

Register to Attend Local Climate Action Week in Washington, DC

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

400 New Jersey Avenue, NW

November 16-18, 2009

<http://climateaction.eventbrite.com>

On November 16-18, 2009, Climate Communities and ICLEI USA are convening the nation's leading city and county leaders in Washington, DC for Local Climate Action Week. Local Climate Action Week will provide opportunities for mayors, county executives, council members, and other community leaders to meet with key federal policymakers and build the federal-local partnership to reduce energy consumption, decrease greenhouse gas emissions and create millions of new clean energy jobs.

Local Climate Action Week will begin with internal organizing meetings on the afternoon of Monday, November 16. On Tuesday, November 17, Climate Communities and ICLEI USA will host a series of senior-level meetings with key leaders of the Obama Administration to communicate the critical role of local governments in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and express support for important clean energy and climate programs in the President's FY 2011 budget. Targeted meetings include:

- Carol Browner, Assistant to the President for Energy & Climate Change
- Cathy Zoi, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy
- Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator for Air & Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Ron Sims, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
- John Porcari, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
- John Fernandez, Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D., Administrator, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

The focus will shift to the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue on Wednesday, November 18. Climate Communities and ICLEI USA will host a Congressional briefing that morning to educate federal policymakers on the importance of local climate actions, including efforts to develop green buildings, foster community-scale renewables, advance cleaner vehicles and fuels, build green infrastructure, increase public transit, create green jobs and businesses, and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Climate Communities will also organize meetings with key Senators to urge their support for pending climate change legislation that could provide significant resources for local actions that reduce GHG emissions.

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, November 16

- 3-5 pm: Internal organizing meeting
- 7 pm: Informal dinner

Tuesday, November 17

9-5 pm: All day meetings with key Obama Administration officials (Targets include: DOE Assistant Secretary Cathy Zoi, EPA Assistant Administrator Gina McCarthy, HUD Deputy Secretary Ron Sims, DOT Deputy Secretary John Porcari, DOC Assistant Secretary John Fernandez, NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco, White House Assistant to the President Carol Browner, etc.)

5:30-7 pm: Reception

Wednesday, November 18

9:30-11 am: Morning climate briefing on Capitol Hill for staff/Members

Noon-1pm: Lunch with invited Senator

1-5 pm: Afternoon meetings with key/swing Senate offices - Senators Reid (NV), Boxer (CA), Kerry (MA), Webb (VA), Warner (VA), Levin (MI), Stabenow (MI), Lincoln (AR), Pryor (AR), Nelson (FL), LeMieux (FL), and others

To register to attend the Local Climate Action Week activities in Washington, DC, visit <http://climateaction.eventbrite.com>.

Nearby hotel recommendations (ask for the government rate, if available):

- Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill - (202) 737-1234
- The Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel - (202) 638-1616
- Washington Court Hotel - (202) 628-2100
- Hotel George - (202) 347-4200
- Phoenix Park Hotel - (202) 638-6900

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