



# Summary Pack

## ICLEI World Congress 2015 “Sustainable Solutions for an Urban Future”

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Seoul, Republic of Korea

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## NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS

Dear ICLEI World Congress 2015 Participant,

Many thanks for attending our World Congress in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

With over 2,500 delegates, the ICLEI World Congress 2015 is the biggest forum discussing the development of urban sustainability in 2015 worldwide. It has offered ICLEI members and delegates the chance to highlight their achievements, to connect with partners, and to learn from each other. It also served as a landmark occasion for local sustainability efforts in the run-up to the crucial climate negotiations in Paris in December 2015, and raise the ambitions of the post-2015 development agenda through the globalization of transformative local sustainability actions.

We hope you had a wonderful time and that you took home many new thoughts and ideas for a sustainable urban future.

This Congress Summary Pack contains selected highlights of the ICLEI Congress 2015. We hope that you find it useful for reporting on your participation at the congress. Please feel free to reuse any of the content and photos provided in this document. We also invite you to check out our Youtube channel ([www.youtube.com/icleiglobal](http://www.youtube.com/icleiglobal)) for daily video highlights and Mayors' interviews.

We look forward to seeing you soon again at any of other next international or regional events!

With our best regards,

Gino Van Begin  
ICLEI Secretary General



## TOP STORIES

8 April 2015

### Seoul City Mayor elected as new ICLEI President

ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability elected Seoul City Mayor Park Won Soon as its new President. The announcement was made at the ICLEI World Congress 2015 – the biggest gathering of local and subnational leaders committed to sustainability in 2015. Outgoing ICLEI President David Cadman officially handed over his legacy to Park who is a keen enthusiast of sustainable approaches to climate change. As the new President, Park's vision is to promote sustainability not only in Seoul but also in other cities worldwide.

"We have a responsibility to hand this green planet onto our children. A city's problem is no longer the problem of one country or one city. These are global challenges that all cities must address, with Mayors taking the lead," said new ICLEI President and Seoul Mayor Park Won Soon.

Park is a champion of urban sustainability and has helped Seoul to become one of the world's leaders on sustainable development. Most recently, Seoul successfully achieved to save energy equivalent to the production by one nuclear power plant and embarks now on saving energy equivalent to a second "One Less Nuclear Power Plant".

Park explained: "We implemented this initiative in 2012 in order to respond to the continually rising demand for electricity. Our aim was to reduce energy demand by an amount equivalent to the production of one nuclear power plant. To do this, we partnered with the private sector to help us produce more energy from renewable sources, and we encouraged all our citizens to save energy in their daily lives. In June 2014, we were able to announce that we had met our target six months ahead of schedule."

Outgoing President David Cadman commented: "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President of ICLEI's Global Executive Committee. During my 9 years Presidency, ICLEI has increased its membership and has helped cities, towns and regions to move towards a truly sustainable future. Whether they are using our case studies to learn about best practice, networking at our events, or reporting their greenhouse gas emissions through the carbonn Climate Registry, our Members are benefiting from ICLEI's support on their journey to full sustainability."

In addition to its 38 members in the ICLEI Council, ICLEI also announced its new Global Executive Committee 2015-2018 which represents ICLEI Members and regions on the global level. The ICLEI Global Executive Committee and the ICLEI Council are the global decision-making and oversight bodies for the global association.

The new first Vice President of the ICLEI Global Executive Committee 2015-2018 is James Nxumalo, the Mayor of Durban, South Africa. Mayor Nxumalo has been a prominent voice in ICLEI for many years. The Vice Presidents are Pekka Sauri, the Mayor of Helsinki, Finland and Miguel Angel Mancera, Mayor of Mexico City, Mexico.

Nxumalo said: "I am committed to helping ICLEI and all of its Members to create a sustainable urban future. The ICLEI World Congress 2015 is a wonderful beginning, and we are looking to the future with optimism in spite of the challenges that we face."

The full list of the ICLEI Global Executive Committee can be downloaded [here](#).

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## TOP STORIES

9 April 2015

### **100 Mayors adopt Seoul Declaration for sustainable cities**

Over 100 Mayors and elected leaders adopted the “Seoul Declaration” on the stage of ICLEI’s World Congress 2015, which sets out how to make cities sustainable. The Seoul Declaration is one of the major outcomes of the ICLEI World Congress 2015 – and links to ICLEI’s Strategic Plan 2015-2021

ICLEI’s new President Park Won Soon remarked, “The Seoul Declaration is a major commitment by a huge number of global sustainability leaders to inspire these kinds of initiatives to every city and region, and to work together for a sustainable future.”

According to Professor Jørgen Randers, a member of the distinguished Club of Rome and BI Norwegian Business School, “the global population shall peak at eight billion in 2040, the global economy will grow slowly, and humanity will face a growing set of challenges, including resource scarcity, pollution and climate change”. Randers explained how resistance to structural change must be overcome with intelligent policies that give voters advantages in the short term while solving longer-term climate problems.

ICLEI Secretary General Gino Van Begin explained: “This is why our Members are setting out a vision for sustainable cities: We all recognize that our world is facing a crisis. Our current societies are exploiting the planet in an unsustainable fashion and we are beginning to face the consequences of climate change. As the global population increases, the need for sustainability will become ever greater.”

The Seoul Declaration sets a clear path to an innovative and transformative urban development by creating cities that are sustainable, biodiverse, low-carbon, resilient, productive and resource-efficient, smart, ecomobile and healthy and happy.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon commended ICLEI President Mayor Park Won Soon, for his leadership on urban sustainability. He also expressed his belief that cities would drive a global transformation and encouraged them to strengthen their networks.

From the stage, some 20 Mayors spoke in support of the Seoul Declaration. ICLEI Vice President and Durban Mayor James Nxumalo welcomed the commitment of the Seoul Declaration to new cooperation initiatives between cities and small island states on adaptation and resilience. Mayor Parks Tau of Johannesburg praised the emphasis on EcoMobility and reminded participants that Johannesburg will host the second EcoMobility World Festival in October 2015, during which the Central Business District of the city will be closed to cars.

Mayor Kinlay Dorjee of Thimphu, Capital City of Bhutan, described how Bhutan implements its Gross National Happiness index, introducing meditation and the study of green initiatives in schools. Maimunah Mohd Sharif – the Municipal President of Seberang Perai, Malaysia – reiterated her hope for an Urban SDG and invited all cities to scale up best practices to ensure a transformation to global sustainability.

Deputy Mayor Andrea Reimer of Vancouver’s City Council, Canada, discussed Vancouver’s plan to become the greenest city on earth by 2020, commenting that “People will embrace significant action when they see significant leadership and they have the tools to act.”

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ICLEI President Mayor Park Won Soon concluded by mentioning the Seoul Action Plan, which will set out concrete plans for climate change mitigation. Mayor Park expressed his belief that the Seoul Action Plan would allow cities to make significant progress before the COP21 in Paris in December 2015, putting pressure on national governments to reach a binding agreement.

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Please download the Seoul Declaration, available in English here  
([http://www.iclei.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/ICLEI\\_WS/Documents/Governance/Council\\_meeting\\_April\\_2015/Seoul-Declaration\\_nomarks.pdf](http://www.iclei.org/fileadmin/user_upload/ICLEI_WS/Documents/Governance/Council_meeting_April_2015/Seoul-Declaration_nomarks.pdf)).



## TOP STORIES

10 April 2015

### **Major announcements to drive transformative climate action unveiled ahead of 2015 Paris Climate Conference**

Major climate announcements that will bring new levels of ambition to local climate action were made at the ICLEI World Congress 2015.

#### **Compact of Mayors gains 36 new cities**

Thirty-six leading mayors announced their intent to comply with the new Compact of Mayors - the global coalition of mayors and city leaders voluntarily making commitments to cut greenhouse gas emissions, track progress and prepare for the impacts of climate change. Park Won Soon, ICLEI President and Mayor of Seoul, Republic of Korea, revealed the Seoul Action Plan that will motivate more cities to take part in the Compact of Mayors. Under the umbrella of the Compact of Mayors, ICLEI's Secretary General Gino Van Begin launched the new Transformative Actions Program (TAP) to tap the potential of local and subnational climate action. One element of the TAP is to select 100 promising transformative projects ahead of the 2015 Paris Climate Conference with the aim of enhancing capital flows to cities.

"Climate change will be tackled at the city and regional level. City-level activities account for 70% of global greenhouse emissions, and the majority of climate actions that contribute to global climate goals occur in cities. Particularly in developing countries, cities are facing unprecedented levels of urbanization over the coming decades, making the need for effective local climate action ever more urgent," said ICLEI President and Seoul Mayor Park Won Soon.

From Johannesburg, South Africa to Paris, France to Seoul, South Korea, to Montreal, Canada cities around the world are demonstrating collective leadership to fight climate change. Today, these megacities and 32 additional leading cities and towns intensified their commitment to climate action by pledging to comply to the Compact of Mayors.

"One of the most effective ways cities are fighting climate change is through the Compact of Mayors," said Michael R. Bloomberg, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Cities and Climate Change. "The Compact reflects the commitment that cities are making to reduce carbon emissions and the crucial role they play in creating a healthier future. As nations come together to negotiate a global climate treaty later this year, the Compact of Mayors offers proof that international cooperation on climate change can produce big results."

Launched at the 2014 UN Climate Summit, the Compact establishes a common platform to capture the impact of cities' collective actions through consistent, public reporting of their efforts.

To take part in the Compact, cities are required to register their climate mitigation and adaptation targets, report their vulnerability assessments and emissions inventories using the global standard GPC on a recognized public reporting platform such as the carbonn Climate Registry or CDP Cities. More information, including FAQs and notes on compliance, can be found on the newly-launched Compact of Mayors website ([compactofmayors.org](http://compactofmayors.org))

"As I like to say : "Think global, act local". I strongly believe that actions have to come from cities. We are the frontline when it comes to climate change. By joining the Compact of Mayors, Montreal makes the

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commitment with other leading cities worldwide to fight for cleaner air, a greener planet, a better sustainable future," said Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montreal, Canada.

"The city of Paris supports the Compact of Mayors launched by ICLEI, C40, & UCLG. With my friends Michael Bloomberg, Eduardo Paes and Park Won Soon, we are on board to COP21 in Paris," said Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris, France.

The full list of cities that announced their intent to comply to the Compact of Mayors include:

- Seoul (Republic of Korea), Catbalongan (Philippines), Quezon City (Philippines), Santa Rosa (Philippines), Sebarang Parai (Indonesia), Balikpapan (Indonesia), Bogor (Indonesia), Gwallor (India), Shimla (India), Tarakan (Malaysia), Melbourne (Australia), Rajkot (India), Singra (Bangladesh)
- Montreal (Canada), Vancouver (Canada), Des Moines (USA), Boulder (USA),
- Vaxjö (Sweden), Paris (France), Freiburg (Germany), Seriferisar (Turkey), Bristol (UK)
- Johannesburg (South Africa), Durban (South Africa), Cape Town (South Africa), Dakar (Senegal), Port Elizabeth (South Africa), Stanger Municipality (South Africa), Pretoria (South Africa)
- Chihuahua (Mexico), Medellin, (Colombia), Recife (Brazil), Itu, San Rafael de Heredia (Costa Rica), Temixco (Mexico), Toluca,(Mexico)

These cities join the first batch of 20 Latin American cities that pledged to comply to the Compact at the recently concluded C40 Latin American Mayors Forum.

### **Seoul Action Plan for the Compact of Mayors**

The Seoul Action Plan announced today outlines Seoul's commitment to support the Compact of Mayors and mobilize other local leaders around the globe to commit and engage, working closely with the global city networks leading the Compact of Mayors initiative. It is supported by the Special Envoy Michael R. Bloomberg, UN-Habitat and three global city networks - ICLEI, C40 and UCLG.

The Seoul Action Plan encompasses a series of practical plans that will effectively address climate change through sustainable development, reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, planning low emission development, responding to the impacts of climate change, and intensifying city-city cooperation.

"Seoul commits to reduce emissions by 10 million metric tons over the next five years. The Seoul Action Plan will seek to ensure that exchange of such leading efforts are encouraged and promoted," said ICLEI President and Seoul Mayor Park Won Soon. He also reiterated his city's promise to "actively follow up with local governments participating in the ICLEI World Congress 2015 on how they define their roles to ensure the success of the Compact of Mayors."

### **Transformative Actions Program towards COP21**

A critical obstacle to the realization of the much needed numerous local and subnational actions across the globe is the range of difficulties in accessing funding, as well as the lack of bankable projects. To address these issues, the Transformative Actions Program (TAP) was launched, to improve access to existing capital flows to cities and regions, as well as catalyzing and accelerating additional capital flows from public and private investors.

Gino Van Begin, Secretary General of ICLEI, commented: "The Transformative Actions Program is the result of an inclusive and cooperative effort by networks of local and subnational governments to accelerate implementation of climate action. The TAP seeks to scale up direct investments and increased engagement

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in national and global mechanisms focusing on capacity building, technology transfer and finance, supported by national government and by financing institutions that can fund accelerated action.”

He added: “The TAP has been created by the networks of local and subnational governments, and will support and inform the Compact of Mayors and the Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance. This is a joint effort to support investment in urban areas over the next ten years.”

The TAP has four action pillars:

- TAP project pipeline: a collection of up to 100 “TAP projects” that are selected every year, and presented at the annual UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP). Two project types are called for – “Fast-track Transformers” and “Post-2020 Transformers”.
- An online TAP Platform, to centralize TAP projects and offer visibility as basic facilitation to financing institutions. This platform can be used by for cities and regions to present their transformative actions in a structured, unified format to potential funders.
- The TAP Pavilion, which will provide a physical space for exchange; and
- Ongoing advocacy to increase awareness about the potential of transformative, subnational climate action, in support of national climate action.

The first TAP Pavilion will be held at the UN Climate Conference (COP21) in November/December 2015. High-level representatives of local and subnational authorities will address key messages to national delegations and financing institutions. ###

More information:

- Download the: Seoul Action Plan - [www.iclei.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/ICLEI\\_WS/Documents/Climate/Seoul\\_Action\\_Plan\\_final\\_www.pdf](http://www.iclei.org/fileadmin/user_upload/ICLEI_WS/Documents/Climate/Seoul_Action_Plan_final_www.pdf)
- Compact of Mayors website [www.compactofmayors.org](http://www.compactofmayors.org)
- Transformative Actions Program website [www.tap-potential.org](http://www.tap-potential.org)
- Full list of Cities that expressed intent to comply to the Compact of Mayors [www.iclei.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/ICLEI\\_WS/Documents/Climate/List\\_of\\_cities\\_www.pdf](http://www.iclei.org/fileadmin/user_upload/ICLEI_WS/Documents/Climate/List_of_cities_www.pdf)

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## TOP STORIES

11 April 2015

### World Congress 2015 Looks To The Future With Focus On Partnerships

The ICLEI World Congress 2015 closed on 11 April 2015 with a focus on extending partnerships and collaboration. ICLEI was delighted to sign 11 Memoranda of Understanding with a range of forward-thinking and innovative organizations.

The MOUs were signed with: Association of Vertical Farming (AVF); International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG); World Resources Institute (WRI); World Council on City Data (WCCD); Eco-Forum Global (ECG); Chinese Society for Urban Studies (CSUS); Chinese Center for Urban Development (CCUD); Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation (GIUI); Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES); and URBIO – International Network Urban Biodiversity and Design (URBIO).

In addition, the congress saw the launch of three major new ICLEI initiatives: CityFood, the 100% Renewable Energy ICLEI Community, and the Global Sustainable Public Procurement Network.

- Cityfood is the community of ICLEI Members with the ambition and commitment to establish policies, programs, plans and projects on resilient urban food systems, including appropriate approaches to urban agriculture.
- The 100% Renewable Energy ICLEI Community is committed to low-carbon development and policy or action planning for a high rate of renewable energy, with the goal of reducing dependence on fossil fuels and nuclear power. Andrea Reimer, a Councilor at the City of Vancouver, spoke at the launch, explaining why Vancouver had set itself a target of generating 100% of its energy from renewable sources.
- The Global Sustainable Public Procurement Network is an initiative launched by Seoul Metropolitan Government in partnership with ICLEI. The aim is to create a worldwide network of leading cities that meet, share and develop their capabilities to implement sustainable and innovative procurement to drive a transition to sustainable production and consumption.

As well as being the venue for these launches, the ICLEI World Congress 2015 provided an informal space for networking and discussion. An official networking event was held at Seoul City Hall, and participants were also able to hold conversations in the ICLEI Lounge.

Speakers including Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, and Gino Van Begin, Secretary General of ICLEI consistently emphasized the need for local and regional governments to work together in the run-up to the COP21 in Paris. As the world's leading sustainability network for local and regional governments, ICLEI is continuing to build partnerships with other networks, governments, and private-sector organizations. Coordination and cooperation is what allows best-practice to be shared and upscaled. ###

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TOP STORIES

12 April 2015

## **ICLEI World Congress on the side: Urban Nature conference and Researchers' Symposium**

In the span of five days, the ICLEI World Congress has hosted over 76 sessions and events. These included the Urban Nature conference, the URBIO conference and the Researchers' Symposium.

Following two days of stimulating discussions, the Urban Nature Congress concluded with cities committing to the Durban Commitment: Local Action for Biodiversity. The cities of Ansan, Gimpo, Suwon, Inje and Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality add to a growing number of local governments which recognize the need to protect and enhance biodiversity at the local level. In so doing, these cities expressed their commitment to mainstream biodiversity through various instruments and approaches, promote awareness, and share experiences with local and international partners in attaining cities that bring nature and humans together.

The Researchers' Symposium brought together leading urban sustainability researchers to present on topics in international policy making and sustainable development. The symposium tackled topics such as implementing the Sustainable Development Goals at the urban level, the Urban Nexus and inter-sectoral approaches to urban sustainable development and performance driven urban sustainability.

As the World Congress came to a close, ICLEI Secretary General Gino Van Begin said: "The ICLEI World Congress 2015 has been an outstanding occasion for all those interested in and committed to local action for sustainability. As these pre and post events show, ICLEI and our Members are committing to tangible goals and actions in order to make our future cities and regions low-carbon, resilient, productive and healthy."

He added: "As we look towards the COP21 in Paris at the end of this year, we can already feel confident about the direction that local governments are taking. Our Members have shared, learnt and connected over the last four days, and we are delighted to have been able to bring so many innovative and forward-thinking leaders together."

He concluded: "We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mayor Won Soon Park and to the city of Seoul for hosting us with such warmth, enthusiasm, charm and skill."

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## QUOTES

Mayor Park Won Soon, new ICLEI President and Mayor of Seoul, South Korea

“Faced with the same fate, a city’s problem is no longer the problem of one city or one country”.  
““When you and I become us then together we can overcome any challenge”.

Jorgen Randers, Author and Professor, BI Norwegian Business School

“We need to find the intelligent policy that gives voters advantage in the short term while solving the long term problems of climate change”.

Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary General

“In our urbanized world, the leadership of local authorities is more relevant than ever.”  
“Clean, efficient, equitable cities can drive global transformation across all three dimensions of sustainable development: social, economic and environmental.”

Prince Charles of Wales

“It is not dramatic to suggest that the very future of humankind rests largely upon whether the dependency between cities and the wider world can be shaped in a harmonious and sustainable manner.”  
“Shifting away from business as usual is never a simple task, and for change to happen at scale, it is critically important that cities are able to exchange knowledge and learn from one another how best to move forward.”

Christiana Figueres, UNFCCC Executive Secretary

“The rewards from moving to low-carbon, high-resilience policies are growing every day.”  
“In the many successful examples of minimizing risk and delivering reward, ICLEI cities have been leading the way for some time now, and continue to lead the way.”

Don Iveson, Mayor of Edmonton, Canada

“We need to make sure that we are not still talking 25 years from now, because that will be too late for my children.”

George Ferguson, Mayor of Bristol, UK

“I shamelessly steal ideas and I think you should all look to other cities, that is the best place to learn.”

Jinty MacTavish, Councilor of Dunedin, New Zealand

“Currently 19 ICLEI members have signed up to divest from fossil fuels or 2%; how powerful might it be if 20% or 50% of our network took a similar position.”

Andrea Reimer, Deputy Mayor, Vancouver, Canada

“People will embrace significant action when they see significant leadership and they have the tools to act.”



## NEWS STORY TEMPLATE

*(ICLEI has developed this news template for your convenience to report on your participation at the World Congress on your media channels. Please remember to fill in your city/organization name and add your quotes and photos. )*

### (Name of City/ Organization) Championed Sustainability at ICLEI World Congress in Seoul

(NAME OF CITY/ ORGANIZATION) attended the ICLEI World Congress in Seoul, Republic of Korea from 8-12 April 2015. Entitled “Sustainable Solutions for an Urban Future,” the congress gathered over 2,500 delegates from 249 local governments worldwide.

The new ICLEI President, Mayor Park Won Soon (Seoul, Republic of Korea), was officially inaugurated at the congress, as well as First Vice President, Mayor James Nxumalo (Durban, South Africa), and Vice Presidents, Mayor Miguel Angel Mancera (Mexico City, Mexico) and Mayor Pekka Sauri (Helsinki, Finland).

(NAME OF CITY/ ORGANIZATION) was involved in a number of landmark outcomes from the packed five days.

The Seoul Declaration - a document that sets out a clear path to urban sustainability - was officially adopted by ICLEI World Congress participants, ICLEI Members, partners, and other local governments.

**(INSERT QUOTE FROM YOUR REPRESENTATIVE stating support for the Seoul Declaration)**

Thirty-six cities announced their intent to comply with the Compact of Mayors - the global coalition of Mayors and city leaders preparing for the impacts of climate change.

Demonstrating ambition at the local level, the ICLEI President and Mayor of Seoul, Park Won Soon, launched the Promise of Seoul, which commits Seoul to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030 from 2005 levels.

Partnerships were a major theme of the World Congress. ICLEI signed 11 MOUs with partner organizations, while Seoul signed 15 MOUs with other local governments, emphasizing city- to-city partnership and technology transfer.

In addition, ICLEI launched three new major initiatives and networks: CityFood, the 100% Renewable Energy ICLEI Community, and the Global Sustainable Public Procurement Network, bringing together cities to develop innovative actions in these new global areas.

The Congress also saw the launch of the ICLEI Strategic Plan 2015-2021, which details how ICLEI will work with its members in the years to come. ICLEI’s Korea Office also presented its Korean strategic plan, outlining how they will implement the global strategy at the national level.

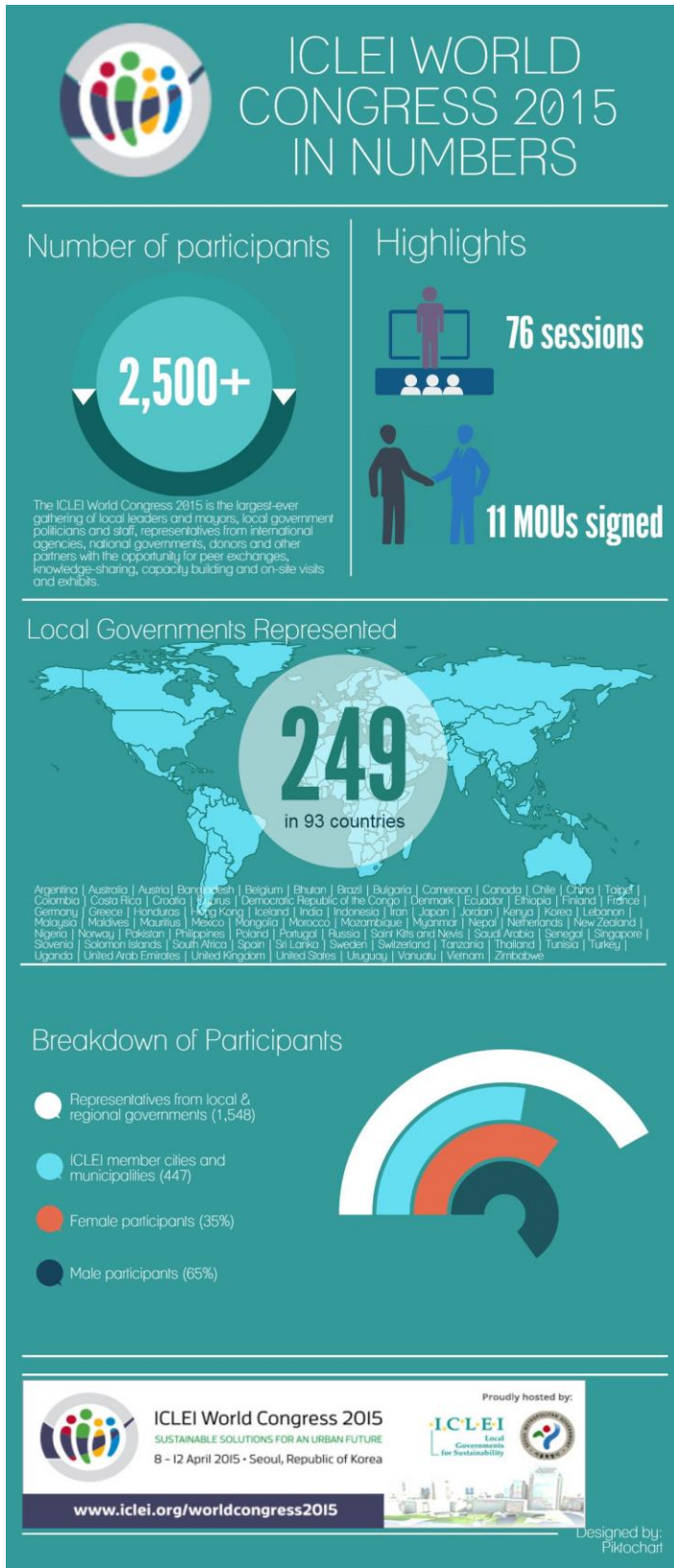
Overall, the ICLEI World Congress 2015 featured 7 plenaries, 8 sub-plenaries, 29 sessions and 20 side events, including a two-day Urban Nature conference, Researchers’ Symposium and the URBIO conference. A huge range of topics was covered, from how cities and small island states can better work together to how the presence of women leaders in sustainability can be increased.



ICLEI President and Seoul Mayor Park Won Soon opened and closed the World Congress and was an inspiring presence throughout. (NAME OF CITY/ ORGANIZATION) would like to thank Mayor Park and all of Seoul's citizens for their extraordinary hospitality, generosity and collaboration in hosting our World Congress 2015. ###



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100 Mayors on the ICLEI World Congress 2015 stage adopt the Seoul Declaration entitled, "Building a world of local action for a sustainable urban future".





On 10 April 2015, 36 Mayors announce intent to comply with the Compact of Mayors.



On 10 April 2015, ICLEI President and Seoul Mayor Park Won Soon led the march for sustainability in the streets of Seoul.





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### SPREAD THE WORD

#### a) TWEET ABOUT YOUR ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

Use the following twitter updates or feel free to write your own.

**Our city is promoting sustainability by (INSERT YOUR ACTION HERE)  
#citysolutions**

**Local action for a better world - we support the Seoul Declaration on sustainable  
cities #citysolutions**

**Our city endorses the Seoul Declaration and Seoul Action Plan. @ICLEI  
@wonsoonpark #citysolutions**

**Read all about the successful outcomes of @ICLEI World Congress  
worldcongress2015.iclei.org #citysolutions**

#### b) POST ON YOUR LINKEDIN AND FACEBOOK PAGES

Use the following updates or feel free to write your own.

#### ICLEI closes largest-ever World Congress

After 76 plenaries, sessions, and workshops guided by over 300 speakers and panelists, ICLEI World Congress 2015 closed on 12 April 2015 having drawn representatives of 249 local governments and over 2,500 total participants and guests. Gamsahamnida to Mayor Wonsoon Park and the City of Seoul. Read all the main highlights here: [worldcongress2015.iclei.org](http://worldcongress2015.iclei.org)

#### Landmark ICLEI World Congress held in Seoul

The ICLEI World Congress 2015 has been an outstanding occasion for all those interested in and committed to local action for sustainability. As the outcome document - the Seoul Declaration - shows, ICLEI and our Members are committing to tangible goals and actions in order to make our future cities and regions low-carbon, resilient, productive and healthy. Read all the main highlights here: [worldcongress2015.iclei.org](http://worldcongress2015.iclei.org)

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List of Speakers at the World Congress  
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## About the ICLEI World Congress

The triennial ICLEI World Congress is the foremost assembly of local governments, and their partners, committed to sustainable urban development. The 2015 ICLEI World Congress convenes over 2,500 delegates, more than half of whom are mayors, elected officials, and city representatives. The Congress will showcase most innovative practices and pioneering solutions of ICLEI Members and partners with a view to demonstrating that a transition to a globally sustainable future is possible.

## About ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability

ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability is the world's leading network of over 1,000 cities, towns and metropolises committed to building a sustainable future. By helping our Members to make their cities sustainable, low-carbon, resilient, biodiverse, resource-efficient, healthy and happy, with a green economy and smart infrastructure, we impact over 20% of the global urban population.