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World leaders are gathering in New York next week to attend the Climate Summit 2014. Convened by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, the Summit aims to mobilize political will and galvanize climate action. Among its eight key action areas are cities a clear indication of the crucial role we have in fighting climate change.

For over two decades, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability has been advocating for exactly that. We want that cities and local governments are appropriately recognized, engaged and empowered to tackle climate change. The Local Government Climate Roadmap maps out this journey which began in 2007 in Bali. The Summit this month marks another important milestone in this journey.

[ICLEI](#) [3] will feed its rich experience, expertise and vision to the success of the Summit. We are proud to convey that we are core partners of one of the biggest announcements at the Summit the Compact of Mayors. Born out of an unprecedented international collaboration between cities networks and supporters, the Compact is the largest effort for cities to slash its greenhouse gas emissions, report their progress, and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

We will also support a number of groundbreaking cities initiatives on finance, resilience, carbon pricing, buildings, energy and waste. Additionally, we will engage with various stakeholders in high level policy dialogues and networking events. The potential impacts of these initiatives and stakeholder collaboration are enormous.

We believe that to effectively tackle climate change, the world needs concerted climate action from all stakeholders, all levels of government and from civil society. We will continue to engage in local climate action and connect with others to optimize our approach. Join us in this journey! Together we can achieve a meaningful climate accord in Paris and beyond.

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