

## CHANGE FOR CLIMATE – EDMONTON DECLARATION

Together, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy and Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson are asking global mayors to sign the Edmonton Declaration, and amplify the message that cities urgently need the tools and data to address climate change.

### Origins of the Edmonton Declaration

This past March, for the first-time ever global city networks, mayors, and the science community came together in Edmonton for the *Change for Climate Global Mayors Summit* to discuss the needs of cities. This summit was an unprecedented opportunity for these three groups to meet and the outcome was two-fold:

1. A commitment to advance the Edmonton Declaration - a call for and commitment to action on climate change - for signature by global mayors.
2. The development of a *Global Cities Research and Innovation Agenda* that will address critical knowledge, data and innovation gaps that cities experience, and that prevent cities from making science-based decisions.

### Overview

In brief, the Edmonton Declaration:

- Engages all levels of government to recognize the immediate and urgent need for action that will limit global warming to 1.5 degrees celsius,
- Recognizes that cities face some of the most significant impacts of rising GHG emissions and bear much of the costs for adaptation and mitigation,
- Reinforces the importance and role of cities in achieving the targets in the Paris Agreement,
- Calls on the science community and other levels of government to provide better data and tools for science-based decision-making,
- Asks cities to look beyond their borders at the impact of consumption on GHG emissions.

### The Goal

Ultimately, the Edmonton Declaration and research agenda will enable cities to take targeted, accelerated and ambitious climate action. Cities and city networks will be able to bring these documents to private industry, and national and subnational governments, in order to catalyze new research, build new data, provoke innovation, and stimulate new funding sources for cities to combat climate change.

### How to sign

To sign the Declaration, please contact the Global Covenant of Mayors:  
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