

Introducing the Earth Hour City Challenge



Cities must lead the global energy transition



- The global urban population is expected to have doubled by 2050
- Cities cause more than 70% of global CO₂ emissions
- \$350 trillion will be invested and used in cities over the next three
- decades



Future investment is a window of opportunity to implement urban solutions that can minimize footprints and meet human needs

- Egs: climate-smart planning, mobility management, energy efficiency, ICT, RE and sustainable consumption policies
- Will require a massive effort to redirect investment towards one planet solutions









Earth Hour City Challenge 2010-2013

- Aims to identify and highlight cities that prepared to become leaders in the global transformation towards a one planet economy
- First international pilot launched in 6 countries with 66 city candidates
- Cities report on ICLEI's cCCR platform
 (same used for Mexico City Pact)
- Evaluation by high-level jury including experts from ICLEI, C40, CDP, UNFCCC
- Awards in first pilot to Oslo, Forli, Uppsala, San Francisco, Delhi, Vancouver





Earth Hour City Challenge 2013-14





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Rigorous quality control process to identify low carbon and renewable energy plans

- 1. Third party city pre-screening and evaluation process
- 2. Local-level consultations with local WWF offices
- 3. Expert review by an international jury of experts





Overview of selection procedure

January – first half of February 2014

 Actions of top 1-3 cities in each country are promoted in public media campaigns. Finalist cities may be invited to submit complementary information based on questions from the jury



May - October 2013

• Cities submit data on commitments, actions and emissions on cCCR platform at http://carbonn.org/login/ehcc/



January - February 2014

- *Meeting 1*: An expert jury discuss city actions and select the most ambitious city in each country
- *Meeting 2*: The jury makes deeper level scrutiny of city strategies and selects the Global EH capital

November-December 2013

- Data is analyzed by Accenture & top 1-3 cities with most complete data and promising actions are shortlisted
- Local WWF offices are consulted in nominating top 1-3 cities from shortlist

A powerful public profiling opportunity for cities and partners





ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

The Earth Hour City Challenge initiative has been orealed to celebrate offices that are taking amazing steps lowards a 100% remevable future. Our jury has selected 17 cities and manicipatities that have shown an extraordinary will to support this transmittion. Now we need your help in selecting the city that viel receive this year's People's Choice Award.

Click on one of the finalists below to learn more about their efforts to build a sustainable future

HOW TO VOTE

http://www.ehcitychallenge.org/peopleschoice





To sum up

- Expected investment in cities can either lock us into fossil-fuel dependency or help drive a global transition
- The Earth Hour City Challenge highlights how cities can be global solution hotspots
 - Engaging citizens to make sustainable lifestyle choices
- Promoting a rapid transition to renewable energy systems



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