



Briefing Notice

How Businesses, Cities, and States Are Leading Climate Action Efforts

Friday, October 12, 2018

2 PM – 3:30 PM

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Congressional Meeting Room North (CVC 268)

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute** (EESI) and the **Business Council for Sustainable Energy** (BCSE) invite you to a briefing on some of the outcomes of the **Global Climate Action Summit**, which was held in San Francisco September 12-14. The briefing will showcase some of the carbon reduction actions being taken by a wide range of sub-national actors, including states, regions, cities, and companies.

The summit, the first of its kind, brought together 4,500 representatives to discuss what can be done at the regional and local levels to meet the Paris Climate Agreement goal of keeping global warming well below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit). Co-hosts included California Governor Jerry Brown, former mayor of New York and now U.N. Special Envoy for Climate Action Michael Bloomberg, and China's Special Representative for Climate Change Affairs, Xie Zhenhua, who headed a 120-strong Chinese delegation. Participants included the mayors of Beijing, Bonn, Dacca, Mexico City, Paris, and Tokyo, as well as the CEOs of Unilever, Kaiser Permanente, and Starbucks—among many others. Speakers for this forum are:

- **H.E. Naivakarurubalavu Solo Mara**, Ambassador, Embassy of Fiji
- **Dan Carol**, Senior Advisor for Infrastructure and Energy, DC Office of CA Governor Jerry Brown
- **Ben Grumbles**, Secretary, Maryland Department of Environment
- **Tommy Wells**, Director, Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) District of Columbia
- **Anne Kelly**, Senior Director, Policy and BICEP Network, Ceres
- **Jack Thirolf**, AVP, Head of Regulatory and Institutional Affairs North America, Enel Green Power
- **Elizabeth Beardsley**, Senior Policy Counsel, U.S. Green Building Council

States, regions, cities, businesses and investors are leading the charge on cutting carbon emissions. A [new report released by America's Pledge](#) at the start of the summit suggests that even without the federal government's participation, the United States is on track to cut its emissions by 17 percent by 2025 (compared to 2005 levels), which would bring us two-thirds of the way to the Obama Administration's goal of 26 percent cuts. The Trump Administration has since dropped that goal, and announced its withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement. But numerous U.S. states, cities, and corporations are pushing ahead regardless, and have made ambitious commitments to decarbonize their economies. California and Hawaii have gone the furthest, by mandating that 100 percent of their electricity be generated from carbon-free sources by 2045.

The Summit demonstrated a commitment to climate action by sub-national actors and sought to pressure national governments to ramp up their pledges as 2020, the formal start date of the Paris Climate Agreement, nears.

This event is free and open to the public.

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