



SUNDANCE SUMMIT

A Mayors' Gathering on Climate Protection

Session Descriptions

SUNDAY: JULY 10, 2005

Inspiration and Overview of the Summit

Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson will applaud the attending mayors for their leadership and participation in the Sundance Summit. He will discuss the inspiration behind the Sundance Summit idea and provide an overview of objectives, process and content of the event.

What is Our Legacy

Michelle Wyman, ED for ICLEI USA, will frame the possibilities that cities hold to advance climate protection. She will offer examples of best practices and hypothetical scenarios on climate protection that lead to environmental and economic savings and contribute to quality of life.

MONDAY: July 11, 2005

State Leadership on Climate Change

New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson will highlight the levels and types of leadership that US states are taking to drive climate protection. He will focus specifically on the recent target set by the State of New Mexico to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and he will demonstrate that state level work offers great opportunity for harmonization with local governments to advance and optimize climate protection efforts.

Welcome & Introductions

Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson will welcome the mayors to Sundance and introduce the people who have helped make the Sundance Summit possible. Additionally, introductions by each of the participants will be made to familiarize the group.

Greenhouse Glasnost & Beyond

Robert Redford will provide reflections on actions he led more than a decade ago to drive climate protection and discuss how local governments hold the power to effect significant influence on the current rate of global warming through executing actions on the ground, and operationally.

The State of the Science

Dr. Rosina Bierbaum from the University of Michigan will provide the scientific basis for global warming by focusing on the facts and the certainty. The framework of climate change will be defined by Dr. Bierbaum's presentation.

Why You Should Care

A panel of experts, looking through different scientific lenses, will spend an hour citing examples and scenarios of what would happen if specific climatic events occur. Dr. Heidi Cullen will discuss what kinds of weather events will increasingly become common as a result of the climate warming. Dr. Paul Epstein will highlight the impacts of global warming on human health. Jean-Michel Cousteau will articulate how the impacts of global warming are affecting the world's oceans that in turn impact water sources inland.

ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection™ Campaign: Hear from the Mayors

Leading mayors will detail actions their cities have taken to combat global warming and effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions through ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign. The process for achieving tangible environmental and financial savings will be reviewed by mayors already engaged in the CCP Campaign.

National and International Climate Protection Policy

Panelists Brennan Van Dyke, North American Regional Director for the United Nations Environment Programme; and Parin Shah, ED of Generation Earth, will provide a broad overview of existing international frameworks, including the UN Millennium Development Goals and the 2005 World Environment Day Urban Environmental Accords, and how they influence national and international policy.

Global Warming and the Environment

Former US Vice President Al Gore will discuss the impacts of global warming in the present and the future. His multimedia presentation focuses on the scientific evidence of global warming and its affect on the planet and humankind.

TUESDAY: July 12, 2005

Greening of Chicago

Mayor Richard Daley will detail the actions that the City of Chicago has taken to diminish impacts on the environment while realizing economic and environmental returns. His presentation will emphasize how the City is effectively mitigating urban heat islands by planting rooftop gardens.

US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

In June 2005, more than 180 US mayors signed the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement spearheaded by Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels. Mayor Nickels introduced the agreement as a resolution to the US Conference of Mayors and it passed unanimously. He will review actions for achieving the target set forth in the agreement and review next steps.

Transportation & Cities

Charlotte Mayor Patrick McCrory, Cambridge Mayor Michael Sullivan, and Roger Duncan of Austin Utilities will discuss transportation-related actions and programs that have been implemented in their cities, including the capital costs and return on investments derived from their actions. Land use, smart growth, and plug-in hybrid vehicles will be included in the panel's discussion.

Cities, Business & Utilities in Partnership

This panel will focus on the tangible benefits realized by small, medium, and large national businesses and utilities that have worked in partnership with cities on environmental protection and specifically on achieving reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Key Messages: Economy, Impacts & Action

Steve Howard and Jim Walker of The Climate Group will lead a discussion on the challenges of messaging climate change. They will provide examples of effective messaging, reference specific communication tools that work, and discuss how strong messaging can advance climate protection.

Cities, Investing & Trading: How Does It Work

California Deputy Controller Toni Symonds and Chicago Climate Exchange Executive Vice President Paula DiPerna will lead a discussion on the trading and investment markets and how investor behavior can positively influence climate protection and financial markets.

Tools for Action & Commitments

Professors Sherman Wyman and Jim Kunde from the University of Texas, Arlington, will guide a discussion among the participating mayors about actions and commitments to take that will drive climate protection. Tools discussed during the previous panels will be reviewed and provided to the participants to take to their and start the tangible next steps in the execution and implementation of programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.