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Travel Expense Form

Mayor's Office

DEC 13 2023

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LaToya Cantrell
Name of Employee

December 13, 2023
Date

Office of the Mayor
Department

Mayor
Title

Travel To: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
City, State

Period: 11/30/2023 to 12/07/2023
Date Date

Purpose: COP28 Local Climate Action Summit

(1) Expense (Note if expenses are supported by attached receipts)	Amount
Transportation: PAID BY USCM - Globetrotter Travel [United Airlines & Emirates]	\$ 14,877.00
Lodging: PAID BY USCM - Atlantis The Royal	\$ 10,099.60
Meals: Per Diem	\$ 1,297.50
Tips:	\$
Taxi Cabs:	\$
Other Expenses: Luncheon Meeting	\$ 84.42
(2) Total Expenses	\$ 26,230.00

I, LaToya Cantrell, certify that this travel expense account is correct, that the travel was performed on the dates specified for official business only, and that the expenses were for official business.

[Signature]
Submitting Employee's Signature

APPROVED: N/A
Signature of Appointing Authority

APPROVED: [Signature] FOR
Chief of Staff

APPROVED: [Signature]
Gilbert A. Montano
Chief Administrative Officer

(3) AMOUNT ADVANCE ON VOUCHER NO. _____ DATED _____ \$ 24,976.60
 (4) LESS: Total expenses reported in Line 2 above: \$ 26,358.52
 (5) DIFFERENCE: \$ **1,381.92**

Excess of line 3 over 4 deposited as per copy of Receiving Warrant No. _____ attached.
 SHOULD LINE 4 EXCEED LINE 3 ABOVE, EXPLAIN IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW:

Reimbursement requested for additional funds in connection with expenses in excess of Advance in the Amount \$ _____ requested on Public Voucher Number _____ Dated _____.


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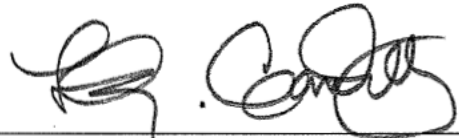
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Travel Authorization Form

- 1.) Name of Employee: LaToya Cantrell, Mayor
- 2.) Name of Department: Office of the Mayor
- 3.) Purpose of Travel: COP28 Local Climate Action Summit
- 4.) Destination: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 5.) Number of Days in Travel Status: Eight (8) Days
- 6.) Source of Funds: United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) and General Funds
- 7.) Itinerary while in Travel Status:

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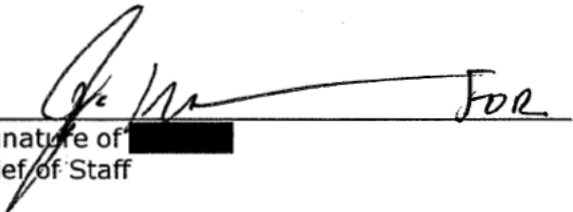
Date	Location	Telephone Number
November 30 - December 7, 2023	Atlantis The Royal Crescent Road East Palm Jumeriah Dubai United Arab Emirates	



Signature of Employee

N/A

Signature of Appointing Authority



Signature of
Chief of Staff



Gilbert A. Montano
Chief Administrative Officer

Check One: Approved Disapproved

Mayor's Office

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LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Mail: P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821

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**COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION, LODGING AND/OR TRANSPORTATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1115.2, any public servant who accepts complimentary admission, lodging, or transportation, or reimbursement for such expenses shall file a certification with the Board of Ethics **WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER SUCH ACCEPTANCE.**

Agency Head Certification (to be completed prior to event attendance):

By my signature below, I, Gilbert Montano, (agency head printed name)

- Certify that the Public Servant's acceptance of the complimentary admission, lodging and transportation, or reimbursement of such expense (check applicable box)
 - is of direct benefit to the agency or
 - will enhance the knowledge or skill of the Public Servant as it relates to the performance of his public service.
- Approve the Public Servant's acceptance of the complimentary admission, lodging and transportation, or reimbursement of such expense.

AGENCY HEAD'S SIGNATURE: 

CERTIFICATION DATE: 11 / 22 / 2023

PUBLIC SERVANT'S FULL NAME: LaToya Cantrell

ADDRESS: 1300 Perdido Street, Rm 2E04

CITY, STATE, ZIP: New Orleans, LA 70112

POSITION TITLE: Mayor

EMPLOYING AGENCY: City of New Orleans

DATE OF EVENT: November 30 - December 7, 2023

LOCATION: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE OF PUBLIC SERVANT'S ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION, LODGING AND/OR REASONABLE TRANSPORTATION:

COP28 Local Climate Action Emirates

PERSON/ORGANIZATION PROVIDING

ADMISSION, LODGING, AND/OR TRANSPORTATION: United States Conference of Mayors

AMOUNT EXPENDED/REIMBURSED ON PUBLIC SERVANT

ADMISSION: \$ 0

LODGING: \$ 10,099.⁶⁰

TRANSPORTATION: \$ 14,877.⁰⁰

Public Servant Attestation:

By my signature below, the above provided information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

PUBLIC SERVANT'S SIGNATURE: 

DATE: November 20, 2023

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS - BRASS
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTING

REQUEST FOR PAYMENT VOUCHER - VENDOR/NON-VENDOR

X

Check

ACH

Wire

Credit Card

PO#: _____

BANK NAME: _____

INVOICE#: _____

ABA ROUTING#: _____

VENDOR# or NON-VENDOR#: _____

ACCOUNT TYPE/TITLE: _____

VENDOR or PAYEE NAME: LaToya Cantrell

ADDRESS: 1300 Perdido St, Suite 2E04

ACCOUNT# _____

City, State, ZIP New Orleans, LA 70112

* Wire Request should be received by Treasury before 12:00 PM to be processed on the day of receipt. It is the responsibility of the requestor to secure and ensure the receiving bank information is correct.

RECEIVER# _____

ACCT LN#:	FUND	DEPT	APP UNIT	OBJ/REV SOURCE	PROJECT/ GRANT	ACCT CATEGORY	FUND SOURCE	AMOUNT	P/F
01	1000		200	6002040				\$1,381.92	
02									
03									
04									
TOTAL:								\$1,381.92	

COMM LN#:	QUANTITY INVOICE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST ON INVOICE	AMOUNT	P/F
01	1	travel reimbursement		\$1,381.92	
02					
03					
04					
TOTAL:				\$1,381.92	

REASON FOR REQUEST: COP28 Local Climate Action Summit - Dubai, United Arab Emirates [Nov 30-Dec 7, 2023]

When the issuance of a check is not appropriate and it is deemed necessary to issue a wire transfer, the request shall be supported by full and adequate documentation and objective.

REQUESTOR/PAYEE SIGNATURE [Signature]

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Office of the Mayor

REQUEST DATE : 12/13/23

DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT:

SIGNATURE: [Signature] DATE: 12/28/23

NAME AND TITLE: Fiscal Manager

ACCOUNTING REVIEW

APPROVAL SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____

WIRE INSTURCTIONS

PAYMENT ID #

FROM BANK NAME: _____	BANK ACCOUNT # _____
PROCESSED BY: _____	PROCESSED DATE: _____

Globetrotter Travel Management Services, Inc.
 18121 Georgia Avenue, Suite 104
 Olney, Maryland 20832
 301-570-0800

U.S. Conference Of Mayors
 1620 Eye St. N.W.
 4th Floor
 Washington DC 20006
 E-Mail: tjackson@usmayors.org

Sale Invoice No: 453313
 Date Issued: 11/8/2023
 Agent: Glenn Harris

Traveler Type	Ticket/Conf No	Department	Depart Date	Return Date	Remarks	Total Fare
From	To	Airline/Vendor Flight	A/L Depart		Arrive	
Cantrell/Latoya Wilder			11/8/2023			
Service Fee	0858091609	Service Fees ARC				45.00
Cantrell/Latoya Wilder			11/8/2023			
Service Fee	0858091610	Service Fees ARC				45.00
Cantrell/Latoya Wilder			11/30/2023	12/1/2023		
Dom. Air	0858091607	United Airlines				7,328.50
MSY New Orleans	IAH Houston	6346 UA	11/30/2023 2:10 PM		11/30/2023 3:39 PM	
IAH Houston	DXB Dubai	212 EK	11/30/2023 7:10 PM		12/1/2023 7:45 PM	
Cantrell/Latoya Wilder			12/7/2023	12/7/2023		
Intl Air	0858091608	Emirates				7,458.50
DXB Dubai	IAH Houston	211 EK	12/7/2023 9:45 AM		12/7/2023 4:20 PM	
IAH Houston	MSY New Orleans	1184 UA	12/7/2023 6:40 PM		12/7/2023 7:52 PM	

Payments Applied To This Invoice					
	Received	11/8/2023	Pymt For Inv #453313		-7,328.50
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	Received	11/8/2023	Pymt For Inv #453313		-45.00
					-14,877.00

Invoice Total 14,877.00
 Payment Total -14,877.00
 Balance Due 0.00

30 NOV 2023 ▶ 07 DEC 2023 TRIP TO DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMI

PREPARED FOR
CANTRELL/LATOYA WILDER



GLOBETROTTER TRAVEL MGMT. SERVICES
301-570-0800
TRAVEL@GLOBETROTTERMGMT.COM
TRAVEL CONSULTANT 6G

RESERVATION CODE **CELQKF**
AIRLINE RESERVATION CODE **D4WJJK (UA), D38ZT6 (EK)**



DEPARTURE: THURSDAY 30 NOV Please verify flight times prior to departure

**UNITED AIRLINES
UA 6346**

Operated by:
/MESA AIRLINES DBA UNITED EXPRESS

Duration:
1hr(s) 29min(s)

Cabin:
First

Status:
Confirmed

MSY NEW ORLEANS, LA	IAH HOUSTON GEO BUSH, TX	Aircraft: Air
Departing At: 2:10pm	Arriving At: 3:39pm	Distance (in Miles): 305
Terminal: Not Available	Terminal: TERMINAL B	Meals: No Meal Service

Passenger Name:
» CANTRELL/LATOYA WILDER

Seats:
Check-In Required



DEPARTURE: THURSDAY 30 NOV ▶ ARRIVAL: FRIDAY 01 DEC

Please verify flight times prior to departure

**EMIRATES
EK 0212**

Duration:
14hr(s) 35min(s)

Cabin:
Business

Status:
Confirmed

IAH HOUSTON GEO BUSH, TX	DXB DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMI	Aircraft: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A380-800 JET
Departing At: 7:10pm (Thu, Nov 30)	Arriving At: 7:45pm (Fri, Dec 1)	Distance (in Miles): 8168
Terminal: TERMINAL D INTERNATIONAL	Terminal: TERMINAL 3	Meals: Meals

Passenger Name:
» CANTRELL/LATOYA WILDER

Seats:
Check-In Required



DEPARTURE: THURSDAY 07 DEC Please verify flight times prior to departure

**EMIRATES
EK 0211**

Duration:
16hr(s) 35min(s)

Cabin:
Business

Status:
Confirmed

DXB DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMI	IAH HOUSTON GEO BUSH, TX	Aircraft: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A380-800 JET
Departing At: 9:45am	Arriving At: 4:20pm	Distance (in Miles): 8168
Terminal: TERMINAL 3	Terminal: TERMINAL E	Meals: Meals

Passenger Name:
» CANTRELL/LATOYA WILDER

Seats:
Check-In Required



DEPARTURE: THURSDAY 07 DEC Please verify flight times prior to departure

**UNITED AIRLINES
UA 1184**

Duration:
1hr(s) 12min(s)

Cabin:
First

Status:
Confirmed

IAH HOUSTON GEO BUSH, TX	MSY NEW ORLEANS, LA	Aircraft: BOEING 737-900 JET
Departing At: 6:40pm	Arriving At: 7:52pm	Distance (in Miles): 305
Terminal: TERMINAL C	Terminal: Not Available	Meals: No Meal Service

Passenger Name:
» CANTRELL/LATOYA WILDER

Seats:
Check-In Required

OTHER: THURSDAY 22 FEB

OTHER

Status:
Confirmed

WAS WASHINGTON, DC	
Information:	

Notes

CONFIRMATION CODE WITH UNITED AIRLINES D4WJJK

CONFIRMATION CODE WITH EMIRATES AIRLINES D38ZT6

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Gloria Smith

From: Sharmaine N. Russ
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 10:51 AM
To: Gloria Smith
Subject: Fw: Atlantis The Royal, Dubai - Dec 1, 2023 (Itinerary # 72691973227449)

Hotel info for Dubai below

Sharmaine Russ

Executive Office Director

Office of Mayor LaToya Cantrell

City of New Orleans | 1300 Perdido Street | Suite 2E04 | New Orleans, LA 70112

Sharmaine.Russ@nola.gov | 504.658.4946 (o) | 504.658.4938 (f)

From: Expedia TAAP US <noreply@expediataap.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 10:48 AM
To: Sharmaine N. Russ <Sharmaine.Russ@nola.gov>
Subject: Atlantis The Royal, Dubai - Dec 1, 2023 (Itinerary # 72691973227449)

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This TAAP Itinerary was sent from Michael Buttner. If you have access to this account, you can view the most up-to-date version.

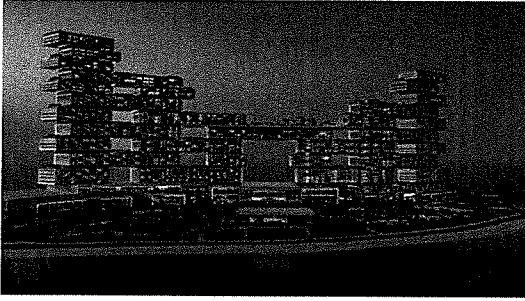
Atlantis The Royal, Dubai

Dec 1, 2023 - Dec 7, 2023

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Hotel overview



Atlantis The Royal

Crescent Road East, Palm Jumeirah,
Dubai United Arab Emirates

[View hotel Map and directions](#)

Reservation dates

Dec 1, 2023 - Dec 7, 2023

Itinerary

72691973227449

Confirmation

9063SE041385

Check-in and Check-out

Check-in time

3:00 PM

Check-out time

noon

Check-in policies

Check-in time starts at 3:00 PM

Check-in time ends at anytime

Minimum check-in age is: 21

If a late check-in is planned, contact this property directly for their late check-in policy.

Special instructions

Front desk staff will greet guests on arrival.

Room

Guests

Reserved for latyoa cantrell

1 adult

Confirmation

9063SE041385

Room

Room, 1 King Bed (Palmscape)

Included amenities

Free Wireless Internet, Free amusement park access for 2 per day

Room requests

1 King Bed

Non-smoking room

Price summary

Price breakdown

Room price: \$10,055.50

6 nights: \$1,368.09 avg./night

12/1/2023: \$1,526.00

12/2/2023: \$1,526.00

12/3/2023: \$1,289.14

12/4/2023: \$1,289.14

12/5/2023: \$1,289.14

12/6/2023: \$1,289.14

Taxes: \$1,846.94

Subtotal: \$10,055.50

Collected by TAAP

Due at property: \$44.10

City/local tax: \$11.43

Tourism fee: \$32.67

Total: \$10,099.60

Unless specified otherwise, rates are quoted in US dollars.

Additional hotel fees

The below fees and deposits only apply if they are not included in your selected room rate.

You'll be asked to pay the following charges at the property:

- New Year's Eve (31 December) Gala Dinner per adult: AED 7000
- New Year's Eve (31 December) Gala Dinner per child: AED 4500 (from 4 to 13 years old)
- A tax is imposed by the city: AED 7 per accommodation, per night
- Tourism fee: AED 20 per accommodation, per night

We have included all charges provided to us by the property.

The price shown above DOES NOT include any applicable hotel service fees, charges for optional incidentals (such as minibar snacks or telephone calls), or

Per Diem Calculation: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Mayor LaToya Cantrell

COP28 Local Climate Action Summit [November 30 - December 7, 2023]

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total
11/30/23	First Day of Travel (75%) LESS MEALS PROVIDED				129.75
12/01/23	26.00	43.00	69.00	35.00	173.00
12/02/23	26.00	43.00	69.00	35.00	173.00
12/03/23	26.00	43.00	69.00	35.00	173.00
12/04/23	26.00	43.00	69.00	35.00	173.00
12/05/23	26.00	43.00	69.00	35.00	173.00
12/06/23	26.00	43.00	69.00	35.00	173.00
12/07/23	Last Day of Travel (75%) LESS MEALS PROVIDED				129.75
				Total:	1,297.50



**Foreign Per Diem Rates In U.S. Dollars
DSSR 925**

**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Dubai
Publication Date: 11/01/2023**

Country Name	Post Name	Season Begin	Season End	Maximum Lodging Rate	M & IE Rate	Maximum Per Diem Rate	Footnote	Effective Date
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Dubai	01/01	12/31	383	173	556	View	03/01/2023

Find M&IE breakdown by meal for foreign and outside the continental U.S. (OCONUS) travel

Deductions to M&IE rates for localities in both nonforeign areas and foreign areas shall be allocated as shown in this table. For information as to where to access per diem rates for various types of Government travel, please consult the table in [301-11.6](#).

Filter results

M&IE Rate (\$) ¹	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals
170	26	42	68	34
171	26	43	68	34
172	26	43	69	34
173	26	43	69	35
174	26	44	69	35
175	26	44	70	35
176	26	44	71	35
177	27	44	71	35
178	27	45	71	35
179	27	45	72	35

Showing 1 to 265 of 265 entries

¹ For M&IE rates greater than \$265, allocate 15%, 25%, and 40% of the total to breakfast, lunch, and dinner, respectively. The remainder is the incidental expense allowance.

Luncheon Meeting

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للاورة الضريبية

****Tax Invoice****

Al Fanar Restaurant & Cafe
Expo City Dubai
Tel : 04 2341258
TRN : 100235572300003

Pre-Receipt

Bill: 0000P0069000000568

Sales DINE-IN

Staff: James

Date: 12/05/23 1:30

Table: 68

Description	Amount
Chicken Biryani	75.00
برياني دبي	
Chicken Machboos	75.00
محبوس دبي	
Shrimp Biryani	90.00
برياني روبيان	
Water - Large	15.00
ماء كبير	
Crispy Calamari	55.00
نقر ملاي	
Total	310.00

Total:

VAT%	Net. Amt	VAT	Amount
B 5	295.24	14.76	310.00

VAT RegNo.: 100235572300003

*****THANK YOU*****

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info@alfanarrestaurant.com

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384.42 usd

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Convert AED to USD

Please provide values below to convert AED [United Arab Emirates Dirham] to USD [United States Dollar], or *vice versa*.

From:	<input type="text" value="310.00"/>	AED
To:	<input type="text" value="84.416910613"/>	USD
	<input type="button" value="Convert"/>	<input type="button" value="Clear"/>
Result: 310.00 AED = 84.416910613 USD		

based on the Dec. 14, 2023 11:0:0 exchange rate from [openexchangerates.org](#).

AED to USD Conversion Table

AED [United Arab Emirates Dirham]	USD [United States Dollar]
0.01 United Arab Emirates Dirham	0.0027231261 United States Dollar
0.1 United Arab Emirates Dirham	0.0272312615 United States Dollar
1 United Arab Emirates Dirham	0.2723126149 United States Dollar
2 United Arab Emirates Dirham	0.5446252298 United States Dollar
3 United Arab Emirates Dirham	0.8169378446 United States Dollar
5 United Arab Emirates Dirham	1.3615630744 United States Dollar
10 United Arab Emirates Dirham	2.7231261488 United States Dollar
20 United Arab Emirates Dirham	5.4462522976 United States Dollar
50 United Arab Emirates Dirham	13.6156307441 United States Dollar
100 United Arab Emirates Dirham	27.2312614882 United States Dollar
1000 United Arab Emirates Dirham	272.3126148819 United States Dollar

How to Convert AED to USD

October 2023



Mayor LaToya Cantrell
Mayor of New Orleans

Dear Mayor Cantrell,

I am delighted to personally follow up on the invitation you should have received or will receive shortly from the COP President Dr Sultan and Mike Bloomberg to the inaugural Local Climate Action Summit in Dubai on 1-2 December at COP28. If you have not received the invitation already, do let us know.

We have only seven COPs until 2030, and every one is critically important to help the world avoid climate breakdown. This year's COP needs the voices of leading mayors like yourself to keep the attention and focus on urban climate action implementation, to strengthen the ambition of Nationally Determined Contributions and to help phase out fossil fuels and ensure investment in renewable energy.

The COP28 Local Climate Action Summit will be a first-of-its-kind gathering, taking place in the UN Blue Zone with member states, to recognize the critical role local leaders play in reducing emissions, addressing climate risk, and supercharging national efforts to move further and faster on climate progress. Hosted by the COP28 Presidency and Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Summit aims to bring together hundreds of national and subnational climate leaders to transform climate finance, enhance global action, fast-track the energy transition, and strengthen resilience and adaptation at the local level.

The significance of this cannot be underestimated so your presence will be a crucial opportunity to secure greater support for city climate action, including pushing to secure finance that is fit for purpose for cities. It is a chance for city leaders and a coalition of the willing to present the united front needed to keep 1.5°C alive, achieve a just transition and continue delivering on inclusive climate action.

Besides the Local Climate Action Summit, other key C40 events across COP28 include but are not limited to:

- The second UN Habitat led **Urban and Climate Ministerial**, bringing together mayors and ministers to discuss urban climate issues, building on the outcomes of the first ministerial that was hosted last year at COP27 (by invitation only)
- **Key sectorally focused events on water, food and energy**
- **C40 Steering Committee meeting** (for C40 Steering Committee mayors only)
- **Bilaterals** with other C40 delegation mayors, and key stakeholders including ministers, sub-national leaders, climate leaders, CEOs and investors.

C40 Cities

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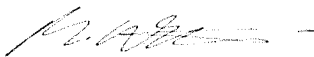
- **Other speaking opportunities** through C40 partners and stakeholders, including but not limited to the ICLEI Pavilion, the Bloomberg Pavilion, the We Mean Business Pavilion, National Pavilions and the New York Times Climate Hub.
- **Media opportunities:** We will engage with top-tier global print and broadcast media outlets to secure interviews to showcase C40 mayors' global climate leadership. We will also look into possible op-ed opportunities in advance of COP28.

Your presence at COP28 also means being able to showcase your city's distinct priorities and important climate work on the global stage. This is why C40 is working to unlock speaking opportunities for our mayors at events related to Loss & Damage, sustainable food and climate, zero emission freight, green shipping, resilience and adaptation, and more. Our dedicated team & your Regional Director will be in touch on what these opportunities could look like for your city.

I very much look forward to the chance of welcoming you at COP28 and to supporting you to ensure that this milestone moment showcases your personal dedication to climate action and brave leadership.

Please let us know if you will be attending **COP28 in person by 31 October 2023** and direct any questions to cop28@c40.org and copy your C40 Regional Director.

Best regards,



Mark Watts
C40 Cities, Executive Director

C40 Cities

120 Park Avenue, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10017, United States

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COP28

COP28 Dubai, UAE 30 Nov - 12 Dec | **C40's World Mayoral Delegation at COP28 will show the world how cities are delivering fast and fair action to avert climate breakdown, create jobs, and accelerate the just energy transition**

1. COP28 CONTEXT

It is clear from the outcomes of the United Nations Climate Action Summit in September in New York that at the global level the debate around the climate crisis is polarising itself on fossil fuels. At the Summit, C40 and its member cities supported the UNSG's leadership, showing cities are already taking action to cut demand for fossil fuels while creating millions of jobs.

This year's COP will happen in a challenging geopolitical context with the Global Stocktake showing us that the world is still very far off track from achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and at the same time having a presidency that will make it extremely difficult to advance progress on stopping new investments in fossil fuels. Nevertheless, the COP28 Presidency is putting forward a strong platform for subnationals, including recently announcing The COP28 Local Climate Action Summit supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies and the COP28 Presidency, in collaboration with C40, the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), Under 2 Coalition, and ICLEI. The Summit aims to bring together hundreds of subnational climate leaders – mayors, governors, businesses, non-government organisations, and more. Global co-chairs for the Summit are expected to include Xie Zhenhua, Special Envoy for Climate Change of the People's Republic of China and John Kerry, United States Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Change, which provides in itself a renewed hope in multilateral cooperation. While the UAE's leadership at COP28 is controversial, it is also a milestone for both cities and the Global South. For example, the COP28 Presidency recently announced \$4.5 billion in a finance initiative to unlock Africa's clean energy potential.

Demonstrating credibility on inclusive climate action implementation and joining forces with leading national governments and other credible science based climate action organisations will be crucial to positively influence COP. Every COP is increasingly important with only 7 COPs left in this decisive decade and this COP will be an important opportunity to ensure the voices of cities inform negotiations and public debate around them, in particular to obtain better finance for urban climate action including on loss and damage, stronger inclusion of cities in NDCs and therefore better support from national governments on delivering CAPs and stronger partnerships.

Cities are driving a just energy transition, with three-quarters of C40 cities cutting per capita emissions faster than their respective national governments. COP28 will send a strong policy signal that the global financial system needs to be reformed in a manner that takes cities' needs and priorities into account, and that national governments need to

work with cities in the next round of national climate pledges due in 2025. COP28 is an opportunity for national governments to partner with cities to deliver the urgent investment that is needed in cities to scale up the delivery of fast and fair action required to avert climate breakdown, create jobs, and accelerate the just energy transition.

2. C40 OBJECTIVES AT COP28

C40's objectives at COP28 are helping the world get off fossil fuels and addressing the impacts and injustice of climate breakdown. This means focusing on:

- **Greater national government support for city action:** CHAMP (Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships) is an initiative developed with the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCOM), Bloomberg Philanthropies and the COP28 Presidency, which will establish a pact to integrate cities within the NDC process and include subnational governments' projects in our NDC financing plan as priorities with 5+ major countries to be announced at COP28.
- **Securing more finance for city climate action including through Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) reform:** C40 mayors will bring the urban dimension into the dialogue on MDB reform, so it is recognised as a critical issue and opportunity to drive change that will make it easier for cities to access finance for climate action.
- **Coalescing support from national governments and financial institutions** to remove barriers and mobilise finance to support action in three areas: electric buses, methane from waste and ports.
- **Pushing back against fossil fuels expansion:** We aim to win the health and economic argument in the pushback against fossil fuel expansion, including C40's position on opposing gas being labelled as a transition fuel. We will promote research that proves renewable energy costs less, creates more jobs, and generates lower emissions than gas or coal power.
- **Securing finance that is fit for purpose for cities on Adaptation and Loss & Damage:** Cities should have a seat at the table on the dialogue and negotiations around Loss & Damage, as vulnerable populations in urban areas are often most affected. C40 is playing a vital role in helping cities accelerate action to address the life-threatening effects of flooding and drought. Includes the launch of the C40 Water Accelerator.

3. KEY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Travel support is provided to all C40 mayors who attend - please contact cop28@c40.org for more information. In addition, an initial list of key events can be found below.

C40 will provide private briefings to mayors travelling to COP, including on C40's overall strategy and issues relating to the integration of cities into the NDC process, the health

and economic benefits of phasing out fossil gas, climate finance, and urban loss and damage.

Here is the high-level two-week agenda for COP as of today. Key activities currently being organised include the following:

High-Level Events	
Dec 1 & Dec 2	<p>LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT, Dec 1-2 (Blue & Green Zones)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The COP28 <u>Local Climate Action Summit</u> will bring together hundreds of subnational climate leaders to recognise the critical role of local leaders in reducing emissions, addressing climate risk, and supercharging national efforts to move further and faster on climate progress. The summit is supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies and the COP28 Presidency in collaboration with C40, the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), ICLEI, and others.
	<p>SUBNATIONAL CLIMATE ACTION LEADERS' EXCHANGE (SCALE), Dec 1-2 (Blue Zone)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCALE is a platform aimed at accelerating subnational climate action through strengthened multi-level governance. SCALE is focusing on accelerating the Global Methane Pledge, which aims to reduce methane emissions by 30% by 2030.
Dec 3	<p>C40 STEERING COMMITTEE, Dec 3 (morning, likely 11am) (external venue)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Q4 meeting of C40's steering committee. To include guest speakers eg The Club of Rome (TBC)
	<p>FUNDERS BREAKFAST, Dec 3 (external venue)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A chance for mayors and funders to meet and discuss greater support for urban climate action.
Dec 6	<p>URBAN AND CLIMATE MINISTERIAL, Dec 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second Urban and Climate Ministerial, convened by UN Habitat, will convene Ministers of Housing, Urban Development, Environment and/or Finance, local and regional leaders, financial institutions, and relevant non-government stakeholders to jointly discuss policy actions and finance measures across key sectors for sustainable urbanisation.

Other events	
Dec 3	<p>LOSS AND DAMAGE EVENT, Scottish Pavilion (TBC) (Blue Zone)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-hosted by C40 and the Scottish Government, this event will put the urban dimension of loss and damage on the agenda at COP, showcasing mayoral leadership while highlighting challenges faced by local authorities. Includes the launch of C40's thought leadership piece on loss and damage.
Dec 6	<p>ENERGY TRANSITION EVENT, WHO Pavilion, 11.15am-12.30pm (TBC) (Blue Zone)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C40-led side event on the health benefits of phasing out fossil fuels, in partnership with Wellcome Trust, Climate Crisis Advisory Group (CCAG), and the International Energy Agency (IEA) during the first-ever Health Day at COP28.
	<p>ZERO EMISSION FREIGHT PANEL, (TBC) (Blue Zone)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel event in partnership with The Climate Pledge, on the decarbonization of

	<p>urban freight. Will bring together city officials, EV manufacturers, workers' organisations and logistics firms to accelerate investment in and deployment of urban freight vehicles.</p>
	<p>GREEN SHIPPING EVENT, Singapore Pavilion (TBC) (Blue Zone)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations and panel discussions on the Maritime Green Transition, with C40 co-presenting an update on the implementation of the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Singapore Green and Digital Shipping Corridor.
	<p>FOOD SYSTEMS EVENT, (TBC) (Green Zone)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-led with ICLEI, this event will showcase city leadership on sustainable food systems, and call for accelerated action. Working with the Transforming Urban-Rural Food Systems Consortium (TURFS) and linked to the Food Systems Coordination Network, the event aims to raise \$100m to deliver action.
	<p>LAUNCH OF THE C40 CITIES WATER ACCELERATOR, (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An event to showcase the key targets of the Water Accelerator and a key moment for signatories of the accelerator.
Dec 8	<p>URBAN CLIMATE COOPERATION DIALOGUE (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In partnership with the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, this event will showcase the collaborative efforts of cities, particularly South-South cities, in addressing the challenges of climate change.
Dec 10	<p>FOOD SYSTEMS EVENT, (TBC)</p>
	<p>BILATERALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilaterals with other C40 delegation mayors, and key stakeholders including ministers, climate leaders, CEOs and investors. <p>OTHER SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities with C40 partners and stakeholders, including but not limited to the ICLEI Pavilion, the Bloomberg Pavilion, the We Mean Business Pavilion, National Pavilions, and the New York Times Climate Hub. <p>MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will engage with top-tier global print and broadcast media outlets to secure interviews showcasing C40 mayors' global climate leadership. We will also look into possible op-ed opportunities in advance of COP28.

