Bloomberg Philanthropies to Sponsor Annual Climate Leadership Conference

This is the second year Bloomberg Philanthropies has sponsored the Conference and Climate Leadership Awards to highlight the ongoing work of leading businesses, cities, and states

WASHINGTON—The Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) and The Climate Registry (TCR) are pleased to announce that Bloomberg Philanthropies will serve as headline sponsor of the 2019 Climate Leadership Conference, which is taking place March 20-22 in Baltimore. The eighth annual conference, co-hosted by C2ES and TCR, is the preeminent U.S. climate leadership event bringing together more than 400 climate professionals from the public and private sectors.

“As cities, states, and businesses continue to be the driving force on U.S. action to fight climate change, it’s critical to provide opportunities for non-federal leaders to convene and celebrate their role and progress in cutting emissions,” said Antha Williams, head of environmental programs at Bloomberg Philanthropies. “We know the power of non-federal leaders in driving ambitious climate action and we are grateful to be able to support this year’s Climate Leadership Conference and convene key climate players in Baltimore, a city that has enormous significance to Mike and all of Bloomberg Philanthropies.”

This is the second consecutive year that Bloomberg Philanthropies has stepped in to replace long-time sponsor, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which announced in 2017 it would discontinue its support. Bloomberg Philanthropies’ support ensures that cities, states, and companies will retain an important platform to share best practices and collaborate on climate action strategies to help the U.S. fulfill its commitments under the 2015 Paris Agreement.
“I couldn’t be happier that Bloomberg Philanthropies and America’s Pledge have again signed on to present the Climate Leadership Conference and Awards,” said C2ES President Bob Perciasepe. “I can think of no more appropriate partner in this work than Bloomberg Philanthropies and Michael Bloomberg. Their work, through America’s Pledge, is showing what the true possibilities are if we all commit to solutions to the most urgent challenge of our time.”

Launched in 2017 by Mike Bloomberg and California Governor Jerry Brown in response to the White House announcement of intent to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, the America’s Pledge initiative brings together thousands of U.S. cities, states, businesses, universities and others, who together declared “We Are Still In” on the international deal. In 2018, the America’s Pledge project published a comprehensive report outlining 10 high impact sectoral opportunities for leaders outside the federal government to keep the U.S within striking distance of its 2025 emissions reduction target agreed to in Paris. These include everything from improved agricultural practices to deployment of electric vehicles.

“States, cities and businesses continue to step up on climate action and inspire others to do their part,” said Ann McCabe, Interim Executive Director of The Climate Registry. “Thanks to Bloomberg’s support, we can continue to offer this platform for sharing and amplifying climate leadership.”

The Climate Leadership Awards, recognizing the best of the best in the United States, will take place on March 21st.

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About the Climate Leadership Conference: Hosted at the Four Seasons Hotel Baltimore from March 20-22, 2019, the Climate Leadership Conference (CLC) addresses climate through policy, innovation, and business solutions. The CLC convenes around the Climate Leadership Awards and is presented by the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) and The Climate Registry.

About The Climate Registry: The Climate Registry (TCR) is a non-profit organization governed by U.S. states and Canadian provinces and territories. TCR designs and operates voluntary and compliance greenhouse gas (GHG) reporting programs globally, and assists organizations in measuring, reporting and verifying) the carbon in their operations in order to manage and
reduce it. TCR also spearheads innovative new projects such as the Water-Energy Nexus Registry. Find out more at www.theclimateregistry.org and follow on Twitter @theclimatereg.

About C2ES: The Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to forge practical solutions to climate change. Our mission is to advance strong policy and action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.