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On behalf of the City Council and all Edmontonians, I want to personally invite you to the 2009 ICLEI World Congress – Connecting Leaders: Advancing Local Action for Sustainability from June 14 – 18, 2009.

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, is an international association of local governments, national, and regional government organizations that have made a commitment to urban sustainability. More than 898 cities, towns, counties, and their associations worldwide comprise ICLEI's growing membership; 18 of these cities are Canadian.

The ICLEI World Congress takes place every three years, providing Mayors, local government elected officials and their staff, businesses and academics the opportunity for peer exchanges, knowledge-sharing, capacity building, and on-site visits and exhibits. We're well into our planning and promise to host a congress that inspires lively discussion, promotes sharing on local strategies for sustainability, and strengthens cooperation between cities and local governments worldwide.

As municipalities, we know residents regard the environment as one of the most pressing issues our country faces; climate change is a large reason for this concern. By making changes to our public transit, improving waste management systems, planning our land-use, and considering our building energy performance, we can significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Setting targets for carbon reductions, encouraging efficient use of personal vehicles, and encouraging residents to conserve water and energy will also significantly reduce Canada's carbon footprint.

Approximately 55 per cent of Canada's total carbon emissions are under municipal government control. The responsibility is ours. We invite you to join us at the 2009 ICLEI World Congress to take responsibility and help Canada become a sustainable, prosperous nation, and an even greater environmental leader. Learn from other municipalities around the world and build on your own sustainability plans.

See you in Edmonton June 14-18, 2009.

Sincerely,

Mayor Stephen Mandel
City of Edmonton

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ICLEI World Congress 2009

Connecting Leaders - Advancing Local Action for Sustainability

14 - 18 June 2009, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Join mayors, councillors and senior officials of local governments in Edmonton to discuss future strategies of local sustainability.

The World Congress, a key gathering of ICLEI members, ICLEI's strategic partners, and experts, is a golden opportunity to learn about the achievements of the most advanced cities and towns, and to build upon past successes to advance local action for sustainability. The event will facilitate exchange and capacity-building among local governments and other stakeholders who play leading roles in the path towards sustainability. It will be a dynamic platform with keynote presentations, reports, debates, workshops, networking events, site visits and an exhibition.

The program will showcase the vast work of ICLEI members on advancing sustainability and it will be enriched by global strategists and leaders sharing their vision on the opportunities and challenges for local governments in the coming decades. The encounter of ICLEI members and supporters from all over the world will inspire lively discussions, promote sharing on local strategies for sustainability, and strengthen cooperation between cities and local governments worldwide.

We invite each municipality to reach out to neighbouring communities, sister cities, other partner municipalities, and associates, to encourage them to join us at the World Congress.

Edmonton is a booming city of over one million people nestled in the centre of the province of Alberta, Canada. Its river valley is North America's largest urban green space. It is a rich, multicultural society that values the diverse experience and traditions of all of its citizens. Edmonton hosts the second largest urban Aboriginal population in Canada, a dynamic, vibrant and energetic community.

Registration will open soon.

We look forward to seeing you in Edmonton!

World Congress 2009 Conference Team
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Toronto, 5 June 2008

**Invitation to ICLEI World Congress 2009
14 - 18 June 2009, City of Edmonton, Canada**

Dear Colleague,

From 14 to 18 June 2009, the City of Edmonton, Canada will host ICLEI World Congress 2009. We would like to personally invite all ICLEI Members to note this date and encourage your participation.

800+ ICLEI Members to meet

Since the World Congress 2006 in Cape Town, South Africa ICLEI's membership has grown from 490 Members to more than 850. Our gathering in Edmonton is a unique opportunity for Members to learn from each other and interact beyond regional boundaries. We invite each municipality to reach out to neighbouring communities, sister cities, and other partner municipalities to encourage them to join ICLEI and participate in the World Congress.

For and about local governments

The program will showcase the vast work of ICLEI members on advancing sustainability. It will be enriched by global strategists sharing their vision on the opportunities and challenges for local governments in the coming decade. The discussions around ICLEI's Strategic Plan shall be a milestone for the organisation, looking back at 18 years of activities to determine ICLEI's role in the coming future.

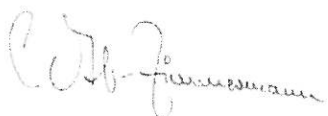
Beyond a corporate conference – a time with friends

A delegate in 2006 captured the essence of the World Congress: *'ICLEI has a special spirit which I don't find anywhere else. Participants are friendlier to each other; perhaps they feel united in one aim.'* In this spirit of conviviality together with the generosity of our Canadian hosts, we hope to meet you next year. We invite you to get involved by simply signing-up to the Congress mailing on our website (www.iclei.org/worldcongress2009)

About our host city

Edmonton is a booming city of over one million nestled in the centre of Alberta, Canada. The capital city of the province, Edmonton bustles with arts and cultural events. Its river valley is North America's largest urban green space, 22 times larger than New York's famed Central Park. You may wish to take advantage of Edmonton's proximity to the Rocky Mountains and explore after the event what is truly one of the ecological wonders of the world. For more information on Edmonton and the tourism opportunities that await you visit their website at www.edmonton.ca.

We look forward to seeing you in Edmonton,



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