

Philadelphia After Copenhagen City's Confront Climate Change

Join Mark Alan Hughes for an engaging discussion of the United Nations Climate Change Conference held recently in Copenhagen, Denmark. Mark will explore the fine lines that exist between cooperation and competition within the landscape of climate change, whether government solutions or market innovations will better address immediate and long term climate effects, and how older cities such as Philadelphia are well positioned to react to the economic realities of climate change.

Mark Alan Hughes Bio

MARK ALAN HUGHES is a Distinguished Senior Fellow of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Design and the TC Chan Center for Building Simulation and Energy Studies. He is also a Faculty Fellow of the Penn Institute for Urban Research and a Senior Fellow of the Wharton School's Initiative for Global Environmental Leadership. He was the Chief Policy Adviser to the Mayor and the founding Director of Sustainability for the City of Philadelphia. Hughes has been a Distinguished Scholar in Residence of the University of Pennsylvania's Robert A. Fox Leadership Program since 1999 and an opinion columnist at the Philadelphia Daily News since 2001.

As a cabinet member in the Administration of Mayor Michael Nutter, Hughes established the City's first Office of Sustainability, created a distinguished 20-member Sustainability Advisory Board, and designed and produced the City's 2015 policy framework, Greenworks Philadelphia that presents fifteen ambitious targets for 2015 along with 169 mutually reinforcing initiatives designed to achieve Mayor Nutter's challenge that Philadelphia become the greenest city in America. Hughes also designed and led the City's strategy for maximizing the value and impact of federal resources under the Recovery Act.