



Mayor of Reykjavik

City of Helsinki
Mayor Jussi Pajunen

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Welcome to the *Conference of the Nordic Capitals* in Reykjavik 7-8 May 2015.

The conference starts Thursday 7 May at 11:00 and ends Friday 8 May at 14:00. The theme for this year's conference is *Resilient Cities*. By choosing this theme, we intend to emphasise our joint commitment to acting against climate change and adapting to changes that have or inevitably will occur in near future.

The Nordic capitals have long been committed to a sustainable way of living and reducing greenhouse gasses – a commitment that has earned them a place amongst the world's leading *green* cities. During the conference we will have the opportunity to discuss what has brought us to this point – our previous plans and actions. We will have the chance to share best practices and how to avoid possible pitfalls. We will also discuss the best way to tackle future challenges and how our cities can take on the responsibility to lead the way to a more resilient and sustainable future.

To celebrate the 100 years anniversary of women's right to vote in Iceland, we will dedicate a part of the program to the role of women in tackling climate change. We also intend to add a new dimension to the conference by opening our doors to the public and hopefully engage in a lively discussion about this urgent matter with people from all walks of life – not least the younger generation.

It is my hope that the end product of the conference, a joint statement on climate change, will keep us on the right track, encourage others to take serious and immediate action, and help pave the way to a positive result at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris later this year.

Enclosed to this invitation you will find the conference program (doc-1), practical information (doc-2) and registration form (doc-3). As a Mayor, you will be leading a delegation of max. 15 people. Please register your delegation by sending in the registration form by 25 March.

Contact person for the conference will be Hilmar Magnússon, International Officer at the Office of the Mayor and CEO; hilmar.magnusson@reykjavik.is.

I look forward to meeting you in Reykjavik!

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Mayor of Reykjavik