

To the climate change actors
New York, Climate Week
21-28 September 2015

Subject: invitation to the conference “Under 2° C – Global Climate Leadership: sub-national governments commitment to climate change towards COP21”, Milan October 26, 2015

Dear colleagues,

I’m glad to meet you in the challenging context of the Climate Week in New York! Each one of us is here to bring ideas and learn from the others by sharing his/her own experience and goals in tackling climate change. That’s a great opportunity to learn and improve.

The more we share, the more we succeed. Therefore, to talk over our shared leading role in taking on the climate change challenge, on behalf of Lombardy Region I would like to invite you personally to the conference:

UNDER 2° C
GLOBAL CLIMATE LEADERSHIP: SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS COMMITMENT
TO CLIMATE CHANGE TOWARDS COP21

Monday, October 26, 2015 EXPO Milano 2015

Italian Pavilion Auditorium h 14:30 – 17:00

It would be appreciated if you could take part to the debate among high-level representatives of the sub-national governments and socio-economic actors to present your own initiatives on climate change and position them in the framework of the global agenda.

Moreover, paving the way to further sub-national commitments in Paris, a ceremony for the signature of the “**Global Climate Leadership Memorandum of Understanding – Under 2 MOU**” will be held at the end of the conference. The Under 2 MOU originated from a partnership between California and Baden-Württemberg out of the desire to bring together ambitious states and regions willing to make a number of key commitments towards emissions reduction and to help galvanize action at COP 21. To date, 21 states and provinces in nine countries and four continents have already signed the MOU. Lombardy will join them on this occasion that is open to all the governments which are interested in the same goals towards COP21.

The conference is organized in the framework of EXPO 2015, the Universal Exhibition that Italy hosts in Milan from May 1 to October 31, 2015. “*Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life*” is the core theme of Expo Milano 2015; over this six-month period, Milan becomes a global showcase where more than 140 participating countries show their concrete answers to a vital need: being able to guarantee healthy, safe and sufficient food for everyone, while respecting the Planet and its equilibrium in a changing climate. I would be very pleased if you take the occasion also for visiting the Exhibition.

Looking forward to welcoming you in Milan!

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