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## Cal Poly Professor Working with U.N. Habitat Committee on Cities and Climate Change

SAN LUIS OBISPO — City & Regional Planning Professor, Michael R. Boswell was selected to participate in Guidelines for City Climate Action Plans, sponsored by U.N.-Habitat, a United Nations program designed to promote socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements and adequate shelter for all. The meeting took place in Oslo, Norway, in conjunction with the U.N.-Habitat 2015 Cities and Climate Change Initiative advisory committee meeting.

Boswell was chosen based on his expertise in local climate action planning, including greenhouse gas emissions reduction and climate adaptation planning and policy. He was one of 30 experts from around the globe representing organizations including U.N.-Habitat, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), World Bank, Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), Climate UK, C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, Cities Alliance and the World Resources Institute.

While some cities are beginning to address climate change in a more strategic and forward-looking manner, many cities, particularly in developing countries, are working without the benefit of climate action plans. Boswell recently authored what is considered the leading text in the field, "Local Climate Action Planning," with City & Regional Planning Professor Adrienne Greve and subject area expert Tammy Seale.

"Climate action plans have the power to reduce vulnerability to the hazards associated with climate change and to position a city to thrive well into the future, economically, environmentally and socially," said Boswell. "I am honored to be selected by U.N.-Habitat to work on providing global cities with needed tools to address the challenge of climate change."

Boswell is currently serving on the U.N.-Habitat committee to develop a set of guidelines and recommendations that will be presented at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP-21) in Paris.

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