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ICLEI World Congress 2012 ends with a powerful message to Rio+20

Presentations and experiences of cities from around the world at the ICLEI World Congress 2012 proved that in the last 20 years local advances in implementing sustainable policies were more meaningful than those at the global level. Local governments should be recognized for their role in policy implementation. This is the basic premise of the Message from the Congress to the Rio+20, approved this Sunday in Belo Horizonte, where ICLEI held its largest World Congress.



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World Mayors Council endorses response for strong climate action; elects new chair



More than 70 mayors and representatives of local governments from across the world participated Sunday morning in the General Assembly of the World Mayors Council. Mayors have approved the resolution that will be delivered to the UN during the Rio+20. They have also elected Mayor Park Won Soon as the new chairperson of the Council. On the last day of the Congress, there was a plenary session regarding productive cities and the formalization of yet one more legacy for Belo Horizonte.

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Voices from the corridors: how can your city benefit from the world congress?

"Through the congress, I have learned about some innovative policies from other cities, which my city could then adapt and improve."

Emilio Grateron, Mayor of Caracas, Venezuela



Quote of the day

"We have to act now because the next is now!"

Didas Massaburi, Mayor of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

What's on?

Join us at the Rio+20 Global Town Hall, 18-22 June!

Running from 18 to 22 June, the Rio+20 Global Town Hall will offer on 18 and 20 June **a rich program** of presentations and debates, co-organized by ICLEI with partners and cities and highlighting the experience and capacities of local governments and their concrete contributions towards a sustainable future by 2030.

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