

Dear Chair of C40,

Re: Letter of Commitment to Climate Action and Leadership to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement

This letter is to formally express the [City of Stockholm]'s interest in continuing as an Innovator City within the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group.

In 2016, nations of the world ratified a historic global agreement on climate change, the Paris Agreement, committing to keep the rise in global average temperatures within 2°C of pre-industrial levels, and to pursue efforts to limit temperature rises even further to only 1.5°C. The Agreement also commits to strengthening the ability of countries to deal with the unavoidable impacts of climate change through adaptation. All of this is set within the context of sustainable development and on the basis of inclusivity for all communities. We noted that according to research by C40 and partners, concrete action is necessary to achieve the ambition of the Paris Agreement and prevent catastrophic climate change.

To support the implementation of the Paris Agreement, {City of Stockholm} {has developed} and is implementing a climate action plan (or series of plans) that will deliver action consistent with the ambitions of the Paris Agreement, and addresses both the need to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Specifically, {City of Stockholm} will deliver a GHG emissions neutral and climate resilient city pursuant to the Paris Agreement, with an ambitious commitment to:

1. Develop and implement a pathway to deliver a GHG emissions neutrality as early as practicable and set an interim science-based target for 2030 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050; while placing climate action and equity at the heart of a green and just recovery from COVID-19.
2. Demonstrate how {City of Stockholm} will adapt and improve its resilience to climate hazards that may impact the city now, and in future climate change scenarios.
3. Outline and deliver the wider social, environmental and economic benefits derived from implementing the plan, and improve the distribution of these benefits throughout the city's population.
4. Outline how {City of Stockholm} will approach implementation of the plan (or series of plans), using available powers, resources, and in collaboration with our partners.

This will be achieved through the C40 Leadership Standards that encourage cities to plan, deliver and mainstream climate actions, while deploying innovative solutions and showcasing global leadership. Implementation will also be enhanced through the C40 declarations that help cities raise the ambition and focus resources on the high-impact actions.

We will also consider how we can engage and collaborate with our citizens, business leaders, institutions and other cities to develop and deliver on this critical agenda.

Furthermore, we will support the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group to encourage and inspire other C40 cities, and cities beyond the C40 network, to commit to the Paris Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

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