected leaders will be present during the two-week period of the Conference, and will actively follow the negotiations in Copenhagen. The main objective of these leaders will be to push for national leaders to commit to a strong and comprehensive post-2012 global climate agreement.

Local leaders, particularly those from emerging countries, will be more informed and better prepared to actively participate in the international negotiation process than ever before.

In parallel, an in-country mobilisation process has been taking place. Local leaders have been made aware of the importance of fighting climate change and adapting to the consequences that are already evident and unavoidable. As a result, local climate action plans have been introduced.

These two mobilisation processes have been taking place in parallel at local and international level, by local governments in key emerging economy countries.



Local-national event in South Africa