

Programme highlights

ICLEI **Future of Cities** world congress 5-7 October 2010, Incheon, Korea

Tuesday, 5 October

- **09.30 Grand Opening**

A grand welcome and introduction to the Future of Cities congress.

Speakers include: Song Young-gil, Mayor, Incheon, Korea, Lee Hong-Koo, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, Club of Madrid, Dorji Wangdi, Minister for Labour and Human Resources, Royal Government of Bhutan and Konrad Otto-Zimmermann, Secretary General, ICLEI.

- **11.00 Keynote: The Fragile Planet and its Cities**

Global trends and pathways towards a sustainable future through rapid urbanization, climate change and overexploitation of the natural resource base provides the context of the challenges and opportunities of cities. What does the future for our cities look like?

Speaker: Martin Lees, Club of Rome, Zurich, Switzerland

- **14.00 Successful Past as Foundation for the Future**

Together with its long-standing partners, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability will celebrate its 20th year of activities, acknowledge its successes and look ahead to further realize global sustainability through local action.

Speakers include: Harvey Ruvin, Clerck of the Courts, Miami-Dade county, USA; Tae-Young Yeom, Mayor, Suwon City, Korea.

- **17.00 Keynote: A Future for our Cities**

Jeb Brugmann, Founding Partner, The Next Practice; Founder of ICLEI

Wednesday, 6 October

- **9.00 Indicators of Progress**

The congress themes, **Eco-efficiency**, **Resilience**, **Green Economy** and **Happiness**, are presented in parallel sessions: What do they mean? How can they be measured and applied? How are they relevant to the city level and local municipalities? How are they used to inform policy and decision makers?

Featured cities include: Changwon, Korea, Nagpur, India, Jeonju, Korea

- **14.00 Leading the Future**

City cases for these parallel sessions shall focus on policies, solutions and proven impact with regard to the four congress themes.

Featured cities include: Gwangju, Korea, Nairobi, Kenya, Sao Paulo, Brazil and Gyeonggi Province, Korea

- **17.15 TV Debate: A Planet of Cities?**

The Future of Cities TV Debate staged by Korea's global TV channel Arirang and ICLEI will discuss challenges and opportunities of an increasingly urbanized world.

Panelists include: Farhad Suri, Councillor and former Mayor of Delhi, India, Hironori Hamanaka, former Vice Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Japan.

Thursday, 7 October

- **09.00 Business-City Dialogues on Urban Infrastructure**

This forum will provide a unique opportunity for business and cities to jointly showcase successful examples of working in partnership and engage in discussion on how this effective implementation can be achieved. The high-level panel debate on the Governance of Urban Infrastructure will bring business and municipal leaders together to discuss effective governance for sustainable urban infrastructure.

- **13:30 Experience Exchange: Thematic Roundtables**

Thematic roundtable discussions (10 participants each) chaired and hosted by active and advanced cities will encourage knowledge-sharing and the development of new partnerships. Roundtables will be available with discussions in English, Korean, Japanese and Chinese.

- **16:00 Shaping the Future**

The Future of Cities congress will conclude with a grand closing which will include discussions and previews of: The Cities Climate Registry, the World Climate Summit for Mayors in Mexico City and the UN Climate Conference in Cancún, Mexico. Messages will also be addressed to the United Nations Conferences of the Parties on Biodiversity (Nagoya) and Climate (Cancún), and to the upcoming G20 Summit (Seoul).

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