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A Vision for the Compact of Colorado Communities

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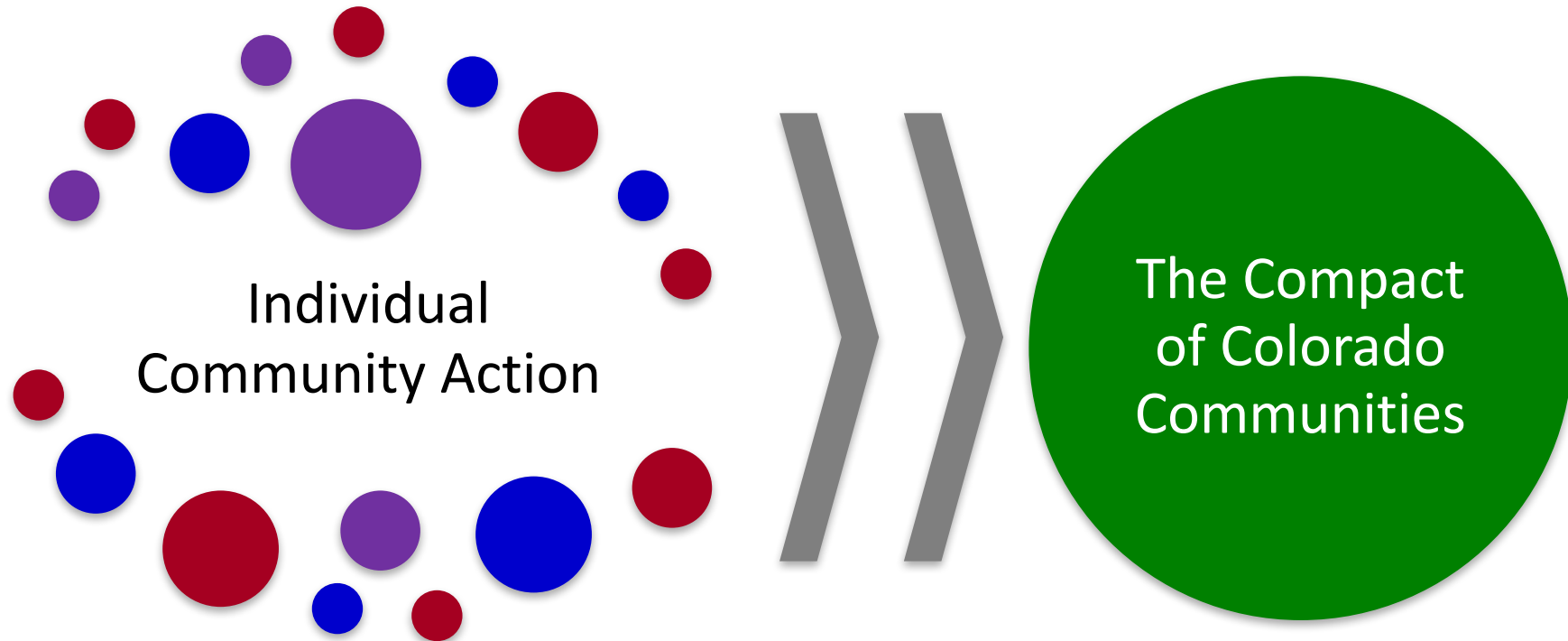


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Advancing Colorado Communities

The Compact ensures that city and county efforts to address climate change, resilience to extreme events and grow a clean energy economy throughout Colorado are greater than the sum of their individual efforts



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What is the Compact?

Mission: Advance capacity of Colorado cities and counties to develop and implement aggressive climate change initiatives thus ensuring security and economic prosperity.

Vision: The Compact ensures that Colorado communities are sustainable, prosperous and responsible through accelerated capacity building, alignment of resources and interests, and public engagement on climate change action.



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Key Themes & Focus Areas

- Aligning climate action with economic development
- Advancing statewide preparedness and resilience
- Scaling up clean energy development and consumption
- Engaging the public to build better understanding and support
- Developing greenhouse gas reduction goals and implementation strategies
- Enabling member communities to more effectively participate in statewide and national policy discussions
- Providing support to member communities in taking action locally



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Commitment to Action



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City and county leaders will commit to participate in the Compact, working together with the support of third-party organizations to drive meaningful actions.



Commitment

1. **Build capacity on climate action planning** within their municipal organizations amongst senior leadership
2. **Participate in the network** through committees, working groups, training events, workshops and, when appropriate, alignment of interests
3. **Establish a climate action plan or measurable goals** within 24 months

Support & Engagement

- **Participate in committees and working groups** based on your priority interests
- **Engage in Compact-wide meetings, training events and public engagement activities** through appropriate staff designees
- **Provide funding and in-kind support** matched by third-party institutions (e.g. government, philanthropy) supporting the compact

Action

- **Establish a climate action plan or measurable goal** based on the challenges and opportunities faced by your city/county
- **Announce the plan or goal publicly** and provide updates on progress
- **Share lessons learned with Compact members** as you implement your plan/goal

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About the Member Commitments



- Each city or county commits to assigning 10-25 employees to leverage complimentary training provided through ACCO and the Compact
- Each city or county must publicly commit to and announce the establishment of one of the following within 2 years of joining the Compact:
 - Comprehensive climate action plan
 - Absolute greenhouse gas reduction goal
 - A renewable energy goal tied to either city/county operations or increased participation from residents and businesses
 - A substantial energy efficiency initiative with related emissions reductions

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Supporting the Compact



ACCO is looking to supplement Compact member contributions through outside support in the following areas:

- **Financial and grant contributions** to support administrative staff and related costs
- **Pro bono services** from providers with expertise in greenhouse gas management, renewable energy, and/or climate adaptation and resilience
- **Endorsement** from public-sector and not-for-profit organizations

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Compact Launch Event

Climate Communities Summit

Hosted by the City of Aspen

May 18, 2017 (6:00pm – 8:00pm)

May 19, 2017 (8:00am – 2:30pm)

RSVP at www.compactofcoloradocommunities.com



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At this invitation-only event, participants will:

- Learn about the state climate change and energy considerations in Colorado
- Hear from leaders and experts on the Compact, its value and the opportunities for prospective members
- Engage with peer leaders through networking activities and facilitated discussions aimed at kicking off the Compact
- Participate in a signing ceremony

*A limited number of seats will be made available
for a representative from organizations supporting the Compact*

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