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Congress participating in local government summit on climate change

Dates: 2 - 4 June 2009

Venue: Copenhagen (Denmark)

Description:

Gaye Doganoglu, Chair of the Committee on Sustainable Development, is currently representing the Congress at the Local Government Climate Change Leadership Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark (2-4 June 2009).

Local and regional authorities from all over the world have gathered at this Summit to underline the key role they play in tackling climate change and to open dialogue with national governments on climate issues.

Together, they will draft a common position to be presented to the UN conference on climate change in Copenhagen in December 2009. While towns and cities are among the biggest polluters in Europe, they are also the most dynamic and innovative partners in efforts to reduce the greenhouse gases that harm the climate. No global climate action plan would succeed unless they were fully involved.

Gaye Doganoglu will speak both at a session on preventing the risks that climate change entails and at the plenary meeting, during the dialogue between national and local government. She will describe the work of the Congress and stress the need for local and regional government activities to be given a proper place in the world climate agreement to follow on from the Kyoto Protocol, in 2012.

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