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# CITIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

# Bogotá's Summit

November 19th, 20th and 21st of 2012

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The Mayor's Office of Bogotá, the French Development Agency (AFD), the French Embassy, CAF – development bank for Latin America, AVINA Foundation, FINDETER, El Tiempo and Humane City Foundation in partnership with other national and international organizations are leading **Bogotá's Summit "Cities and Climate Change", which will take place in November 19th, 20th and 21st of this year.**

## Context

Cities are both responsible and victims of climate change. The various forms of urbanization as well as the multiple economic development processes and urban life styles have contributed to the fact that activities in cities account for a significant share of Green House Gas (GHG) emissions; multiple urban activities have left an important ecological footprint. Moreover, the increases of global average temperatures, sea level rise and recurring extreme climate events are threatening cities and intensifying the risks to their infrastructures, economies and the well-being of their citizens.

This Summit illustrates the leadership role that local governments play in both facing the challenges and maximizing the opportunities derived from climate change impacts. Because cities have the key political, social, economic and technological capital to face effectively this phenomenon, they bear a substantial responsibility to catalyze the transformations that would guide them into the path to a more sustainable development.

Bogotá's Summit is a continuation of the World Mayors Climate Summit held in Mexico City in 2010. As such, it seeks to respond to a practical question that considers a multisectorial and integrated perspective: What collective decisions and concrete actions can be taken in Colombian and Latin American cities in order to face climate change?

## Objectives

- To support regional initiatives on climate change mitigation and adaptation taking advantage of the significant progress on global knowledge about these matters, sharing experiences among cities that could inspire others and strengthening south-to-south cooperation.
- To contribute, thanks to Bogota's Mayor Office commitment, to the articulation of multiple city platforms that exist in the region so that they can jointly shape a more integrated approach to climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- To explore the actions that local governments have implemented in facing climate change impacts and extract their relevant lessons for cities in the region.

## Audience

This Summit sets forth a unique opportunity to congregate local governments of Latin American cities through an event that can support the efforts to systematize and harmonize information, experiences, indicators and lessons derived from local, regional and global actions in response to climate change. In this context, the Summit will have multiple city delegations from Latin American cities.

Additionally, the Summit will assemble the diverse stakeholders engaged in the governance of the city, namely:

- Political and government leaders as well as public officials involved in urban management at the national and municipal levels.
- Associations and leaders of the private sector.
- Civil society leaders and organizations as well as academic institutions.
- Representatives from international organizations that play a key role in the development of policies, programs and projects dealing with urban management and climate change.

## Themes



Systemic planning of human settlements, cities and regions



Integrated strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change in cities



Urban resilient infrastructure and smart public services



Water: an underpinning resource to face climate change in cities



Climate Change: Social and Spatial Inclusion



Urban Governance to face climate change



Instruments for local governments to face climate change



Cultural changes in a changing climate

## Speakers profiles

Speakers in this Summit will be political, government and thought leaders as well as experts in urban development and management, whose experience in the sustainability field and in each of the aforementioned themes will bring valuable knowledge and exchanges to our cities. Many cities around the world have made significant progress in planning for climate change and acting upon it. In this occasion, Mexico City will be the "Guest of Honor" considering the role that its government leadership has played in the fight against climate change, not only in the region but also globally.

## Activities

**Local Authorities Summit at the Mayor's Headquarters:** targeted primarily to local government representatives from both Colombian and other Latin American cities.

•**Citizens Summit at the Chamber of Commerce in Bogotá (Ciudad Salitre):** targeted to all citizens; it will consist of conferences, discussion panels and thematic workshops.

•**Commercial Exhibit at the Chamber of Commerce in Bogotá (Ciudad Salitre):** it will count with public and private companies (national and international) that are working in relevant areas to climate change, sustainability and environmental management.

**Business Roundtables** that will facilitate the dialogue between representatives from local governments, civil society, and national and international cooperation and development institutions.

**Cooperation Roundtables** that will facilitate the dialogue between representatives from local governments, civil society, and national and international cooperation and development institutions.

**Technical Site Visits** to different local institutions and projects that serve as examples and references to urban actions in the light of climate change.

**Citizens' Activities facilitated by the Mayor's Office** all of which will be aimed to engage citizens in climate change related activities taking place in public spaces.

## Summit days

Monday, November 19th

### Local Authorities Summit

[8 a.m - 12 p.m.]

Venue: Mayor's Headquarters

Key Participants: Key Participants

### Citizens' Summit

[2 p.m. - 6 p.m.]

Venue: Bogota's Chamber of Commerce

Open to all citizens

Tuesday, November 20th

### Citizens' Summit

[8 a.m. - 6 p.m.]

Venue: Bogota's Chamber of Commerce

Open to all citizens

Wednesday, November 21st

### Special Event

*"Bogotá: the city facing climate change"*

Venue: Mayor's Headquarters

Technical Site Visits

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