

## Global states and regions to plan for net-zero emissions by 2050

The Paris Agreement charts a clear path forward for addressing global climate change. We join with the 195 countries around the world that have adopted the Agreement in supporting its goal of limiting the increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, and **pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C.**

For our jurisdictions, this means reducing our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions drastically in the coming decades. As members of the Under2 Coalition, we have committed to limit our GHG emissions by 80 to 95% below 1990 levels, or to 2 annual metric tons of carbon dioxide-equivalent per capita, by 2050.

This is a significant task, requiring a complete transition in our energy systems. It is also a tremendous opportunity to build the kind of communities our citizens want to live in - with cleaner air, better health, and quality local jobs in emerging clean energy sectors.

We know this transition is possible. We also know that to achieve it, we must begin planning now, to make sure that the actions we take today are consistent with the future we want to achieve. Therefore, at the 2018 Global Climate Action Summit, **we commit to completing a “2050 Pathways analysis” within the next two years, which will help us chart a viable path towards net zero emissions in our jurisdictions.**

In committing to this process, we also agree to work with a diversity of partners around the world, such as members of the following initiatives:

- The **2050 Pathways Platform** to incorporate global best practices into our 2050 Pathways analyses, including, to the best of our ability, the guidance outlined in the 2050 Pathways Handbook, and
- The **Under2 Coalition** to share experiences, best practices, and lessons learned with other state, regional, and city governments around the world, and to report annually on our progress through the CDP States & Regions Disclosure Platform.

The transition to net zero emissions is necessary, desirable, and achievable. By planning for it now and working with our global partners, we will make it a reality.

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