

Notice of Motion, Councillor Cathy Oke: Women4Climate Mentorship Program - Oceania

Motion

1. That Council:
 - 1.1. Endorse Councillor Oke as chair of the Environment Portfolio to pursue the request from C40 for a 2018-19 Oceania event, as part of the Women4Climate Mentorship Program.
 - 1.2. Acknowledges the in-principle support from C40 Cities Executive Director Mark Watts for a City of Melbourne convened Women4Climate-Oceania event.
 - 1.3. Notes that Councillor Oke will engage with Council officers, strategic partners and other C40 Oceania cities including Sydney and Auckland and report back to Council in February or March 2018.

Background

2. Women leaders played a critical role in negotiating the Paris Agreement and continue to drive ambitious climate action in cities, businesses and NGOs around the world. Women make up more than half the world's population, and are often disproportionately impacted by climate change. Their leadership and participation is therefore critical in solving this global crisis.
3. On 15 March 2017, C40 Chair and Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo hosted in New York a first-of-its-kind event bringing together women mayors, CEO's and innovative change-makers from many of the world's largest and most influential cities. The event officially launched the C40 Women4Climate initiative, a major new effort by the C40 Cities network that will contribute to the emergence of the next generation of climate leaders.
4. Women4Climate intends to empower and inspire and contribute to the emergence of the next generation of climate leaders by sharing knowledge and experience through a global mentorship programme in participating C40 cities. In July 2017 C40's Deputy Executive Director Dr Kevin Austin and Regional Director for Southeast Asia and Oceania Milag San Jose-Ballesteros met with Cr Oke, Environment Portfolio Chair, to discuss Women4Climate and City of Melbourne (a founding C40 member) participation. Cr Oke followed up this request at a recent meeting in London and subsequently with C40's Melbourne based officer David Craven. She now seeks Council support to determine if such an event is possible. She proposes to report back on the viability of such an event, and interest from a range of partners to a February or March Council meeting.

Moved: Cr Oke

Seconded: Cr Leppert