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## 6 December Tuesday, 11.30 – 13.00, Room Apies River

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Good morning,

It is a great pleasure for me to summarize key points contained in the carbonn Cities Climate Registry 2011 Annual Report.

The inaugural Annual Report of the carbonn Cities Climate Registry (cCCR) is an initial step by local governments to collectively share with the global climate community their contributions to measurable, reportable and verifiable climate action.

As of 15 November 2011, 51 cities and local governments from 19 countries, representing 83 million inhabitants reported 447 million tons of annual of greenhouse gas emissions, 90 GHG inventories, 107 energy and climate commitments and 555 actions.

Thus, at a time when national governments continuously fail to agree on their joint actions on climate change, cCCR and its 2011 Annual Report demonstrate that cities and local governments are taking the leadership in turning the “talk” of global climate challenge into the “walk” of climate action.

### **What does cCCR tell to the global community?**

**First**, Cities have demonstrated their willingness to quantify their actions and achievements: regardless of size, geography and economy.

**Second**, role of cities in controlling global GHG emissions is not less than those of national governments and business, if not more.

**Third**, Cities can help raise ambitions of global GHG reductions and open the deadlock of Kyoto Protocol if nations embark on ambitious local climate action as appropriate.

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**And finally**, so far cities were relying on their own local financial sources in combatting climate change. If nations and global climate community opens the door for financing local climate action, cities can go beyond their current success.

Of course, we also have some lessons learned in this process which will guide us in our future work;

- We will engage with national, regional and global partners to scale-up.
- We will strengthen accountability of our commitments
- We will broaden our vision and ambitions towards 2020 and 2050
- In terms of reaching to a low-emissions urban development, it is not the size of the city, but the initiative and leadership a city takes to tackle climate change
- We will continue to refine our work on harmonizing our methodologies
- We will convert challenges into opportunities, in particular taking into account that there is a key interest in a number of developed and developing countries to establish new bilateral or subnational mechanisms for control and reduction of greenhouse gases.

We know that the global climate community is often familiar with the concept of “what cannot be measured cannot be managed”. The cCCR further strengthens this by underlining another reality “We cannot count what we do not report”. Indeed, it is **Local Climate Action the World Can Count On**.

Through this opportunity, I also would like to update you recent progress achieved in the **MoU that I signed with Mayor Bloomberg in June** this year in Sao Paulo. In the past couple of months, the carbonn Team at ICLEI World Secretariat, together with experts from ICLEI offices in Europe, Canada, US, C40, World Bank and World Resources Institute have united their forces. They have now come up with a Global Policy Framework that combines IPCC guidelines for national governments and the experience achieved at the local level, where guidance of ICLEI’s IEAP and carbonn played a key role. As a result, we are now ready to launch a 2012 Standard which will encompass both a Community Climate Profile for local governments and enable appropriate integration to national GHG inventories in order to support national efforts. Early next year, the Protocol and Standard will be open for public comments and will be tested by cities. I am confident that cities reporting in cCCR will continue to take the leadership in this process since current system of cCCR has already been the backbone of this new protocol and standard.

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