

**Bonn Declaration of
State and Regional Governments
In support of the UNFCCC climate negotiations
2nd June 2010**

During the June 2010 UNFCCC negotiating session held in Bonn, Germany, representatives of subnational governments and leading international businesses met on the invitation of Christa Thoben, Economic Minister of North Rhine Westphalia and Steve Howard, CEO of The Climate Group. This meeting was held to strengthen co-operation between subnational governments in combating climate change, and so accelerate the shift towards a low carbon economy. The representatives on behalf of The Climate Group's States and Regions Alliance:

Recognise that 50 – 80 per cent of the actions to reduce GHG emissions to keep global temperatures below 2 degrees centigrade will happen at the subnational level;

Underline the vital role subnational governments are playing as both laboratories for and implementers of low carbon development; designing and deploying innovative policies and technologies that will be essential for a global low carbon economy;

Recognise the key role of business in driving the development of low carbon solutions;

Welcome progress made at COP 15 in Copenhagen by all parties in agreeing that global temperature rise should be kept below 2 degrees centigrade; and the official communication of individual country targets on mitigation commitments and actions;

Welcome the Copenhagen Accord as an important, but by no means sufficient step in addressing the common challenge of climate change;

Welcome the efforts made by Parties to jointly work through the Ad-hoc Working Groups (AWGs) under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol and resuming the negotiations;

Encourage parties to work in the spirit of cooperation and compromise guided by the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities to resolve outstanding issues in the two AWGs under the UNFCCC, incorporating the high-level political guidance and objectives agreed by world leaders in the Copenhagen Accord;

Note that as an Alliance of state and regional governments representing 360 million people with a combined GDP of USD\$ 10.5 trillion, we committed in Copenhagen to: taking practical actions to expand low carbon technologies such as advanced building efficiency, LED lighting, electric vehicles (EVs), renewable energy production and transmission, waste management and clean energy technologies; planting at least one billion trees worldwide by 2015; and working to address mitigation and adaptation needs in the most vulnerable developing regions;

Note that these commitments further build on previous leadership and action committed to and enhanced at each successive COP since Montreal (COP 11) by the States and Regions Alliance;

Commit to meeting as a group at COP 16 in Cancun, Mexico, and to reporting back on commitments made in Copenhagen, as well as continuing to lead by raising ambition and action, making further commitments to advance the deployment of LED lighting, EVs, solar energy, carbon capture and storage (CCS) and other smart technologies.

Recognising the necessity to reach an internationally binding agreement, **we call** on parties to the UNFCCC to:

- Agree to a global deal that puts the planet on a path to ensure we meet the 2 degree target agreed to in Copenhagen
- Formally recognise the significant role subnational governments play in realising this objective.

Recognising that it will require effort and commitment by all levels of government and society to bring about the low carbon economy, **we commit** to expanding our network of subnational governments and further increasing our cooperation with business and civil society to accelerate our vision for a prosperous low carbon global economy.

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Endorsing State and Regional Governments:

Brittany

Scotland

Rhône-Alpes

Basque Country

Catalonia

Ile de France

South Australia

Upper-Austria

Aragon

Bavaria

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