



ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

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History and Origin of ICLEI



- ICLEI – International Council for Local Environmental Initiative
- Established in 1990 at UN. Worldwide membership.(over 1200, 70 countries)
- Official name: ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability
- ICLEI USA (www.icleiusa.org) has over 600 members
- A membership association of local governments

Goals

- Advance climate protection, adaptation and sustainable development

“Build, serve, and drive a movement of local governments to advance deep reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and achieve tangible improvements in local sustainability”

Partners, Participants & People

- Membership: cities, towns, counties, planning regions, special service entities, regional planning organizations
- Members are eligible to hold positions, and have access to its tools and services. Need to designate elected official, staff official, and a media liaison. In Florida, over 40 members
- Annual membership dues depends on the size of population served or budget
- ICLEI receives funding from private foundations. Nearly 40 partner organizations

Focus & Actions

- Sustainability:
 - Five milestones (assess, goals, develop a plan, policies, monitor)
 - STAR (sustainability index for local governments)
 - Sustainability Planning Toolkit
- Climate Protection:
 - Greenhouse gas inventory and reduction
 - Climate Resilient Communities
 - Miami-Dade is one of several cities
 - Adaptation Database and Planning Tool (ADAPT)

Products and Outputs

- Five milestones for sustainability, STAR, Cool Mayors, Cities, and Counties, Climate Resilient Communities
- Tools
 - Clean Air & Climate Protection Software
 - Hara Environmental & Energy Management (EEM) Software
 - Climate & Air Pollution Planning Assistant (CAPPA)
 - The Local Government Operations Protocol

Lessons Learned

- Very effective in organizing local government initiatives - “bottom up” strategy
- Website is a useful resource
- Current emphasis appears to be on GHG - Mitigation. Adaptation is beginning to emerge
- PWSU – CIWG need not duplicate any of the above but focus on:
 - Adaptation strategies related to water: conservation, reuse etc.
 - Stormwater drainage systems – impacts and adaptation related to rainfall extremes & sea level rise