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Municipal solid waste, including landfills, is the third largest source of anthropogenic methane emissions globally. The World Bank projects that municipal solid waste streams will nearly double worldwide by 2025, placing increasing pressure on cities to manage this complex challenge.

Open burning of municipal solid waste is also a significant source of black carbon. Waste is therefore a key area for action of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), a global and voluntary partnership that brings together a wide range of stakeholders that are willing and able to take concrete and substantial action to reduce short lived climate pollutants.

Within the CCAC, Governments, intergovernmental organizations, private sector, the environmental community and other stakeholders take action that gives additional benefits for human health, agriculture and ecosystems.

The CCAC Municipal Solid Waste Initiative is providing a catalysing force to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants across the municipal solid waste sector. It provides and implements a comprehensive collection of resources for cities. It also offers technical assistance to design world class programs; information exchange, networking, and training. It includes a long-term strategy with near-term benefits that empowers cities to take actions that are meaningful to their citizens and the climate.

This Climate Summit is an opportunity for national partners, the private sector and civil society to support our city champions to share experiences, scale up actions and drive the ambitious action needed to meet the global climate challenge.

Sweden is proud to be an active part of this initiative and I am happy to share with you today how Sweden has catalysed meaningful emission reductions in this sector, both domestically and in support of our partners.

The most environmentally resourceful and cost effective way to manage waste is to prevent and minimize waste. Therefore, prevention and minimisation of waste should be the primary focus for all waste management strategies.

Through a series of smart policies, including a landfill-tax and ban on organic waste, Sweden disposes off just 0,7 percent of its

waste in landfills, compared to an average of 40 percent in other OECD countries. I know that there are some developed countries that deposit as much as 97% of their waste. This is literally a waste of resources!

Sweden's waste-management program is designed in accordance with the EU's waste-hierarchy. Its principle is that waste must be prevented in the first instance. If this is not possible, the waste must be prepared for reuse, recycling or energy recovery. As a last resort, it should be disposed off at a landfill.

The Swedish capital Stockholm has some of the most advanced waste practices in the world. Under the CCAC umbrella, Sweden and Chile have developed a formal partnership at both the national and the city level. As a result of this partnership, the city of Viña del Mar is tailoring Stockholm's practices to its own circumstances to address the city's waste priorities.

On a national level, the Government of Chile is developing guidelines that will help other Chilean cities to replicate the progressive actions taken by Viña del Mar. Hence, other cities in the country will have access to all the tools and information developed, so that the best practices continue to be shared.

This partnership has been extremely rewarding for Sweden and we are discussing similar efforts with Indonesia.

This is the kind of catalytic cooperation we are talking about. It's about partnership. It's about action. It's about change.

The CCAC initiative utilizes an integrated approach to reduce emissions, by first avoiding emissions and then employing appropriate technologies to reduce what cannot practically be avoided. This way, the effort is truly transforming the waste sector, shifting the trajectory of emissions growth to a more sustainable pathway.

The approach also allows cities to capture the material and its energy value through recycling, composting, and digestion. Hence, it implements solutions that not only make climate sense, but also economic, financial and social sense.

Since the launch of the CCAC Municipal Solid Waste Initiative, a group of cities have committed to accelerate the implementation of actions in their corresponding solid waste management systems to reduce the emissions of SLCPs.

The replication and scaling up of the initiative has been supported by national Governments and CCAC partners. To achieve success, this global partnership will be supported by a voluntary coalition of city, State, and non-state partners that share a common vision – to prevent and reduce SLCPs.

The network of policy-makers and practitioners has a broad range of technical, policy and financial expertise ready to be deployed to support committed cities.

It's time to use this platform and its proven success to launch a global city effort that will help drive ambitious actions. It is time to empower cities and national governments to be self-sufficient by providing access and training to use the resources and network developed by the initiative.

I encourage our partners here to:

*endorse* the City Action Plan to reduce Methane & Black Carbon from Municipal Solid Waste and to *join* this initiative to empower your cities to sustainably address their waste challenges as well as to share your own solutions.

Thank you!