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## **Dubuque Sustainability Coordinator to attend World Congress**

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- City of Dubuque Sustainable Community Coordinator Sheila Samuelson will participate in the triennial World Congress of ICLEI, the largest global association of local governments working on sustainability. The event, held June 14-18, is hosted by the City of Edmonton (Canada). More than 500 participants are expected to join the conversation on advancing sustainability in cities and towns.

“Cities are facing financial and ecological challenges. To find viable solutions, we will connect leaders from the municipal, business and academic worlds. We look forward to the contribution of City of Dubuque,” says Konrad Otto-Zimmerman, Secretary General of ICLEI.

“I look forward to sharing the story of Dubuque's leadership in addressing the sustainability for smaller cities, through an integrated model that addresses not only the environment, but our economy and our people,” said Samuelson. “I will also look forward to learning from representatives from over 60 other countries, and bringing creative solutions back to Dubuque.”

Since 1990, ICLEI has been leading the movement for local sustainability with global campaigns on climate, water, procurement, biodiversity and more. Its 1,000 Members are improving the urban environment for over 400 million people in 68 countries.

At the event, keynote speakers such as Matthias Wackernagel, the co-creator of the concept of the “Ecological Footprint,” and Alex Wong from the World Economic Forum will provide insights into future scenarios that cities will face. Delegates will also connect with each other in smaller sessions aimed at strengthening the connection with the global ICLEI Network and share local expertise.

The public is invited to follow the proceedings of the Congress through podcasts, videos and more at [www.iclei.org/worldcongress2009](http://www.iclei.org/worldcongress2009).

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