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A call for papers on: "Climate and Cities"

We invite global contributions for a first-ever book on an important topic, provisionally entitled "**Climate and Cities**", to be edited by **Dr Kenny Tang** (and one other).

RATIONALE

More than half of the global population now lives in urban areas. Urban migration is proceeding at a faster pace than before. The shift in energy, building and transport requirements that has resulted from this population concentration also means that cities are the areas where the highest percentage of human produced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions is generated - they are responsible for 80% of all GHG emissions. More than 75% of all energy on the planet is consumed in cities and urban areas.

Cities and local authorities hold tremendous power, leverage and resources to influence both the causes of climate change and the solutions to advance climate protection. Such a concentration of resources in cities is an invaluable weapon in the fight against climate change. The onus consequently falls on them to take responsibility and provide leadership, direction and implement practical initiatives to the communities and citizens they represent - towards a sustainable future, addressing climate change protection, mitigation and adaptation. Cities are also in a great position to lead so that others might follow.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We would therefore like to invite contributions - individual city or local authority case studies or broader conceptual and analytical pieces - on the following topics:

- The economic or regulatory/policy drivers - or policy actions at the local, national, regional or global level - for cities and local authorities to take action to reduce their emissions, and the financial and strategic outcomes that have been achieved in terms of emissions reductions, infrastructure development, building regulations, transport projects, quality of air, etc.
- NGO or other stakeholders' efforts - partnerships, campaigns, public policy lobbying - to encourage, stimulate or drive changes in GHG emissions, and the relationship between these activities and public policy efforts directed towards the same goal.
- Individual or collective initiatives by cities and local authorities directed at managing GHG emissions, including discussion of the motivations for action, the actions taken, the GHG emissions reductions achieved, financial implications of taking action, and the wider impact on the community.
- The manner in which cities and local authorities' responses (compliance with national targets, voluntary commitments, efforts to enhance green image, local activists or NGOs) have influenced the shape of the policy response.
- How cities and local authorities have partnered with businesses to drive changes in greenhouse gas emissions, energy infrastructure, etc., and the financial implications of

such projects through economic development and new local jobs through investments in locally produced energy products.

- Transport, energy, building projects, clean air, waste, waste-to-energy, water, health, sustainable development, major infrastructure projects, etc. affecting cities and local authorities.

The above themes are by no means complete and exhaustive, and contributions on other relevant topics and themes of interest will also be considered. Given the intended policy, practical and managerial nature of the publication, contributions from academics, practitioners in businesses, social entrepreneurs, NGOs, local authorities, cities and governments are very welcome. This is an attempt to develop a global comprehensive understanding of this area of interest, and as such welcomes submissions based on a variety of approaches.

Conceptual papers should be between 5,000 and 8,000 words and case studies of cities and local authorities between 3,000 and 5,000 words in length.

SCHEDULE

The deadline for abstract submission is 26 October 2007.

Contributors will be informed of the acceptance of their abstracts as soon as possible, and in any case by 31 October 2007. Acceptance of an abstract does not guarantee publication.

Draft chapters are to be delivered for review by 15 November 2007.

Final, revised versions of all chapters (of acceptable quality) are required by 15 December 2007.

The planned date of publication of the book (coinciding with a major international conference) is May 2008.

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