

| Request for Council's Consideration | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agenda Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday) | <input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor |
| Date of Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 | | |
| Subject: Attend the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Madrid, Spain | | |
| Motion for Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council approve that Councillor Zurawski travel to Madrid, Spain to attend the United Nations Climate Change Conference from December 2-13, 2019 on behalf of the Halifax Regional Municipality. | | |
| Reason: Councillor Zurawski has proposed that the conference is an opportunity for HRM to build relationships with COP25 and its partners, leading to future exploration on how the municipality can leverage and incorporate those relationships into action. Exploring these opportunities may help to support the implementation of Halifact2050. The conference will look at six focus areas, one being, Cities and Local Action. Advancing mitigation and resilience at urban and local levels, with a focus on new commitments on low-emission buildings, mass transport and urban infrastructure; and resilience for the urban poor. The estimated cost of the trip is \$5,030. A copy of the briefing note is attached. | | |
| Outcome Sought: Approval for the Councillor to attend the United Nations Climate Change Conference. | | |
| <i>Councillor Blackburn</i> | <i>District 14</i> | |

Briefing Note – For Information

To: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: November 8, 2019

Title: United Nations Climate Change Conference

ISSUE

Request by Councillor Zurawski to attend the United Nations Climate Change Conference, December 2 to 13, 2019 in Madrid, Spain.

BACKGROUND

The twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP25), also known as the United Nations Climate Change Conference, will be held at IFEMA - Feria de Madrid in Madrid, Spain, from December 2 to 13, 2019. The conference was originally planned for Santiago, Chile but was recently moved to Madrid. The Presidency of the Government of Chile remains the host, but the conference will be held with logistical support from the Government of Spain. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat is working with both the Government of Chile and the Government of Spain to make the necessary arrangements to relocate the conference on short notice, so some conference-specific detail is not yet available.

DISCUSSION

Purpose of COP25

The UN Climate Change Secretariat (the secretariat), using event such as COP25 as a catalyst, aims to promote global climate action in several areas, one of which is:

- Convening climate stakeholders – from governments, **cities**, states, business, civil society and multilateral organizations, to share best practices, facilitate collaboration, and inspire enhanced action around key themes.

The secretariat encourages partnerships with mutually beneficial objectives, and financial or in-kind contribution from all stakeholders, to support the secretariat's work. The financial or in-kind contribution (skills, human resources, tools, technology, materials and equipment) will increase the secretariat's capacity and resources to support developing countries to undertake the transformation required to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, carry out strategic outreach to promote climate action among stakeholders such as the public, cities, regions, business and civil society and to deploy technology and innovation.

In this light, the secretariat welcomes partnership proposals which address one of the six focus areas below:

- Finance: mobilizing public and private sources of finance to drive decarbonization of all priority sectors and advance resilience;
- Energy Transition: accelerating the shift away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy, as well as making significant gains in energy efficiency;
- Industry Transition: transforming industries such as Oil and Gas, Steel, Cement, Chemicals and Information Technology;
- Nature-Based Solutions: Reducing emissions, increasing sink capacity and enhancing resilience within and across forestry, agriculture, oceans and food systems, including through biodiversity conservation, leveraging supply chains and technology;
- **Cities and Local Action: Advancing mitigation and resilience at urban and local levels, with a focus on new commitments on low-emission buildings, mass transport and urban infrastructure; and resilience for the urban poor;**
- Resilience and Adaptation: advancing global efforts to address and manage the impacts and risks of climate change, particularly in those communities and nations most vulnerable.

The six action portfolios have been prioritized by the UN Secretary-General, and are recognized as having high potential to curb greenhouse gas emissions and increased global action on adaptation and resilience. The secretariat places a high priority on developing relationships with cities around the world and has a relationship building mandate not only among cities but also between NGOs and cities. In addition, the secretariat aims to assist in providing financing structures for meeting climate change targets and outcomes.

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Cost Estimates

Accommodations Estimate: \$3,000 - Because of the recent relocation of the conference to Madrid, detailed accommodation information is not yet available on the conference web site. In the meantime, as estimate of accommodation costs in the geographic area of the conference for that period (from a travel web site) is roughly \$3,000 (low of \$2,500 to highs over \$5,000). The actual costs will depend on the type and location of accommodation chosen.

Flight Estimate: \$1,000 - Estimated cost for Flight to Madrid for the period from December 2 to 13 (according to a travel web site) start at a low of approximately \$1,000. This is just an estimate and will change based on specific departure/return dates, timing of flights, stopovers, etc.

Meal Estimate: \$770 – Estimated meal costs are based on the HRM per diem rate - \$55 per day x 14 days = \$770

Conference Registration: \$330 - Estimate is based on initial information provided when the conference was to be hosted in Chile. There is no updated information regarding registration costs on the Madrid web site, so it is assumed that this cost has not changed.

Estimated Total Cost: \$5,030

ATTACHMENTS

- Conference Program Overview. For more information, the link to the Conference Web Site is: <https://unfccc.int/cop25>

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**UN Climate Change Conference
2–13 December 2019
Madrid, Spain**

OVERVIEW SCHEDULE

Twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 25)

Fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 15)

Second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 2)

Fifty-first session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 51)

Fifty-first session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 51)

*This overview schedule aims at helping participants to prepare for the sessions. It should be considered **indicative** and will be updated with new information periodically.*

Once the sessions have started, please consult the Daily Programme and CCTV.

Overview schedule

| Pre-sessional period (25 November – 1 December) | | | | |
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| | Preparatory meetings | Pre-sessional activities ¹ | | |
| | | Mandated activities | | Presidency initiatives |
| 25 November | Least developed countries (LDC) preparatory meetings | 105 th CDM Executive Board | | |
| 26 November | | | | |
| 27 November | African Group preparatory meetings | 105 th CDM Executive Board | 2 nd meeting of the LCIPP FWG | Gender technical workshop by the Presidency** |
| 28 November | Small island developing States (SIDS) preparatory meetings | | | |
| 29 November | G-77 & China preparatory meetings | 2 nd meeting of the KCI | | Gender technical workshop by the Presidency** |
| 30 November | | | | |
| 1 December | | 2019 WIM review event | | |

¹ Venue to be confirmed

Sessional period (2–13 December)

| Week 1 (2-7 December) | TIME | Plenary meetings and meetings of groups of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies | Mandated events and workshops | Presidency events | Other events |
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| Monday, 2 December | 10:00-13:00 | Official opening ceremony Opening plenary meetings of the COP, CMP and CMA | | | |
| | Lunch | | | | Information session on experience with reporting on quantitative information in GHG inventories |
| | 15:00-18:00 | Opening plenary meetings of the SBSTA and SBI Joint COP, CMP, CMA, SBSTA and SBI plenary for statements | Informal discussion on the review of the terms of reference of the CGE (16:00–18:00) | | |
| | Evening | | | | Technology Mechanism event (18:30-20:00) |
| Tuesday, 3 December | 10:00-13:00 | | Earth Information Day | | |
| | Lunch | | Earth Information Day (poster session) Informal Dialogue between representatives of constituted bodies on the three functions of the LCIPP | Launching of the Platform for Science-Based Ocean Solutions (PSBOS) | Information session on training programmes developed and implemented by the UNFCCC secretariat to support the implementation of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol |
| | 15:00-18:00 | | Koronivia workshop | | |
| Wednesday, 4 December | 10:00-13:00 | | Koronivia workshop | | |
| | Lunch | | | Presidency event organized by the Ministry of Science | |

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| | 15:00-18:00 | | Pre-2020 Technical Part | | Joint SBSTA-IPCC special event: Special report on Climate Change and Land (SRCCL) |
| | Evening | | FWG-AC-LEG-NWP joint event on local and indigenous adaptation | | |
| Thursday, 5 December | 10:00-13:00 | | | | Agri-food chain Roundtable* (11:30-13:00) |
| | Lunch | | | High Level Event on Forests** (12:00-15:00) | Intergenerational Inquiry |
| | 15:00-18:00 | | | | Joint SBSTA-IPCC special event: Special report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC) |
| | Evening | | | Launching of the Platform of Latin American and Caribbean Agriculture Climate Action (PLACA) | |
| Friday, 6 December | 10:00-13:00 | | | | Industry Action Event |
| | | | | | Water Action Event |
| | Lunch | | | Panel on NDC Ambition | |
| | 15:00-18:00 | | | | Land Use Action Event Oceans and Coastal Zones Action Event |
| | Evening | | 13 th NWP Focal Point Forum on the topic of oceans (18:00-21:00) | Presidency event organized by the Ministry of Transport** | |
| Saturday, 7 December | 10:00-13:00 | | Multilateral Assessment working group session (Part I) | | Energy Action Event Transport Action Event |
| | Lunch | | | Roundtable UNFCCC, CBD and UNCCD | |
| | 15:00-18:00 | | | | Human Settlements Action Event |
| | Evening | | | | |

| Week 2 (9-13 December) | TIME | Plenary meetings and meetings of groups of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies | Mandated events and workshops | Presidency events | Other events |
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| Monday, 9 December | 10:00-13:00 | | Facilitative Sharing of Views | | SDG 14 & SDG 15 Roundtable (11:30-13:00) |
| | Lunch | | | Presidency event organized by the Ministry of Finance | Engaging the private sector in adaptation action |
| | 15:00-18:00 | Closing plenary of the SBSTA Closing plenary of the SBI (upon completion of the Multilateral Assessment working group session) Joint SBSTA/SBI plenary for statements | Multilateral Assessment working group session (Part II) (15:00–17:00) | | TEC/PCCB dialogue on endogenous capacity and technology (16:30-17:30) |
| | Evening | | | | |
| Tuesday, 10 December | 10:00-13:00 | High-level segment (national statements) | | | Circular economy – Cities and Buildings Roundtable (10:00-11:30) Circular economy – Packaging and business model Roundtable (11:30-13:00) |
| | Lunch | | | Ministerial Dialogue on Adaptation | High-level event on Action for Climate Empowerment |
| | 15:00-18:00 | High-level segment (national statements) | Gender Day | | Resilience Roundtable (15:00-16:30) SDG 6 & SDG 7 Roundtable (16:30-18:00) |
| | Evening | | | Presidency event organized by the Ministry of Energy | |
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| Wednesday, 11 December | 10:00-13:00 | High-level segment (national statements) | Pre-2020 Stocktake: high-level part | | |
| | Lunch | | | | |
| | 15:00-18:00 | High-level segment (national statements) | GCA High-Level Event (15:00-16:30) | | |
| | Evening | | | Presidency event on Ambition | |
| Thursday, 12 December | 10:00-13:00 | | | | |
| | Lunch | | | | |
| | 15:00-18:00 | Closing plenaries of COP, CMP and CMA | | | |

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| | Evening | | | | Twenty-five years of adaptation under the UNFCCC |
| Friday, 13 December | 10:00-13:00 | Closing plenaries of COP, CMP and CMA cont'd | | | |
| | Lunch | | | | |
| | 15:00-18:00 | Closing plenaries of COP, CMP and CMA cont'd | | | |

* Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action events are marked in blue font.

** Event to be confirmed

For meetings of groups of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies please consult the Daily Programme and CCTV.