



The **US Consulate General Hamburg** in cooperation with **American Friends of Bucerius** and **Bucerius Law School** cordially invite you to a panel discussion:

**"Urban Talks - Green Policies: A Transatlantic Conversation on Best Practices"**

on

**Thursday, April 19th, 2012**

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Conference  
Reception to follow

with

**Ralph Becker**

Mayor, Salt Lake City, UT

**Roy D. Buol**

Mayor, Dubuque, IA

**Christopher Coleman**

Mayor, Saint Paul, MN

**James B. Kraft**

Councilman, Baltimore, MD

**Tom LaBonge**

Council Member, Los Angeles, CA

**Matthew Zone**

Council Member, Cleveland OH

**Holger Lange**

Secretary of Urban Development and Environment, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Ministry of Urban Development and Environment

**Konrad Otto-Zimmermann**

Secretary General, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

moderated by

**Helga Flores Trejo**  
Fellow, The Brookings Institution

at

**Bucerius Law School**  
Room: Heinz Nixdorf-Hörsaal  
Jungiusstraße 6  
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Welcome remarks by

**Inmi Kim Patterson**  
United States Consul General Hamburg

**Jana Schiedeck**  
Senator, Department of Justice and Equality, Hamburg

**Hariolf Wenzler**  
CEO and Provost, Bucerius Law School

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## Background

Urban centers are engines of economic growth and are also central to addressing challenges posed by climate change. Nowadays, urban areas produce 75% of the global economic output and emit 75% of the global CO<sub>2</sub> gases.

In Germany and the United States more than 80% of the population lives in Cities. For local Governments on both sides of the Atlantic, sustainability is therefore a defining principle, which can help generate new opportunities for growth and employment - especially in the midst of economic uncertainty.

What are innovative approaches? What can cities learn from each other? And what are best practices?

Join us to find out more about how US cities are advancing sustainability and to exchange best practices from both sides of the Atlantic.

In the US local Governments have taken a leadership role in advancing sustainability and climate change policy. Over 1,000 U.S. mayors have signed the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, pledging to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets. According to a survey by the National League of Cities, 92% of cities surveyed, reported that they were pursuing sustainability in their communities.

Some of the examples that will be discussed are, St. Paul's integrated solar-thermal projects; Salt Lake City's first net-zero public safety building in the country; Cleveland's off-shore renewable energy projects, Clean Technology initiatives in Los Angeles, and Baltimore's Neighborhood Energy Challenge.