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### ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability



ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) is a membership association of local governments committed to advancing climate protection and sustainable development. Since its inception in 1990, ICLEI has grown to include nearly 1,000 cities in the world, more than 500 of which are in the United States. At ICLEI USA our mission is to build, serve, and drive a movement of local governments to advance deep reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and achieve tangible improvements in local sustainability. ICLEI will continue to empower local governments to set and achieve strong goals through the ongoing evolution of its

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The Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies is internationally known for its excellence. Founded in 1901, the school offers master's degrees and doctoral programs and serves as a locus for research into local, regional and global environmental issues. Yale F&ES prepares new leadership and creates new knowledge to sustain and restore the long-term health of the biosphere and the well-being of its people. Environmental challenges are increasingly international and the school trains future leaders from over three dozen countries for the global challenges of the 21st century.

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Earth Day Network seeks to grow and diversify the environmental movement worldwide, and to mobilize it as the most effective vehicle for promoting a healthy, sustainable planet. It pursues these goals through education, politics and consumer activism. Earth Day Network has a global reach with a network of more than 17,000 partners and organizations in 174 countries. More than 1 billion people participate in Earth Day activities, making it the largest secular civic event in the world. (<http://www.earthday.net>)

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