HOW ICLEI ADVANCES GLOBAL FRAMEWORKS

INPUT TO THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2018
How ICLEI will deliver on global goals and aspirations

The ICLEI Montréal Commitment and Strategic Vision 2018 - 2024 defines five interconnected pathways - low emission, nature-based, circular, resilient and equitable development - towards sustainability, supported by policy approaches on governance, innovation and finance.

The ICLEI Montréal Action Plan 2018 - 2021 includes a range of projects, partnerships and initiatives developed and implemented by ICLEI offices, in partnership with the local and regional governments across the network.

This action plan is designed to accelerate sustainable, integrated urban and territorial development, as a means to support and complement national contributions and global sustainability goals.

Why a new vision, why align it with global frameworks?

As a voluntary global network committed to sustainability since 1990, ICLEI recognizes it is critical to have global consensus around sustainable development so that political will, systems and resources are oriented in the same direction.

ICLEI has welcomed the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Climate Agreement and the New Urban Agenda. They represent a new wave of global sustainability action where refreshed and reinforced commitment by national governments will help advance and accelerate the efforts of the ICLEI network which have been growing since the adoption of Local Agenda 21 in 1992.

Our take

The SDGs are a universal and collective vision, with SDG 11 as the central lever to attain all other goals. The Paris Climate Agreement is the prerequisite to safeguard all SDGs and pioneer the transformation towards a new model of climate-safe human civilization. The New Urban Agenda is a compendium of good practices and policies for urban development, including the right-to-the-city, multilevel governance and urban planning.

Together, we will build a just and sustainable future for all. Sustainable development it is a right for all, not a privilege of the few. We will spark local action at the global scale and drive the movement towards building a sustainable urban world.
Our five interconnected pathways cut across sectors and jurisdictional boundaries. This design enables local and regional governments to think holistically and take an integrated approach to sustainable urban development. The pathways are a unifying guide to support the ICLEI network in contributing to global goals.
HOW THE ICLEI NETWORK IS ACTING TO ACHIEVE THE SDGs

Highlights from the ICLEI Montréal Action Plan

In 2018, the High Level Political Forum will review SDGs 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17. The ICLEI Montréal Action Plan contains more than 130 projects, partnerships and initiatives through which local and regional governments worldwide are driving global action. This is a snapshot of that action led by the ICLEI network:

**SDG 11 - to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable - is the central lever to attain the SDGs.** The ICLEI network is taking direct action on key targets within SDG 11.

**SDG 11.2 - PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

We promote sustainable transport through 14 projects across regions. Our work is spearheaded by the EcoMobility Alliance, a network of 23 committed cities across 5 continents led by innovators and supported by experts and businesses. ICLEI recently launched the Kaohsiung Strategies for the Future of Urban Mobility, a guide for local and regional governments to implement the Shared Mobility Principles for Livable Cities which conceptualize key ecomobility commitments.

**SDG 11.3 - PLANNING**

Through the Urban-LEDS programme, ICLEI and UN Habitat design and implement low emission development and climate resilience strategies into all sectors of urban planning and development in 60 cities across 8 countries. Following ICLEI’s GreenClimateCities methodology, the program contributes to international climate and resilience action.

Launched by the World Bank in 2016, The City Climate Planner (CCP) Certificate Program aims to increase the global talent base of local climate planning specialists. ICLEI supports this program by training cities on how to calculate their carbon emissions.

**SDG 11.6 - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

We promote the implementation of short-term climate pollutant reduction strategies by mobilizing and empowering the health sector and demonstrating the full range of health benefits that can be achieved at the city level.

**SDG 11.b - INTEGRATED POLICIES AND PLANS**

Data compiled through the carbonn Climate Registry in 2016-2017 shows that 150+ cities and regions announced climate adaptation or integrated mitigation and adaptation plans as completed or in progress and 2000+ adaptation relevant actions were reported.

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