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**REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT THE 'LOCAL ACTIONS  
– LOCAL SOLUTIONS' CLIMATE CHANGE SESSIONS –  
IN DENPASAR, INDONESIA IN DECEMBER 2007**

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To provide information on attendance by Councillor Ray Ahipene-Mercer, Portfolio Leader for Climate Change, at the 'Local Actions – Local Solutions' Climate Change Sessions – a parallel event to the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Denpasar, Indonesia on 10-11 December 2007.

**2. Executive Summary**

The Local Government Climate Change Sessions were convened by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) – Local Governments for Sustainability - and held under the auspices of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change. Wellington is the host New Zealand city for ICLEI's *Communities for Climate Change (NZ) Programme* and as such, participation in this conference was a demonstration of our commitment in assisting in the search for sustainable solutions to climate change and global warming and to significant opportunities for learning from the experience of other cities worldwide. Council agreed a carbon neutral vision for Wellington in June of this year, officers of the newly established Climate Change Office are currently putting together a comprehensive work programme to achieve this vision, and the information learned in Indonesia is contributing to the development of that work programme.

**3. Recommendations**

It is recommended that Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Note that officers of the newly created Climate Change Office are currently preparing the details of a comprehensive climate change work programme which will shortly be presented to SPC.*

## **4. Background**

The Conference of the Parties (COP 13) took place from 3 to 14 December 2007 at the Bali International Convention Centre. As the title suggests, this was the thirteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the third Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. The focus was on reaching international agreement on concrete steps to be taken in view of a framework to follow the end of the Kyoto Protocol's first commitment period in 2012.

The 'Local Actions – Local Solutions' Climate Change Sessions, as parallel events to the 2007 UN Conference, were convened by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability in co-operation with, and with support from, partner organisations. The event was held on 10-11 December under the auspices of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the UNFCCC. The sessions ensured a visible local government presence at the UN Conference and enabled the international delegations to understand how local governments are contributing to global efforts addressing climate change and how as a sector, local government can contribute to the debate on a post-Kyoto global climate regime.

## **5. Discussion**

### **5.1 CCP – NZ Programme**

Wellington joined ICLEI's Communities for Climate Change NZ Programme (CCP-NZ) in 2004 and in 2007 agreed to become the New Zealand host city for the programme. Mayors from leading world cities were in Denpasar – London, Bonn, Delhi, Kyoto to name a few – and spoke on various topics. Because of our close relationship with ICLEI through our hosting of the CCP–NZ programme, we were afforded significant opportunities for participation and networking through our attendance at the sessions. A full programme for the sessions is attached at Appendix A.

Council agreed a carbon neutral vision in June 2007 and officers presented a comprehensive climate change work programme to the Strategy and Policy Committee (SPC) meeting on 5 December 2007. Attendance at the Local Actions – Local Solutions Sessions, and similar events, will enable Wellington to be recognised internationally as a committed city in the quest to achieve sustainable solutions and to learn from the best practice of leading international cities.

### **5.2 Conference of the Parties (COP 13)**

Delegations attended the COP 13 talks in Denpasar from over 180 Countries, with the key focus being to address the negotiations for a new commitment to succeed the Kyoto Protocol beyond 2012.

The purpose of the summit was to draw up an agenda for negotiations aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and agree on a timetable by way of a 'road map' offering a route towards international agreement on:

- what cuts are required
- who needs to make them
- by when.

A range of topics were covered and agreement was reached that:

- the World Bank would oversee pilot schemes to discourage deforestation
- a fund would be established to help poorer countries cope with Climate Change
- a review would be undertaken of how rich countries can transfer green technology to poor countries
- carbon markets are an appropriate tool for business to track allowances as a price-based mechanism for emission cuts.

The Denpasar talks were the beginning of a long process that will involve:

- the creation of a framework within which countries can argue – debate and negotiate their way to emission cuts
- a further meeting in Copenhagen in 2009 where delegates will be ready to sign up to specific cuts.

New Zealand had a significant delegation at the talks, led by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. New Zealand has consistently stated to the international arena that it is prepared to take on commitments to address climate change beyond 2012, particularly if there is a comprehensive post 2012 international agreement that includes all major emitters. An important outcome from the talks in this respect was that the USA agreed to join in the process re negotiations and the framework/roadmap leading to the 2009 meeting in Copenhagen.

From New Zealand's point of view the broader context for commitments beyond 2012 includes having greater certainty in a number of areas, including the issue of reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries and Kyoto flexibility mechanisms.

### **Local Government Climate Sessions:**

The 'Local Actions – Local Solutions' sessions were parallel events to the United Nations Climate Sessions. They were convened by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability in co-operation and with support from partner organisations. This event was held under the auspices of the World Mayors Council for Climate Change (WMCCC).

Themes addressed around the issue of local solutions included:

- Philosophies regarding the 'way we build our cities' and the 'way we move around them'. David Cadman, President ICLEI presented on how built and transport environments influence these. With 'reduction goals',

there is a clear need to set targets, formulate implementation strategies and set up effective monitoring and reporting frameworks that are robust, and verifiable.

Other speakers joined in this debate and conveyed how they were grappling with the new urban paradigm, that while the consequences of climate change were a global problem, many of the impacts were at a local level, so this is where 'locally driven' responses to emission reductions must happen.

- Issues for Island and Coastal Nations, including the key issues of sea-level rises and the need to raise awareness of potential impacts. These included adaptation opportunities and assessing the socio economic and infrastructure impacts.
- Energy efficiency with new building design as well as retrofitting old buildings where possible was highlighted along with innovative waste management underscored with reduction programmes tied in with adaptation strategies. With the setting of building standards, how well does this promote and support clean construction and recycling?
- Science was seen to play a pivotal role in ecosystems management in tandem with urban development and disaster preparedness.
- Energy requirements were particularly highlighted by Chinese delegates sensitive to the huge energy needs of their rapid industrial and population growth. The delegates singled out solar energy infrastructure as needing to be designed and fitted simultaneously with construction of new buildings. Other strategies, such as a Public Transport Month, were being investigated to encourage wider public use.
- Other energy issues were raised by Nigel Jollands, from the International Energy Agency (IEA), who outlined issues and strategies very similar to what we are doing here in Wellington, with emphasis on the modelling of energy use, bench-marking and best practise.
- Pioneering Local Adaptation: Wayne Westcott, Regional Director ICLEI, focused very much on integrating adaptation strategies both internationally as well as with other cities and local authorities within individual countries. It was important to find the optimum balance between risk management and taking opportunities re adaptation; and that there was significant justification in early investment, before serious consequences arise.

The conference highlighted the importance of learning from experience. Establishing inventories, targets and then robust evaluation are all key to demonstrating what we are doing has had an impact. It is also important to demonstrate short term success while pursuing much longer term goals.

A delegation from Copenhagen led by the Deputy Mayor met with us to discuss their city and Wellington with particular regard to cycling strategies. Copenhagen has made significant investments both in their cycle-way infrastructure and in their public education around transport choices. If a Councillor or officer is in Europe at some stage in the near future on other business, then a cheap-flight visit to Copenhagen would be of value to learn from their experience and to build on this relationship.

#### Conference Summary:

The conference was illuminating and inspiring, in that participants were no longer debating Climate Change but describing their actions, visions and wish to co-operate globally to address the measures we must implement. I was very encouraged that here in Wellington we are all ready doing or planning to do much of what was presented. Building political momentum behind changes under pinned this. International partnerships are an area I would like us to explore, perhaps through Sister City Relationships.

Can this also be an opportunity to address issues surrounding the fault line between developing countries and those who are developed? We are already well positioned to develop local partnerships particularly integrating energy efficiency. It is crucial that we recognise that Climate Change consequences do not recognise boundaries. We must maximise learning through international links including cultural, sharing goals and aspirations while simultaneously working within our local communities and with other territorial authorities.

## **6. Conclusion**

Councillor Ray Ahipene-Mercer, Portfolio Leader for Climate Change, attended the 'Local Actions – Local Solutions' Climate Change Sessions, parallel events to the United Nations Climate Change COP13 Conference in Denpasar, Indonesia on 10 and 11 December 2007. The key findings from the sessions are helping to inform the development of the comprehensive climate change work programme that is shortly to be presented to SPC for approval.

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## Supporting Information

### **1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome**

*This project supports Outcome 7.2.B – More actively engaged: Wellington will operate an open and honest decision making process that generates confidence and trust in the Democratic system*

### **2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact**

*Relates to C534: Elections, Governance and Democratic Process*

### **3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

*There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications*

### **4) Decision-Making**

*This is not a significant decision*

### **5) Consultation**

#### **a) General Consultation**

*Not required*

#### **b) Consultation with Maori**

*Not required*

### **6) Legal Implications**

*Nil*

### **7) Consistency with existing policy**

*This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy*

## Programme of Events

### Programme

The event will take place on 10 and 11 December. It will be held at the Grand Hyatt Bali Hotel, the venue for all official side events of the UN conference.

It will include a range of thematic sessions on climate change mitigation, adaptation, renewable energy and more.

### Monday, 10 December

#### **9:30 – 10:30 - Opening Plenary**

Room: Singaraja I+II (Grand Hyatt Bali)

Chair: Bärbel Dieckmann, Lady Mayor of Bonn, Chair WMCCC

- Mayor of Quito, Ecuador, Co-President UCLG
- or Bertrand Delanoë, Mayor of Paris, France, Co-President UCLG
- David Cadman, President ICLEI
- Nicky Gavron, Deputy Mayor of London, C40
- Yorikane Masumoto, Mayor of Kyoto, Japan; Honorary Chair WMCCC
- Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP
- Dr H Jusuf SK, Chairman of the Executive Board of APESI, Association of Indonesian Municipalities (AIM)

#### **11.00 – 13:00 - Cities for Climate Protection**

Room: Singaraja I or II (Grand Hyatt Bali)

Host: ICLEI CCP

Chair: David Cadman, President, ICLEI

Presentations by cities

- Michelle Wyman, CCP Global Coordinator
- Mayor Arti Mehra, Delhi, India
- Mayor A A Ngurah Puspayoga, Denpasar City

Discussion panel with Ministers

#### **CDM for Local Governments**

Room: Singaraja I or II

Host: ICLEI Japan

Chair: Yorikane Masumoto, Mayor of Kyoto, Honorable Chair, WMCCC  
Facilitator: Hironori Hamanaka, Chair, ICLEI Japan

### **15.00 – 16:45 - Pioneering Local Adaptation**

Room: Singaraja I or II

Host: ICLEI CCP

Chair/Facilitator: Michelle Wyman

### **Local Renewables**

Room: UNFCCC room

Hosts: ICLEI / GTZ / REEEP

Chair/Facilitator: Monika Zimmermann

Introduction

- Emani Kumar, ICLEI South Asia

Keynote:

- Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

- Lari Pitkä-Kangas, Deputy Mayor, City of Malmö, Sweden

- Stela Goldstein, Secretary of Municipal Government, Sao Paulo, Brazil

### **15:15 - 16:45 - The Role of Cities in Moving Towards Low Carbon Societies**

Room: UNFCCC room

Host: UNEP

Chair/Facilitator: Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP

*Developed Country Case Study*

*Developing Country Case Study*

*Demonstration and Application of HEAT Tool*

### **17:00 – 19:00 - Global Alliance for EcoMobility Launch**

Room: Karangasem I (Grand Hyatt Bali)

Host: Global Alliance for EcoMobility

Partners: ICLEI, UNEP, UN-HABITAT, Shimano, Giant, Trek, Accell, Wanzi, Chariot Carriers, Denk Engineering, ITDP, I-CE, LAB, BFA, ECF, IFP, Walk21 and others

- David Cadman, ICLEI President

- Hans van Vliet, Shimano Inc.

- Konrad Otto-Zimmermann, ICLEI
- Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP

Talkshow

- Dan and Chris Britton, Chariot Carriers Inc.
- Water Hook, ITDP
- Roberto Cavaliere, President, International Association of Public Transport (UITP)
- Klaus Bondam, Mayor of the Environment, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Jeff Adams, Wheelchair Athlete

**20:00 – 22:00 - Welcome Dinner**

Host: Indonesian Minister for the Environment

On invitation

**Tuesday, 11 December**

**8:30 – 9:30 - Local Government Networking Breakfast**

Host: SustaInfo Consortium

Location: Courtyard

**9:30 – 11:00 - 'Cities and Climate Risk' - Roundtable**

Room: Singaraja I or II (Grand Hyatt Bali)

Host: WMCCC

Chair: Bärbel Dieckmann, Chair, WMCCC

Facilitator: Florian Lennert, LSE

- Warren Evans, World Bank

**CCP Indonesia**

Room: Singaraja I or II (Grand Hyatt Bali)

Hosts: ICLEI CCP / REEEP

*Welcome Address:*

- Rachmat Witoelar, State Minister for Environment

*CCP International Introduction*

*REEP International Introduction*

*Leading Indonesian Examples*

*Next Steps for CCP Indonesia*

*VIP Participants*

### **11:30 - 12:30 - SustaInfo Launch**

Room: Singaraja I

Host: SustaInfo Consortium

### **15.00 – 16:30 - 'Adaptation in Governance, Planning and Development' - High-Level Dialogue**

Room: Singaraja I or II

Host: ICLEI

Facilitator: Konrad Otto-Zimmermann, ICLEI

### **Partnership for Local Action - Launch**

of ICLEI / UNEP / UN-HABITAT publications

Room: Singaraja I or II (Grand Hyatt Bali)

Hosts: ICLEI / UN-HABITAT / UNEP

Introduction and Facilitation: ICLEI

*Local Partnerships for Sustainability*

•Rob de Jong, UNEP

*Climate Action Handbook*

•Marco Kleiner, UN-HABITAT

### **17:00 – 18:00 - Local Climate Strategies**

Room: Singaraja I+II

Co-Chairs: Bärbel Dieckmann, Lady Mayor of Bonn, Chair WMCCC; David Cadman, ICLEI President; UCLG

- Klaus Bondam, Mayor of the Environment, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Rocky Anderson, Mayor of Salt Lake City, USA