



GreenClimateCities Program

A pathway to low-emission, low-risk city development



Climate change is a reality. Local leadership has been key to the global response to this challenge, and the continued proactive engagement of cities worldwide is imperative.

The GreenClimateCities (GCC) program builds on 25 years of expertise and experience through ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign – the first and largest global movement of local governments tackling climate change.

The GCC takes local planning and action to the next level. The world applauded the lofty goals and global resolution at COP21 in Paris, and GCC is the most effective way for cities to implement that agreement. It can support the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Our main strategy is to uphold and enhance our established values, goals, and mode of operation. We offer new ideas and innovation while expanding on proven success and good practices.

What is GreenClimateCities (GCC)?

ICLEI's GreenClimateCities (GCC) program supports local communities that are on the front lines addressing the challenges and opportunities of urban growth, exploring their green economy and green infrastructure, and pursuing a low-emission development trajectory.

The GCC methodology is a 9 step process offering access to tools, instruments, best practices and process management support.

The GCC offers:

- Process guidance and a framework tailor-made to local government requirements, to guide and support them on how to analyze, act and accelerate by integrating low emission development into urban development policies, plans and processes
- Flexible, proven approach to accommodate different contexts, allowing any city, town, metropolis or district to engage at its own pace
- Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) process to demonstrate local commitment, capacity and results
- Wide range of tools and guidance to support effective delivery of local climate action, supported by multi-disciplinary expertise, capacity building and peer exchange opportunities
- Global network of cities and towns committed to tackling climate change and sustainable development, focusing on people, policy, finance and technology
- Guidance on ways to improve local-national dialogue and cooperation to enhance climate action in-country





Who uses the GCC?

The GCC process can guide political decision-makers and technical staff – the people who lead and implement the climate change mitigation process in their communities.

Any local government may join this program, regardless of size, geography or level of development. To explore how this works, please contact your regional ICLEI office - <http://www.iclei.org/contacts>

Main Benefits and Positive Outcomes

From low-emission to carbon neutrality, the GCC supports scaling up efforts, meeting global standards, reporting to a global platform, improving and tracking performance.

Through the GCC process, your local government is empowered to:

- ✓ **Develop** institutional capacity for Low Emission Development
- ✓ **Enhance** an understanding of local potentials and strengths
- ✓ **Create** or adapt processes and structures to integrate Low Emission Development into urban planning, policies and projects across sectors and municipal departments
- ✓ **Engage** and empower stakeholders in a meaningful, inclusive way
- ✓ **Approve** an effective strategy to meet objectives and targets
- ✓ **Strengthen** enabling conditions by adopting/ adapting policies and regulations
- ✓ **Introduce** mechanisms for delivery of programs and projects over time
- ✓ **Improve** monitoring and reporting capacity
- ✓ **Demonstrate** results and progress in a transparent and credible way

GCC gives your Community access to:

- Global Protocol for Community-scale Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventories (GPC) <http://www.iclei.org/gpc>
- Measuring, Reporting, Verification (MRV) framework and checklists
- Stakeholders and consultation tool
- Low emission scenarios and priority identification tools
- Greenhouse gas quantification software with GHG inventory and action planning functions www.heat.org and www.clearpath.global
- Solutions Gateway www.solutions-gateway.org including guidance on selecting appropriate financing models
- Pool of Experts <http://tinyurl.com/poolofexperts>
- The carbonn® Climate Registry, the global reporting platform on local and subnational climate action www.carbonn.org





Take the first step... connect!

ICLEI is the world's leading network of over 1,000 cities, towns and metropolises committed to building a sustainable future. By helping our Members to make their cities sustainable, low-carbon, ecomobile, resilient, biodiverse, resource-efficient, healthy and happy, with a green economy and smart infrastructure, we impact over 20% of the global urban population.

ICLEI's global network of 17 regional and country offices provides a broad range of services to help local governments lead the way to become low emission or even carbon-neutral. Through consultation, providing greenhouse gas inventory software and other tools, as well as knowledge sharing and technical assistance, ICLEI can assist cities and towns in their transformation.

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