



CLINTON **CLIMATE** INITIATIVE

The ten warmest years on record have all occurred since 1990, with 2005 the warmest yet. Unless action is taken now, climate change will affect the basic elements of life for people around the world, including food production, access to water, public health, and the face of our planet as we know it.

Building on his long-term commitment to protecting the environment, President Clinton launched the Foundation's Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) in August 2006 with the mission of applying the Foundation's business-oriented approach to the fight against climate change in practical, measurable, and significant ways.

CCI's **UNIQUE APPROACH**

Urban areas are responsible for approximately 75 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions in the world. Therefore, reducing energy use and emissions in cities is fundamental to any effort to slow the pace of global warming.

In its first phase, CCI is working with the C40 Large Cities Climate Leadership Group, an association of large cities that have pledged to accelerate their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and serve as models for other cities.

To enable its partner cities to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, CCI is:

- **Creating a purchasing consortium to pool the buying power of cities in order to lower the prices of energy-efficient products and to accelerate the development of new energy-saving technologies.** The consortium is partnering with vendors, resulting in lower production and delivery costs, and, therefore, lower sustainable prices. Key initial products include building materials and systems, lighting products, clean buses and garbage trucks, and waste-to-energy systems.
- **Mobilizing the best technical experts in the world and creating local capacity to develop and implement programs that result in reduced energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.** In May 2007, at the C40 Large Cities Climate Summit in New York, President Clinton announced CCI's Energy Efficiency Building Retrofit Program, the initiative's first project, which joins together cities, leading energy service companies, global financial institutions, and green building organizations in a landmark effort to significantly reduce energy use in public and private buildings worldwide. CCI is also working with cities in areas including waste management, transportation, clean energy production, and ports.
- **Developing common measurement and information flow tools that allow cities to track the effectiveness of their programs and share what works and does not work with each other.** These tools will enable cities to take an inventory of their greenhouse gas emissions, which will inform them of where and how they direct their activities, and measure their progress. CCI's online information network will provide forums for technical experts and policy-makers in different cities to access data and share best practices.

CCI AND **THE C40**

The C40 Large Cities Climate Leadership Group is comprised of the following cities:

Addis Ababa, Athens, Bangkok, Beijing, Berlin, Bogotá, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Caracas, Chicago, Delhi NCT, Dhaka, Hanoi, Hong Kong, Houston, Istanbul, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Karachi, Lagos, Lima, London, Los Angeles, Madrid, Melbourne, Mexico City, Moscow, Mumbai, New York, Paris, Philadelphia, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Sao Paulo, Seoul, Shanghai, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto, and Warsaw.

CCI has city directors based in most of these cities and is working with them to define projects and take action.