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ICLEI's Yunus Arikan Describes His Organization's Goals

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Yunus Arikan, the head of global policy and advocacy at ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability), talks with *The New American's* Alex Newman at this year's United Nations Climate Change Conference in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

He explains how and why ICLEI (formerly the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) targets *local* governments — cities, towns, etc. — to implement *global* (i.e., the UN's) programs supposedly targeting climate change, promoting biodiversity, and working toward "sustainable development."

He also mentions that the U.S. is a major participant in the program, and confirms that ICLEI is indeed a UN program, going back to the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

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