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My name is Martha Delgado and I am the Minister of the Environment for Mexico City.

Before we have a green plan, we used to have sectional environmental programs. The difference between environmental programs or plans is that the green plan is a long term plan that integrates activities of more than twenty different offices of the government; and the third thing that put[s] emphasis on the different between the last plans and this one is that the green plan is not just a governmental plan. It is also a society plan and a private sector plan and it has public investments—but also we do need to change culture and to promote private investment.

We have seven different strategies but the top three that we set up climate action plan for the city—very interesting. We have committed the city and the public sector and the private sector and society to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. 7.7 million tons of CO₂ equivalent will be mitigated in the next four years. The second important strategy is to promote non-motorized mobility in the city—use of bicycles all around the city and sustainable transportation. And the third one is to rescue our watershed values, rescuing the Magdalena River, and installing treatment plants and a lot of infrastructure for water treatment and safe water at home.”