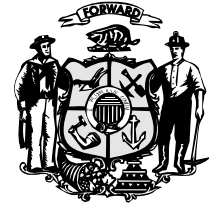




Partnership on Global Climate Change Action between the United Kingdom and the State of Wisconsin



Common Interests

The environmental and economic consequences of climate change and our dependence on fossil fuels compel both the State of Wisconsin and the United Kingdom to commit to urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote low carbon technologies. Wisconsin and the UK recognize the linkages between climate change, energy security, human health and robust economic growth. A low carbon economy is a prosperous economy, and this crucial transition will bring new technologies, new businesses, and new jobs for our citizens, and a cleaner and safer world for generations to come.

Common Purpose

The scientific record compels immediate action to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. The United Kingdom has been a stalwart voice for action among the world's nations over the past two decades. The State of Wisconsin continues to be a leader in protecting our environment and is proud to join the United Kingdom in calling for immediate world-wide action. The purpose of this arrangement is to outline an aggressive agenda for partnership that supports the climate control policies of each partner aimed at advancing the economic opportunities presented by the rapid global transition to a low carbon economy.

Partnership Agenda:

The United Kingdom and the State of Wisconsin will carry out the following partnership actions:

- I. We will aim to promote policies that cut greenhouse gas emissions while opening up new economic opportunities for our citizens. We will share experiences and strategies for enhancing our long-term economic competitiveness through leadership in the low-carbon technologies that will dominate this century.
- II. We will partner in discussing and promoting concepts for a post 2012 climate regime that builds upon and broadens existing global arrangements in order to protect the planet's climate systems by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.

- III. We will aim to improve our public policies that reduce global emissions of greenhouse gases. Our policy focus will include market-based incentives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase our respective deployment on renewable energy sources, and increase the energy security of each partner. Wisconsin commits to joining the International Carbon Action Partnership and to working with the UK and others in sharing best practice on carbon markets and compatibility of design to facilitate the development of a global carbon market.
- IV. We will aim to improve our science in understanding how climate change is affecting our respective economies, our agriculture, our natural resources, our environmental quality, and our public health. Our science partnership will include exchange of knowledge, expertise, and data that mutually benefit our respective scientific communities.
- V. We will work to improve our technologies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions with a particular emphasis on the research, development and deployment of renewable energy generation and storage, energy efficiency, carbon capture and storage, and other advanced energy technologies that may benefit our respective energy sectors.
- VI. We will aim to increase climate-friendly commerce between the United Kingdom and Wisconsin to bolster our respective economic positions while mutually benefiting each partner. Areas of particular emphasis will include trade opportunities in renewable and other advanced energy technologies, products that promote increased energy efficiency throughout the economy, and renewable energy feedstocks.
- VII. We will work to promote education, training, and public awareness on climate change to help empower individuals to make choices which help to reduce waste and greenhouse gas emissions as well as save the consumer money.
- VIII. We commit to opening these activities to members of the Midwestern Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord and other international partners in order to broaden economic opportunity and deepen our global impact to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

Signed, this day, May 12, 2008, in Madison, Wisconsin in the United States of America by.

Rt Hon Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Jim Doyle, Governor State of Wisconsin
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