



ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

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Since 1990, ICLEI has grown to become the leading network of over 1,500 cities, towns and regions committed to building a sustainable future. The ICLEI Network encompasses local and subnational governments of all sizes, including towns, megacities, states, regions, counties and intercommunalities.

Who we are

ICLEI is the leading global network of more than 1,500 cities, towns and regions committed to building a sustainable future.

Our vision

ICLEI envisions a world of sustainable cities that confront the realities of urbanization, adapt to economic and demographic trends and prepare for the impacts of climate change and other urban challenges. This is why ICLEI unites local and regional governments in creating positive change through collective learning, exchange and capacity building.

Assets and achievements

For the past 25 years, ICLEI has maintained that local action is at the center of global change. Our multidisciplinary network continues to develop and apply practical strategies, tools and methodologies that bring about tangible local progress worldwide. The growing ICLEI Network works collaboratively in more than 100 countries, leveraging local assets to address pressing urban challenges and impact over 25 percent of the global urban population.

Our approach

The ICLEI Network takes an integrated approach to sustainable development, striving to become sustainable, low-carbon, ecomobile, resilient, biodiverse, resource-efficient, healthy and happy, with a green economy and smart infrastructure

Our 10 Urban Agendas are an expression of our integrated approach. ICLEI forges strategic partnerships with business and financial institutions to strengthen our results and bring about global change with a coalition of able partners. We also work to ensure that strong policy environments support local action through our national and global advocacy advancements.

Our cumulative knowledge and ambitions will continue to drive our work.

1,500 cities,
towns and
regions



100+
countries



17 Regional
Offices



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Our 10 Urban Agendas

- **Sustainable City** - ICLEI's overarching goal is the creation of sustainable cities. Sustainable cities work towards an environmentally, socially, and economically healthy and resilient habitat for existing populations, without compromising the ability of future generations to experience the same.
- **Resilient City** - A resilient city is prepared to absorb and recover from any shock or stress while maintaining its essential functions, structures, and identity, adapting and thriving in the face of continual change.
- **EcoMobile City** - An EcoMobile city fulfills its objective of creating a more livable and accessible city by utilizing sustainable urban mobility principles to achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption, improvements to air quality, and increased mobility opportunities for all citizens.
- **BiodiverCity** - Biodiverse cities understand that a diverse natural world is the foundation of human existence, as it is necessary for both survival and quality of life.
- **Sustainable City-Region Cooperation** - City-region cooperation builds the conditions necessary to advance sustainability on the local, regional and sub-national level.
- **Resource-efficient and Productive City** - Resource-efficient cities - often called Eco-Cities - ensure that their socio-economic development is significantly decoupled from resource exploitation and ecological impacts. Productive cities go beyond improving the efficiency of current or future urban systems, including new cities or new urban developments, with the aim of becoming net productive systems in ecological, economic and social terms.
- **Low-carbon City** - A low-carbon city recognizes its responsibility to act. It pursues a step-by-step approach towards carbon neutrality, urban resilience and energy security, supporting an active green economy and stable green infrastructure.
- **Smart City** - A smart city has embedded "smartness" into its operations, and is guided by the overarching goal of becoming more sustainable and resilient.
- **Sustainable Local Economy and Procurement** - A sustainable local economy improves human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and natural resource scarcity.
- **Healthy, Happy and Inclusive City** - Happy, healthy and inclusive communities look beyond GDP as the primary indicator for development, choosing to prioritize health and happiness for all.



What we offer

Participatory governance

Sustainable financing

Networking

Methods and tools

Join our network

Becoming a part of the ICLEI Network means joining a committed network of local and subnational governments from around the world.

5 reasons to join ICLEI

Get connected - To join ICLEI means joining a global network of over 1,500 diverse cities, towns, and regions and experts with a strong group of Partners. ICLEI Members actively engage with their peers through conferences, workshops, webinars and online platforms and take advantage of our connections with businesses, financial institutions and other implementation partners that help strengthen innovation and resourcing.

Get informed - ICLEI Members have access to the latest information and ideas that shape the sustainability landscape. We deliver up-to-date information on global advocacy processes, technical advancements and local sustainability leadership. Our products provide informative snapshots and thorough analyses that keep Members on the pulse of thematic and crosscutting sustainability issues.

Get resources - ICLEI offers Members a vital combination of methodologies, tools, knowledge and skills that support local projects at all stages of planning and implementation. By working with the multidisciplinary ICLEI network, Members are well equipped to develop and implement integrated solutions that advance their sustainability goals.

Get involved - ICLEI Members have ample opportunity to influence our global agenda. By joining ICLEI, Members are eligible to vote and take part in our network-wide governing body. ICLEI also invite Members to speak at high level events to advance the interests of local and subnational governments on the global stage.

Get featured - ICLEI Members are the core of our network and are the drivers of global change. Through our wide-reaching global communication channels, we aim to show this to the rest of the world. Our global communications use a variety of digital and print media to showcase the work of our Members, who also have preferential access to speaking slots at ICLEI events across the world.

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