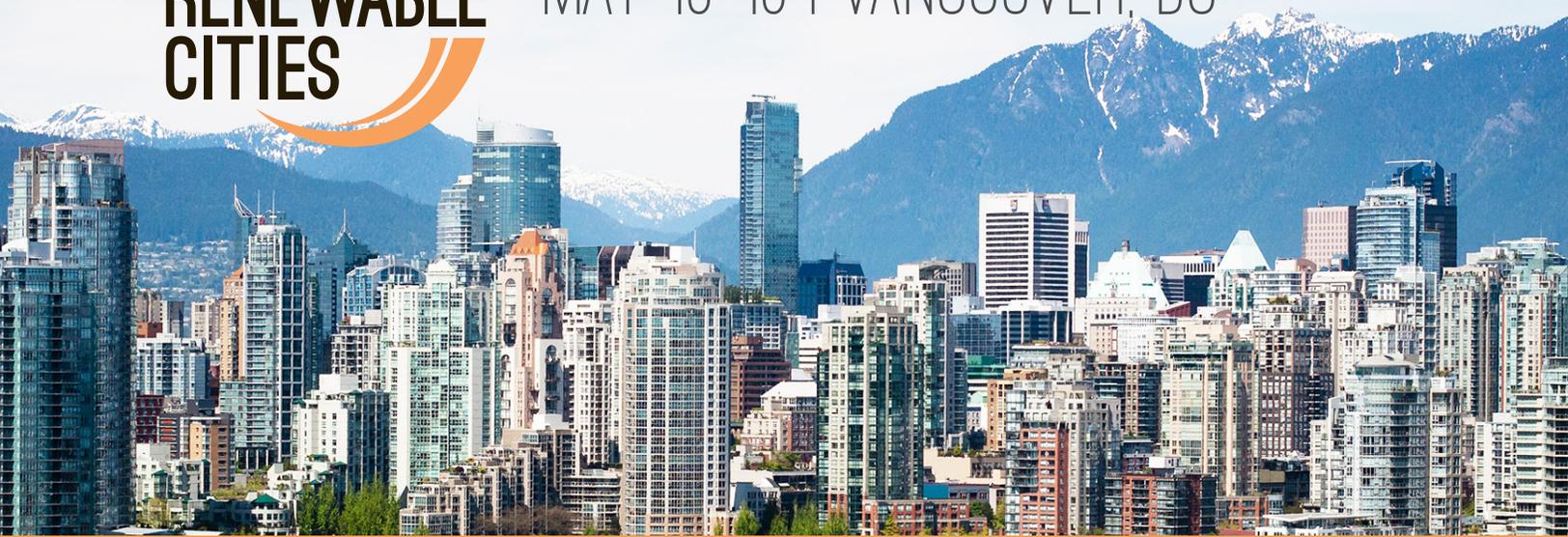




GLOBAL LEARNING FORUM  
MAY 13-15 | VANCOUVER, BC



## THE FORUM

*Renewable Cities is a new initiative of the SFU Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver, BC that supports the adoption of ambitious renewable energy and energy efficiency targets in cities. The program was launched through a Global Learning Forum held at the Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver from May 13-15, 2015. We convened over 300 participants from around the world, including staff from leading cities, elected officials, private sector innovators, researchers, and members of civil society. While a full report will be available on the Forum website, this document is meant to serve as a high level summary of the event. For more information, including session leader slides, videos, and panel audio recordings, visit [forum.renewablecities.ca](http://forum.renewablecities.ca)*

## DAY 1: RENEWABLE CITIES OPENING

The Global Learning Forum opened with an inspirational event, *Renewable Cities Powered by PechaKucha*, at the Djavad Mowafaghian Cinema at SFU Woodward's.

We challenged 11 leaders, ranging from energy entrepreneurs to youth climate activists to artists to senior government staff, to tell their stories in PechaKucha format—20 slides x 20 seconds.

Forum attendees heard inspiring narratives about plummeting solar costs, children being energy leaders, nations shifting en masse toward alternatives, and personal life stories.



# DAY 2: PANELS, WORKSHOPS, AND NETWORKING

The second day of the Global Learning Forum began with a welcome and a plenary discussion on the global trends that are impacting renewable energy adoption.

Then the City of Vancouver's Mayor Gregor Robertson and Deputy City Manager Sadhu Johnston took the opportunity to survey expert participants for ways the City of Vancouver should transition to 100% renewable energy.

For the remainder of the day, participants engaged with a variety of subjects and challenges through a series of Knowledge Mobilization and Peer to Peer sessions, as well as plenary discussions on innovative finance and and transportation electrification.



# DAY 3: A CALL TO ACTION, SESSIONS, AND SITE VISITS

Day 3 of the Forum began with a plenary session entitled, "Renewable Cities: A Call to Action", which laid out the need for a rapid urban energy transformation.

Participants then proceeded to a series of Intent to Action sessions where they delved into topics ranging from energy law to communications to green bonds to energy projects centered First Nations needs.

At the final plenary participants recounted their takeaways from the Forum. We heard from elected officials, city staff, members of the private sector, and youth about the possibilities and leadership towards implementing renewables and energy efficiency in cities. Afterwards, participants were able to take part in site visits to clean energy installations around Vancouver.



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