

CLIMATE

Why?

Every few months, the world adds a city the size of Singapore. And already today, cities account for three quarters of the planet's greenhouse gas emissions. Cities will be the central actors in future climate change mitigation and adaptation. Given the digital revolution and the sustainability challenges, we now have to reinvent the way cities are built and operated, and how cities can contribute to the solutions for humanity's existential problems. In the past, we had

two main ways of addressing such issues: nation states (and their organization in the United Nations), and global corporations. Both have not managed to deliver the necessary solutions on time.

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**Second Planning Workshop
11 September 2018
Complexity Science Hub
Vienna, Austria**

What?

We propose a third way of addressing global challenges: through networks of cities (including, of course, the regions around them) that benchmark against each others' sustainability progress and learn from each other by sharing best practices. The Olympic games are held every two years and attract hundreds of millions of viewers worldwide, just to see how people compete in different sportive disciplines. Why not adopt this idea in other areas, such as countering

climate change and fostering sustainability? And how can this format contribute to reaching the United Nations Sustainability Goals, as laid out in the Agenda 2030, the Paris Climate Accords, and elsewhere? The Climate City Olympics could boost innovation globally. Cities and regions around the world would compete for the best environmentally-friendly, energy-efficient, resource-saving, and crisis-proof solutions.

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Who?

Stakeholders of the Climate City Olympics include municipalities, academic institutions, local businesses, NGOs, and citizens. It is essential that urban development is performed collectively. This also increases the identification and support of the people. From the point of view of the citizens, this makes a city “their city.”

Background

A dedicated group of leading visionaries from universities, governments and civil society institutions met in Vienna in May 2018 to brainstorm how to organize the Global Climate City Olympics. You can read their strategy paper here:
<https://tinyurl.com/y9cfeyyv>

When and where?

There will be a second planning meeting on September 11, 2018 at the Complexity Science Hub in Vienna. The aims of this meeting are to gather all relevant stakeholders to work out last details of the strategy, to agree to start a pilot, and to establish an organizing committee.

Registration

We are eager for new minds to join! Please register online here for the second planning workshop:
<https://tinyurl.com/y9sbdo9l>

Up-to-date information

<https://www.csh.ac.at/event/csh-eth-workshop-1st-city-olympics/>

