

The Mediterranean City Climate Change Consortium (MC4) Commitment to Action

June 25-28 2012

The MC4 will develop 4 products:

- A. A technical report of the major issues, debates, and strategy recommendations developed during the conference.
- B. An action plan that includes any programs, mandates, or assigned tasks necessary to implement said actions.
- C. An organizational structure to support continuation of the MC4 Network and future conferences.

The technical report (document A) will be developed by conference co-chairs following the conference. A draft action plan (document B) and organizational structure (document C) were developed during the conference and presented for comment to conference attendees with involvement by co-chairs, planning committee members, rapporteurs, facilitators/moderators, and interested stakeholders. In order for the development process to remain transparent and participatory, a post-conference draft MC4 Action Plan was made available through the conference portal for public comment through July 31, 2012.

Guidance of the development of both the Action Plan and organizational structure falls to the Council for Watershed Health as founders of the conference.

- Task: Put out a call for invited papers for the report. CWH will take the lead.
- Task: Notes on conference developments will be compiled by volunteer note takers placed in all of the working group and thematic sessions. Resulting reports may be augmented by notes taken by individuals involved in the development process. Outputs will be posted on the conference portal. – **TASK COMPLETED.**

Conference Recommendations (Document A)

In order to disseminate findings from the conference, conveners, co-chairs, and selected participants should contribute to the drafting of a technical report/paper summation of the adaptation strategies produced during the conference. Further writing should be expected should the paper summation lead to funding for a proceedings book. As conference founders and conveners, CWH will act as editor.

Action Plan (Document B)

An outline for the Action Plan was drafted prior to the conference and presented to conference participants on Monday, June 25, 2012. Participants were encouraged to provide their



feedback/comments through the conference portal. Comments closed on Tuesday, June 26 at 5 pm PST, whereupon Conveners, co-chairs,



and planning committee members incorporated the comments into the final draft version. On Wednesday, June 27, Nancy L.C. Steele, Executive Director of the Council for Watershed Health, presented finalized text during the final session of the conference.

Upon the close of comments for the post-conference MC4 Commitment to Action draft at July 31, 2012 at 5 pm PST, CWH amended for public comment. The final version of the MC4 Commitment to Action was made available on the conference portal on **August 2, 2012**. Core members of the MC4, with CWH in a leadership role, will continue working over the next year on adoption and action.

Proposed Core Content of Action Plan

1. Related to the organizational structure of the MC4:
 - 1.1. As conference founders and inaugural conveners, the Council for Watershed Health will establish an organizational steering committee of the MC4, comprised of current participants, selected experts, and (confirmed) 2014 host. As conference founder and developer, CWH should remain in the leadership role for future conferences as sitting co-chair. CWH should also manage the solicitation and selection process for future conference hosts.
 - Members include:
 - Academic institutions
 - Cities and government institutions
 - Individual experts from civil society
 - Businesses/Corporations
 - A plan and/or sub-committee dedicated to pursuing funding
 - A mission statement.
 - A “brochure” or statement of conference outcomes.
 - 1.2. Establish a network of representatives drawn from the five Mediterranean-climate region (board or council) that oversee the MC4 and future conferences:
 - Mediterranean Basin – 2 representatives
 - California—2 representatives
 - Australia – 1 representative
 - South Africa – 1 representative
 - Chile – 1 representative
 - 1.3. Develop instruments for municipalities without a direct mandate to engage in MC4
2. Related to Adaptation Strategies:
 - 2.1. Improve the availability and accessibility of tools and resources to stakeholders in Mediterranean-climate regions.
 - 2.1.1. A database of climate adaptation plans or climate initiatives.
 - 2.1.2. Guidance documents for cities, organizations, companies, etc.

2.1.3. A list of cities in the Mediterranean-climate regions involved in adaptation.

2.1.4. A list of existing networks of cities.

2.2. Promote integrated plans that combine adaptation and mitigation to local administrations to plan for climate change.

2.2.1. Convene public discussions around integrated planning. Discussants may include:

2.2.1.1. Municipal representative

2.2.1.2. Academic Institution or Foundation

2.2.1.3. Informed member of the public

2.3. Increase the number of cities involved in climate adaptation planning

2.3.1. Create a pilot program in one or more regions to support a number of two-day workshops for selected cities that provides a technical presentation about the need and added value of municipal adaptation programs.

2.4. Ensure that city and regional/network-of-cities are represented at provincial, national, and super-regional level meetings, including the UNFCCC debates on Climate Change Policy.

2.5. Ensure collaboration among MC4 to provide local assistance to members

2.5.1. "friend letters" to local, regional, or national officials

2.5.2. support MC4 members requests local, regional, or national officials to take action

3. Give mandate to the 2014 conference committee for the next conference:

- 2014 conference host center
- Conference originator (CWH)
- Selected experts
- Volunteers

Tasks in the Action Plan

Operational tasks support the actions outlined in the Action Plan. As with the Action Plan, individual tasks were drafted in a participatory and transparent manner by the conference committee and co-chairs, and were then modified with input from conference participants. Any interested stakeholders may continue to indicate their interest in participating in the MC4 network as a candidate for the tasks listed by contacting CWH. CWH, conference co-chairs, and active planning committee members may volunteer or be requested to accept responsibility for tasks and official acceptance. Formal commitment to accept responsibility for the tasks will be confirmed in writing with an official letter of agreement.

Proposed Tasks

1.1.1 Improve technical tools

One Academic center takes the responsibility of compiling and periodically updating:

- A database of climate adaptation plans or climate initiatives.
- Guidance documents for cities, organizations, companies, etc.
- A list of cities in the Mediterranean-climate regions involved in adaptation.

- A list of existing networks of cities.

1.2.1 Promote integrated climate adaptation and mitigation planning.

Convene public discussions around integrated planning. Discussants may include:

- Municipal representative
- Academic Institution or Foundation
- Informed member of the public

1.3.1 Increase the number of cities involved in climate adaptation planning.

Create a pilot program in one or more regions to support a number of two-day workshops for selected cities that provides a technical presentation about the need and added value of municipal adaptation programs.

1.4.1 Ensure Cities of the MC4 Network (with involvement from non-municipal members) will collaborate with other networks of cities to represent local climate action interests at provincial, national, and super-regional level meetings, including the UNFCCC debates on Climate Change Policy.

MC4 Network Structure

To ensure the continuity of both the conference and the network of Mediterranean-climate experts, conference stakeholders will develop a structure to ensure planning for the next conference is in line with The Mediterranean City objectives. This will include developing:

1. A steering committee of the MC4 comprising current participants, selected experts, and (confirmed) 2014 host. As conference founder and developer, CWH should remain in the leadership role for future conferences as sitting co-chair. CWH should also manage the solicitation and selection process for future conference hosts.
 - 1.1. A plan and/or sub-committee dedicated to pursuing funding for the conference.
2. A mission statement.
3. A “brochure” or statement of conference outcomes.

2.2.1 Identify organizational entities to act as representatives of the five Mediterranean-climates.

- *Candidates for Mediterranean Basin –*
- *Candidates for California—*
- *Candidates for Australia –*
- *Candidates for South Africa, South America –*

2.3.1 Identify 2014 conference committee

Host Candidates:

Conference Co-Chair Candidate: CWH

Others: All entities identified in previous tasks.