

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT*



Tokyo Local Renewables and Climate 2009

An International Conference on Local Renewable Energy and Climate Policy

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Tokyo, Japan

Organized by:

**Tokyo Metropolitan Government
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This conference will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about local policy approaches to promoting renewable energy and reducing greenhouse-gas emissions. It will feature local officials and experts from Japan and from cities around the world, exchanging views and experience.

The conference will result in greater understanding by both Japanese and international participants of innovative local climate policy approaches. It will address a variety of policy approaches and implementation challenges.

The conference will also produce a "Tokyo Declaration" that will be brought to the Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors in December 2009 as part of COP-15. And the conference will contribute to an international pledge process for local action in collaboration with the REN21 Renewable Energy Policy Network.

The conference is organized as part of the UK-sponsored "MetroCAP" project, which is a collaboration of Japanese local governments to develop and implement local climate policies. (Current partners include Tokyo, Yokohama, Saitama, Kawasaki City, and Kanagawa Prefecture.) The conference will feature dialogue with MetroCAP partners.

The conference will also feature Tokyo's new Climate Change Strategy, which is among the first in the world to implement carbon cap-and-trade at the local/regional level, and which provides a basic 10-year policy framework for reducing carbon emissions. Tokyo's goals by 2020 are to reduce carbon emissions by 25% and to increase the share of renewable energy to 20% of energy use.

There will also be an associated public forum on October 3 (afternoon) to share the results and engage in dialogue with members of the general public. And the conference also takes place in conjunction with an international symposium on environmental model cities in Yokohama on October 5.

* Note that conference title and organizers/sponsors are still provisional.

