

Sundance Summit 2006 Mayors' Commitments to Action

Meaningful commitment to climate protection involves long-term leadership supported by shorter-term, measurable actions. The Sundance Summit provides mayors with a structure for effective leadership and the tools necessary to take action. The 2006 Sundance Summit speakers have generated the following actions. Please fill out 2 forms and give one to an ICLEI staff member so that we can follow up with you and support you in fulfilling your commitments.

Commitments to Action

2006 Sundance Summit Hosts

Within the next 3 months, we ask that every Mayor attending the 2006 Sundance Summit reach out to at least 5 other Mayors by 1) placing a call to speak with them about taking action on global warming 2) suggesting they visit the website www.coolmayors.org and 3) sending their contact information to ICLEI so that ICLEI can follow up and offer support, resources, and practical tools.

- π Robert Redford & Sundance Preserve
Engage the power of storytelling and artistic expression to reach your constituency and communicate the opportunity to take action on global warming. Host an artistic competition, in partnership with groups like Youth Speaks, to bridge the intersection between art and nature and thereby bridge the intersection between the head and the heart.
- π Madeline Albright, Former US Secretary of State
Use relationships with sister cities to help spread the work you've done on climate protection and preparedness to other countries.
- π Rosina Bierbaum, Dean, School of Natural Resources & Environment, Univ. of Michigan
Establish a climate science advisory board within your community.
- π Susan Joy Hassol, Climate Science Communicator, Analyst & Author
Communicate through the media the scientific consensus on climate change and the urgency of action, at least three times in the coming 12 months. Examples include writing a guest editorial for your local paper or speaking with the editorial boards of your local media outlets.
- π Michael Northrop & David Sassoon, Mayors for Climate Protection
Create a customized PowerPoint presentation on climate protection and deliver it at least three times in the next four months. Also, direct city department heads – especially Health, Environment, Land Use, Transport, and Economic Development – to use the Cool Mayors communication tools in awareness raising efforts.
- π Larry Schweiger, President, National Wildlife Federation
Reach out to state and local chapters of the National Wildlife Federation to build an alliance on local action.
- π Daniel Gold, Judith Helfand & Adam Wolfensohn, Filmmakers, EVERYTHING'S COOL
Use vocational schools as training grounds for the mechanics and technicians of the green energy future.
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Host screenings of EVERYTHING'S COOL in 2007/2008.
- π James Kass & George Watsky, Youth Speaks

Host an uncensored Youth Forum that city/county officials come to and establish a venue where youth voices can speak to their priorities and where their opinions are not patronized or unfairly taken advantage of.

π Mayor Will Wynn, Austin, TX
Create demand for the manufacturing of Plug-In Hybrid vehicles by signing on to the Plug-In-Partners campaign (www.pluginpartners.org).

π Mayor Martin Chavez, Albuquerque
Adopt Architecture 2030 guidelines for buildings in your city.

π Roger Duncan, Vice President, Austin Energy
Change building codes so that all new single family homes built in 2015 are net zero energy capable homes.

π Tim Greeff, Campaign Manager of the Climate Center, Natural Resources Defense Council
Meet with Members of Congress to urge them to support meaningful federal policy on global warming.

π Former Senator Gary Hart, Colorado
Advocate for energy independence.

π Mayor Mark Begich, Anchorage, AK
Educate and inform the public and private sector on a regular basis, through task forces, community meetings, direct media communications, and other vehicles.

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