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## **Joburg ready to host 2014 C40 Mayors Summit which will feature World Leaders on Climate Change**

**January 9 2014, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.**

From Tuesday February 4 to Thursday 6 February 2014, the City of Johannesburg (Joburg) will proudly host the fifth biennial C40 Cities Mayors Summit - the first time the event will be taking place in Africa.

The theme of the 2014 C40 Cities Mayors Summit is **'Towards resilient and liveable megacities - demonstrating action, impact and opportunity'**.

The Summit is delivered by the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and will be led by the 108<sup>th</sup> Mayor of New York City and C40 Board of Directors President, Michael R. Bloomberg, and co-hosted by the Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Councillor Mpho Parks Tau, and the new C40 Chair and Mayor of Rio de Janeiro, Eduardo Paes.

"The C40 Cities Mayors Summit offers an effective forum where cities can collaborate, share knowledge, exchange ideas, and forge new partnerships. With new insights gained, cities can drive meaningful, measurable and sustainable action on climate issues in future," says Mayor Tau.

"Hosting the event will be a historic moment for Johannesburg, South Africa, and the African continent. It is clear recognition of the growing role that South Africa plays in finding solutions to the most pressing issues facing the globe," adds Mayor Tau.

While cities occupy only 2% of the Earth's land mass, they contain over 50% of the world's population, use two-thirds of its energy and generate over 70% of global CO2 emissions. With 90% of the world's urban areas situated on coastlines, cities are at high risk from some climate change impacts, such as rising sea levels and powerful coastal storms.

Bloomberg said in an announcement earlier this year: "Cities around the world – particularly C40 cities – are taking meaningful actions that have quantifiable outcomes, and as a result – as our research shows - have a real impact on combating the impacts of global climate change."

Mayors and senior city officials from over 44 leading cities around the world will come together to discuss the climate change challenges facing their cities, and share insights based on the actions they've taken to reduce GHG emissions. Around 700 urban and climate change leaders will join them in a series of roundtable discussions and working sessions to focus on the themes of resilient and liveable megacities, GHG measurement and adaptation, and impact and opportunity

Key topics covered during plenary sessions will include: **Adaptable and Resilient Cities; Building Liveable Cities; and Socio-Economic Development of emerging megacities.**

The Summit will highlight a wide range of successful on-going projects from around the world, including building efficiency standards, sustainable transport measures, , and other green growth practices and programmes.

Collectively the C40 Cities have taken more than 5,000 actions to tackle climate change, and the will to do more is stronger than ever. As innovators and practitioners, C40 cities are at the forefront of tackling climate change issues.

For further information on C40 Cities Mayors Summit, please visit <http://c40summitjohannesburg.org/>

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