Central New York Climate Change Innovation Program
Central New York, U.S.A.

The Central New York Climate Change Innovation Program aimed to improve energy efficiency in municipal operations, increase the use of renewable energy, and encourage land use and transportation policies that manage GHG emissions and reduced vehicle miles traveled. The Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNY RPDB) achieved these goals by: providing energy reduction, renewable energy, and climate change management sub-grants to local governments, and providing technical assistance through education programs and outreach materials to local government staff. Each year, the Innovation Program awarded competitive sub-grants to three local governments to support energy efficiency retrofits, measures to introduce alternative-fuel vehicles and fueling systems, vehicle travel reduction projects, transportation efficiency improvements, and feasibility studies for renewable energy projects. The Innovation Program provided technical assistance to local governments grantees.

Promoting the development of sustainable communities through good environmental practices and clean energy
Baja Verapaz, Guatemala

The project seeks to promote the integral development of four communities through a sustainable approach by reducing carbon emissions and indoor pollution from the use of wood through the implementation of organic waste biodigestion technology for the production of biogas, strengthening the productive use of organic composting and adopting sustainable environmental practices in the micro watersheds of Xeúl Canchel and Chibalám Chimachó. All this, through participative methods where the community members are the main actors in the transformation of their community into a sustainable one.
I. Welcome Remarks
V. Sherry Tross, Executive Secretary for Integral Development, Organization of American States (OAS)

II. Keynote Remarks
Ambassador Carmen Lomellin, U.S. Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States (OAS)

III. Urban Sustainability Programs at the OAS and the U.S. EPA
a. OAS Sustainable Communities in Central America and the Caribbean Project - Richard Huber, Chief, Sustainable Cities Program, Department of Sustainable Development at the OAS.

b. U.S. EPA Climate Showcase Communities Program - Megan Samenfeld-Specht, International Environment Specialist at the U.S. EPA.

IV. Sustainable Transportation Solutions
a. San Jose (Costa Rica) - Huberth Mendez, Executive Director, Fundacion para el Desarrollo Urbano.

b. Salt Lake City (USA) - Kate Lilja Lohnes, Communications Manager, Division of Sustainability and the Environment at the Salt Lake City Corporation.

V. Clean Energy Solutions
a. Baja Verapaz Department (Guatemala) - Marta Ximenez de Rivera, Energy Coordinator, Fundacion Solar.

b. Central New York (USA) - Chris H. Carrick, Energy Program Manager at the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board.

VI. Interactive Discussion
Ricardo José Arango Manager of the Local Organizing Committee of the Seventh World Urban Forum

VII. Closing Remarks
V. Sherry Tross, Executive Secretary for Integral Development, Organization of American States (OAS)