

An Introduction to ICLEI

Local solutions for global problems



ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

ICLEI's **mission** is to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability with special focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions.

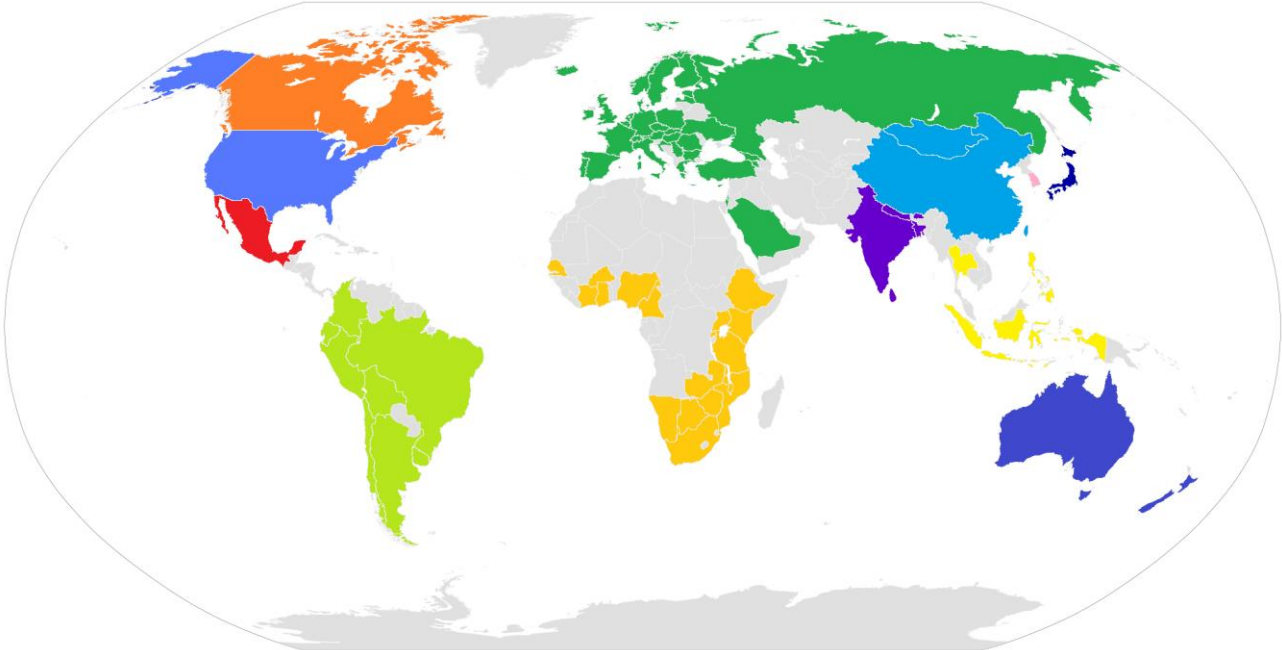
Connecting leaders

ICLEI is a growing Association of cities and local governments leading the way in sustainable development with worldwide presence, which connects leaders in strategic alliances and prepares cities for the future.

Local governments work together in national, regional and international networks; engaging in global programs for sustainability, participating in performance-based campaigns and advancing through an international exchange of experiences and solutions.

Gateway to Solutions

ICLEI supports its Members, the world's leading network of **12 mega-cities**, **100 super-cities** and urban regions, **450 large cities**, and **450 small and medium-sized cities** and towns in **85 countries**, to take transformative action and apply solutions to become sustainable and planet-friendly. We encourage support innovators among local governments



- Canada Office
- USA Office
- Mexico, Central America and Caribbean Office
- South America Office
- European Secretariat
- Africa Secretariat
- South Asia Secretariat
- South East Asia Secretariat
- Japan Office
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- East Asia Secretariat
- Oceania Secretariat

ICLEI History

ICLEI was conceived in 1989 with a pledge to create an agency to coordinate local government responses to global environmental problems. The concept was endorsed by the former International Union of Local Authorities (IULA) as well as the UN Environment Programme.

The founding congress was held at the United Nations headquarters in New York, in September, 1990, where more than 200 local governments from 43 countries participated.

ICLEI's operations officially began in March, 1991 at the World Secretariat in Toronto, Canada. The World Secretariat has since moved to Bonn, Germany.

ICLEI Strategic Goals

ICLEI develops and runs a broad range of campaigns and programs, under each strategic goal that address local sustainability issues while protecting global common goods, and link local action to internationally agreed targets and goals.

Sustainable city Agenda

Resilient city Agenda

Low-carbon city Agenda

Biodiverse city Agenda

Resource-efficient city Agenda

Smart urban infrastructure Agenda

Green urban economy Agenda

Healthy & happy community Agenda

As the international sustainable development and environmental association for local governments, ICLEI provides information, delivers training, organizes conferences, facilitates networking and city-to-city exchanges, carries out research and pilot projects, and offers technical services and consultancy.

ICLEI Governance

ICLEI is led by an Global Executive Committee of Mayors and Municipal officials, appointed by the Regional Executive Committees and the Council every 3 years and is governed by its [Charter](#), that contains the statutes and by-laws of the global association.

The [Strategic Plan](#) is the key steering plan for the global association and is revised every 3 years during the ICLEI World Congress.

Flagship Programs



World Mayors Council on Climate Change is an alliance of committed local government leaders advocating an enhanced recognition and involvement of Mayors in multilateral efforts addressing climate change and related issues of global sustainability.

There are presently over 80 members of the Council. Membership is open to Mayors and equivalent leaders of municipal levels of government.

Park Won-soon, Mayor of Seoul City, is the Council Chair with **Jürgen Nimptsch**, Mayor of Bonn, Germany, serving as Vice Chair and Former Mayor **Yorikane Masumoto** of Kyoto City, Japan, serving as Honorary Chair.

Website: www.worldmayorscouncil.org



Global Alliance for EcoMobility is a cross-sector partnership for the integrated promotion of walking, cycling and use of public transport to improve health, the urban environment and to mitigate global climate change. Sign up [here](#).

Website: www.ecomobility.org



The Bonn Center for Local Climate Action and Reporting – carbonn® is an initiative of ICLEI and the United Nations Environment Programme, to facilitate the reporting of cities' commitments and performance in greenhouse gas emissions and establish a platform for sharing information on urban climate data and actions. Local Governments are invited to register online, create their own City Climate Report and announce their achievements to the world through the Cities Climate Registry, to increase transparency and demonstrate local government leadership. **Website:** www.carbonn.org At the World Mayors Summit on Climate in November 2010, 138 Mayors registered by signing the Mexico City Pact.

To join this global movement please visit, www.citiesclimateregistry.org



Future City Leaders forms a unique network of outstanding young municipal leaders who share a strong commitment to make tangible improvements towards global sustainability. The 2-year program aims to catalyze the next generation of municipal leaders while recognizing and supporting exceptional individuals. Connecting young municipal leaders facilitates collaboration to tackle today's challenges and create tomorrow's solutions. For more information please contact: young.leaders@iclei.org



Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB) aims to involve local governments in biodiversity conservation. The initiative has created an ICLEI Biodiversity Program which will provide a framework for ICLEI Members to integrate biodiversity conservation into planning, policy and decision. Website: www.iclei.org/lab



ICLEI Advocacy work is an action-oriented role ICLEI plays to represent local governments, seeking to build an international policy environment that strengthens and supports local sustainability. To facilitate this, ICLEI has Special Consultative Status with

the **United Nations Economic and Social Council** and has close links with the Secretariats of the three Rio Conventions (Climate - UNFCCC, Biodiversity - UNCBD, Desertification - UNCCD) and UN bodies such as the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

ICLEI is the only local government network that has been accredited as an observer organization at the three Rio Conventions and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Delegations of local government leaders have attended many UN events such as the Commission on Sustainable Development annual meetings and the Conference of the Parties (COP's) of the conventions on climate change, biodiversity and desertification. For more information and to get involved please contact secretary.general@iclei.org.

Member Benefits

Welcome to the ICLEI global network!

Here are some of the membership benefits you can take advantage of as a Member.

Campaign and project participation

ICLEI Members not only have the opportunity to participate in ICLEI's international campaigns and programs and international and regional projects but also enjoy the opportunity to play a role in the design and pilot phases of these campaigns and projects.

Information on programs and campaigns currently available can be found in *"Our Global Impact"* (page 4) and *"My Region"* (page 10). Contact your Regional Office to get involved in any one of these programs or for more information.

Publications, tools and workshops

ICLEI publishes diverse tools to help Members with their work. Members also have exclusive access to all ICLEI publications electronically via the Members-only area of ICLEI's website.

ICLEI has a wide variety of publications. The most recent of which are:

- Financing Cities
- ICLEI Annual Report
- Connecting Leaders
- Members Bulletin

You can acquire the digital copy online or request a hardcopy at publications@iclei.org.

National and international network of peers

ICLEI members are part of a worldwide network of local government representatives that are

tackling similar challenges. They meet at workshops and conferences around the world.

[Link to WC2012](#)

[Link to RIO+20](#)

Travel funding to international meetings

Funded international travel is provided to ICLEI Members as it is available.

Grant opportunities

ICLEI is often made aware of funding opportunities and seeks to direct funders to Members, and Members to funders, where there is a match.

For information on upcoming events stay up to date with the following channels:

-Membership Bulletin (published with new events)

-E-News (monthly publication with news from the network, events and updates on ICLEI's advocacy work)

-[Global Website](#) you can find the latest ICLEI news from around the world

National and international recognition of work

Full Members earn national and international recognition for their work at both ICLEI conferences and through participation with ICLEI in numerous United Nations events (for example the Conference of Parties [COP], Commission on Sustainable Development, etc).

-ICLEI is often able to showcase the work of its Members at national and international events, including ICLEI congress and participation in Local Government delegations to United Nations events.

Local governments accredited through ICLEI can benefit from speaking opportunities and international recognition of international climate action.

How to become a Member?

- Fill out the attached Application form and send it to us via email (iclei@iclei.org) or by Fax +49-228 / 97 62 99-01.

Only local governments and associations of local governments can become Members.

Once the Membership application is filled out, it will be processed and you will receive an invoice for annual membership fee. The annual fee is adjusted according to:

- * Type of organization (i.e. local government or association)
- * Gross National Income per capita
- * Population of the local government

To determine the annual membership rate for your local government, local authority, or local government association, please refer to the rate tables on our website (www.iclei.org) or contact ICLEI.

If you have any questions or are interested in membership and want more information before filling out the application please contact us at iclei@iclei.org

Visit our website and find out more about ICLEI.

Member Application

1. The Member

Provide the following general information about your local government organization

Official name	
Official name (in English)	
State/Province	
Country	
Population (municipal)	
Annual population growth rate	
Municipal Budget (US dollars)/year	
Territory size	
Percentage of Urban area and open green space	
Website	

2. The Leader of the local government or association

Provide the name of the mayor, municipal leader or head of your local government or association and the respective contact details.

First name of Municipal Leader			
Surname of Municipal Leader			
Title (e.g. Dr.)			
Department			
Gender (male/female)			
Function (e.g. Mayor, Governor)			
Street Address			
City		Province/State	
Postal Code of the city		Country	
Phone (Mayor's Office)		Fax	
Email (Mayor's Office)			

Date Last Elected	
Length of term	

3. Political contact to ICLEI

Designate a Councilor or other political leader in your local government to serve as your primary political contact for ICLEI. Ideally this person should have a portfolio or interest in Sustainable Development and/or the environment.

Should the Municipal Leader listed above be considered the political contact?

No (if NO, please fill out the following form)

First name of Municipal Leader			
Surname of Municipal Leader			
Title (e.g. Dr.)			
Department			
Gender (male/female)			
Function (e.g. Mayor, Governor)			
Street Address			
City		Province/State	
Postal Code of the city		Country	
Phone (Mayor's Office)		Fax	
Email (Mayor's Office)			
Date Last Elected			
Length of term			

Please explain the responsibilities of this person in brief:	
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4. The Staff contact (Liaison to ICLEI)

Please designate a staff person in your municipal government to serve as your municipality's primary contact for ICLEI. This person should have good overview of Sustainability and/or environment activities in your municipality, should have a coordinating function in the field of sustainable development and/or the environment, and be a long-term municipal employee.

First name of Municipal Leader	
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Surname of Municipal Leader			
Title (e.g. Dr.)			
Department			
Gender (male/female)			
Function (e.g. Mayor, Governor)			
Street Address			
City		Province/State	
Postal Code of the city		Country	
Phone (Mayor's Office)		Fax	
Email (Mayor's Office)			

5. Liaison to ICLEI

Which of the above contact (political or staff) should be the key liaison with ICLEI for issues related to voting on council matters and paying future membership fees

Name of Contact	
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6. Media Contact

Please provide contact details for the media relations person in your organization

First name of Municipal Leader			
Surname of Municipal Leader			
Title (e.g. Dr.)			
Department			
Gender (male/female)			
Function (e.g. Mayor, Governor)			
Street Address			
City		Province/State	
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Phone (Mayor's Office)		Fax	
Email (Mayor's Office)			

7. Your Membership

Please list any other local government association of which your municipality is a member

8. City Relations

List all municipalities that are twin or sister cities with your local government

9. Your Expectations

How, in general, could ICLEI best help your municipality in terms of sustainability?

10. Your sustainable development and environmental reporting

Please list the key reports you have issued on the state of the environment/sustainable development in your local government.

11. This application

Please provide contact details of the person completing this form.

Name of Person Completing this form			
Phone		Fax	
Email			

Please send your completed form to: membership@iclei.org or by facsimile: +49 228 976 29901

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ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability e.V.
Kaiser-Friedrich Strasse 7
53113 Bonn, Germany*

Date: Signature (please type):

After receiving your application our Membership unit will contact you regarding the Membership Fee. Your municipality will be considered an ICLEI Member only after ICLEI receives the Membership Fee.

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