



## **ICLEI World Congress 2018, in Montréal**

### **A glance into advances in the sustainable development of cities, towns and regions of the world**

**Montréal, May 29, 2018** – Montréal is preparing to host the ICLEI World Congress 2018, an international event presenting the advances of local and regional governments in terms of sustainable development. From June 19 to June 22, mayors, leaders, researchers, representatives of various organizations and businesses will meet to review their progress and to show that collective action can drive sustainability forward locally, nationally and internationally. During this major gathering, the mayor of Montréal, Valérie Plante, will have the opportunity to discuss with over fifty fellow mayors.

#### **Inspiring speakers**

During the 50 meetings and workshops offered, participants will have the opportunity to hear renowned speakers who promote urban sustainability as part of the greater sustainable development agenda.

- Severn Cullis-Suzuki, Environmental activist, speaker, Canadian television host and author
- Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CDB)
- Ross Douglas, CEO and Founder, Autonomy
- Mark Swiling, Co-Director, Stellenbosch Centre for Complex Systems in Transition
- Laure Waridel, PhD PhD, co-founder of Équiterre, special advisor at Trudel, Johnston, Lespérance (TJL)

#### **Spotlighting the products of Montréal's sustainable development**

On June 21, congress participants will be able to join one of the field trips that will allow for an international outlook on the innovative potential of our local sustainable development:

- The Complexe environnemental de Saint-Michel and Parc Frédéric-Back, a unique metamorphosis
- The Parc du Mont-Royal, a model of protection of iconic natural heritage
- The Outremont site and its bordering areas, a beacon in terms of sustainable development at the heart of the metropolis
- Space for Life, the Botanical Garden and phytoremediation projects
- Montréal – city of sustainable development initiatives, in the heart of downtown
- The Quartier de l'Innovation, an ecosystem of solutions for sustainable development
- The Quartier Sainte-Marie, a process for the improvement of local quality of life
- Green lanes and active transportation – exchanges regarding the experiences of the Verdun and Kahnawake urban beaches
- The Laboratoire Transitoire, a renewed urban factory in Le Sud-Ouest borough

Several measures are implemented in order to make the ICLEI World Congress 2018 an environmentally responsible event. Organizers are seeking to obtain the BNQ 9700-253



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responsible event management certification, which defines criteria regarding best management practices for event organizers.

### **Montréal, host city of the ICLEI World Congress 2018**

Metropolis of Québec and major Canadian city, Montréal is a key pole for innovation and knowledge, and is known for its quality of life and its vibrant blend of cultures and languages. A leader in the field of sustainable development thanks to its determined governance, its policies and its transposable initiatives, Montréal was selected to host the ICLEI World Congress 2018. Having set the ambitious goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80%, by 2050, as part of its 2016-2020 Sustainable Montréal plan, the city seeks to provide fair access to its infrastructures and services as well. This Francophone metropolis of the Americas, also aims to integrate sustainable development principles in all its activities, projects and policies, all while encouraging its partners to follow suit.

ICLEI – Local governments for sustainability is an international organization of more than 1,500 cities, towns and regions committed to building a sustainable future. As a global network, ICLEI represents a point of convergence between local and regional governments worldwide.

**Discover the full programming and register at: [worldcongress2018.iclei.org](http://worldcongress2018.iclei.org)**

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