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- **The Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance (CNCA) and C40 joint workshop:**

The CNCA is a collaboration of global cities committed to reducing emissions by at least 80 percent by 2050 or sooner—the most ambitious emission reduction targets undertaken by any cities across the globe. CNCA has provided funds for the City to undertake research into net zero emissions buildings, which we are using to establish a competition for net zero buildings in Sydney.

- At the workshop, I joined Mayors from Rio de Janeiro, Oslo and Vancouver for a discussion about the urgent need for city leaders to take action on climate change and presented an update on the City of Sydney's leading work.

- **Bridging the Gap between Cities and the Private Sector:**

Hosted by City Solutions Platform an organisation that aims to support collaboration between cities and the private sector to accelerate climate solutions. The Lord Mayor of Copenhagen and I spoke about renewable energy.

During the event, the CSP announced that the City of Sydney had been awarded funding to determine the most effective way to use our new \$10 million renewable energy fund to create as much renewable energy as possible, within the earliest time frame.

CSP will connect us with leading experts across the globe to design a solution for Sydney and their help will allow us to leverage a far greater amount of renewable energy than if the City were to go it alone.

- **Press briefing: How cities can deliver on climate change, whoever is President or Prime Minister:**

The outcome of the US presidential election has left many fearing for the future of America's leadership in the fight against climate change. Yet the recent experience of Australia and Canada shows that cities are uniquely placed to drive action on climate change, even in the face of opposition at the national level. The mayor of Vancouver and I talked about how we had achieved significant progress, even with deeply climate sceptical national governments.

- **Deadline 2020 – How Cities will get the Job Done:**

This was the first keynote session of the conference in the main plenary room. I joined C40 Executive Director Mark Watts, and Mayors from Beijing and Copenhagen to talk about how essential it is for cities to take action on climate change if we are to meet the Paris Agreement.

- **C40 Cities Awards:**

I was proud to accept an award with Melbourne City Council's Director of Place Kate Vinot for the national City Switch program, which began in Sydney. In a field that included strong entrants from San Francisco and Guangzhou, Sydney and Melbourne won the 'building energy efficiency' category for our program that supports commercial office based businesses to improve their energy and waste efficiency.

- **C40 Summit “Preview” Press Briefing:**

While the City of Sydney is not part of the C40 Steering Committee, I was asked to join the international steering committee Mayors for a special media briefing ahead of the Mayors Summit. In Mexico City’s Town Hall, I joined the Mayors of Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Amman, Los Angeles, Copenhagen, Milan, Cape Town and the Secretary for the Environment of Hong Kong, in a major press conference on why climate change is a focus for our city administration, detailing key projects including what has worked well and what can be learned through overcoming setbacks.

- **#Women4Climate Press Briefing:**

Hosted by Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris and new Chair of C40 Cities, this launched a new initiative aimed at cultivating a generation of female climate change leaders and empower them to make progress on the issue around the globe. In poor countries, women—who are disproportionately responsible for food, water and firewood collection—are more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. But even in nations like ours, climate action by cities will be more important than ever, and women have a significant role to play. I joined Mayors from Cape Town, Caracas, Madrid, Washington DC and former Secretary of the United Nations Framework on Climate Change Christiana Figueres. Also in attendance were many other female climate leaders working in different levels of government, the private sector and government agencies.