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**Invitation to ICLEI World Congress 2009  
14 - 18 June 2009, City of Edmonton, Canada**

Dear Colleague,

From 14 to 18 June 2009, the City of Edmonton, Canada will host ICLEI World Congress 2009. We would like to personally invite all ICLEI Members to note this date and encourage your participation.

**800+ ICLEI Members to meet**

Since the World Congress 2006 in Cape Town, South Africa ICLEI's membership has grown from 490 Members to more than 850. Our gathering in Edmonton is a unique opportunity for Members to learn from each other and interact beyond regional boundaries. We invite each municipality to reach out to neighbouring communities, sister cities, and other partner municipalities to encourage them to join ICLEI and participate in the World Congress.

**For and about local governments**

The program will showcase the vast work of ICLEI members on advancing sustainability. It will be enriched by global strategists sharing their vision on the opportunities and challenges for local governments in the coming decade. The discussions around ICLEI's Strategic Plan shall be a milestone for the organisation, looking back at 18 years of activities to determine ICLEI's role in the coming future.

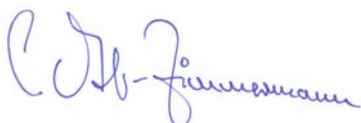
**Beyond a corporate conference – a time with friends**

A delegate in 2006 captured the essence of the World Congress: *'ICLEI has a special spirit which I don't find anywhere else. Participants are friendlier to each other; perhaps they feel united in one aim.'* In this spirit of conviviality together with the generosity of our Canadian hosts, we hope to meet you next year. We invite you to get involved by simply signing-up to the Congress mailing on our website ([www.iclei.org/worldcongress2009](http://www.iclei.org/worldcongress2009))

**About our host city**

Edmonton is a booming city of over one million nestled in the centre of Alberta, Canada. The capital city of the province, Edmonton bustles with arts and cultural events. Its river valley is North America's largest urban green space, 22 times larger than New York's famed Central Park. You may wish to take advantage of Edmonton's proximity to the Rocky Mountains and explore after the event what is truly one of the ecological wonders of the world. For more information on Edmonton and the tourism opportunities that await you visit their website at [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca).

We look forward to seeing you in Edmonton,



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