

To the Secretaries General and Directors of the national associations  
and associate members

## **Invitation to demonstrate climate projects at the Local Climate Action Map**

Local Government Denmark

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Dear Secretaries-General and Directors,

Addressing climate change requires a broad combination of top down policies and bottom up initiatives. While national governments create the regulatory framework and targets, implementation will in most cases be the responsibility of local and regional governments. Addressing global climate change at the local level can be a daunting task for a community. Where do we start? What kinds of solutions are out there? How can we learn from others? Consequently, the Local Climate Action Map ([www.climateactionmap.org](http://www.climateactionmap.org)) was created to communicate the thousands of local climate initiatives already available to a global audience. Sharing our knowledge and expertise globally is fundamental if we want to address climate change in a serious and timely manner.

The mission of the Local Climate Action Map is to educate, inform and inspire governments, communities and businesses about the innovative climate action activities taking place at the local level all over the world using cutting edge web-based geo-spatial visualization tools.

The Local Climate Action Map is a non-profit initiative free for all municipalities, cities and regions across the world. I hereby invite the Council of European Municipalities and Regions members to use this tool to demonstrate your projects as well as to become a partner of the Local Climate Action Map in order to further develop this instrument. Your institution could benefit in numerous ways, such as a) a customized map reflecting the aims of the proposal, b) showcase what your institutions are doing in regard to adaptation to climate change, c) become part of a global initiative, d) feature as a partner on the global website and in marketing materials and events such as COP15 and EXPO 2010 in Shanghai.

Currently Danish, Spanish, and American municipalities are using the map to display their best practice. Many more countries are on their way as we are currently working on the cooperation agreement with UN HABITAT and oth-

er international organizations and stakeholders in order to demonstrate the initiatives from the developing countries.

In other words, I believe that we together can create a common platform to share best practice and promote our activities to a global audience.

If you wish to learn more about the Local Climate Action Map please contact Mr. Uwe Lorenzen, Head of Local Government Denmark's EU Office ([uwe@kl.dk](mailto:uwe@kl.dk)).

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henning Jensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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