

A stylized world map composed of small teal dots is overlaid with several yellow lines that represent a global network. The lines connect various points across the map, with some lines ending in small yellow circles. The map is set against a teal background that transitions into a white background on the right side of the slide.

The global cities network

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12 *mega-cities*
100 *super-cities and
urban regions*
450 *large cities*
450 *small and medium-sized
cities and towns*
86 *countries*

Who we are

ICLEI is the **world's largest association** of local and metropolitan governments dedicated to sustainable development.

ICLEI is an **energetic and flexible movement**, working together with national, regional and international networks, driving performance-based programs, advancing through an international exchange of experiences and solutions.

ICLEI is an **effective sustainable and environmental agency**, strengthening local governments' capacities, providing advanced knowledge and serving as the gateway to solutions for the future.

ICLEI is a **dedicated membership organization** for capacitating local governments and for being partners in implementing global sustainability targets.



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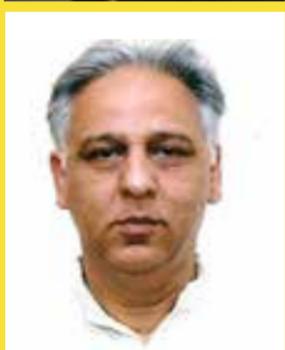
**“The road to
sustainability runs
through the world’s
towns and cities.”**

Ban Ki-Moon
UN Secretary General

Why cities

Cities have what it takes to inspire and empower the innovations and changes that are required in today's world.

- Cities are the home to universities, government power centers, corporate headquarters and over 50% of the global population
- Cities are the pillars on which the prosperity and sustainability of our collective global future depend on
- Cities are the engines of innovation, economic growth and job creation
- Cities are platforms for building partnerships with residents and businesses, designing incentives and enforcing regulations



How we work

ICLEI connects leaders

- We connect cities to promote mutual learning and generate synergies
- We connect city leaders to UN leaders, business leaders, scientific leaders and NGO leaders

ICLEI accelerates action

- We advocate better framework conditions for cities to perform
- We run programs and campaigns to help cities go for more radical solutions and to advance rapidly
- We provide cities with tools and trainings

ICLEI serves as gateway to solutions

- We have a knowledge base of solutions, maintain partnerships with businesses, researchers and expert organizations, and connects cities with solutions providers
- We support cities to become sustainable through our **8 Urban Agendas**



Sustainable City

one of ICLEI's 8 Urban Agendas

The performance of cities will impact the living conditions of over six billion city dwellers, the global economy and the viability of global ecosystems

ICLEI offers:

- Leadership in the Local Agenda 21 movement for participatory governance
- Capacity building in sustainability management
- Systems and tools for sustainability management, e.g. *ecoBudget*®
- Advocacy on behalf of local governments towards the UN and its agencies
- ICLEI triennial World Congress and regional conventions
- Global advocacy on a global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) for cities

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Biodiverse City

one of ICLEI's 8 Urban Agendas

Ecosystem-based local planning and management is increasingly essential to maintain global biodiversity

ICLEI offers:

- The ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center, regional secretariats and country offices enable cities, local and sub-national governments worldwide to commit to biodiversity action
- The Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB) Pioneer Project, a partnership initiative with IUCN and others, is an entry level for cities to join over 50 leading cities and local governments on all continents
- URBIS Network and various BiodiverCities projects run at the country and regional levels

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Resilient City

one of ICLEI's 8 Urban Agendas

Cities must be low-risk and resilient if they want to be sustainable: resilient to disaster, climate change, unforeseen events and economic shocks

ICLEI offers:

- The Durban Adaptation Charter expressing cities commitment to climate change adaptation action
- A range of Resilient Cities/Communities or climate adaptation programs and tools tailored to regional conditions
- The annual Resilient Cities global forum on urban resilience and adaptation in Bonn
- The Mayors Adaptation Forum in Bonn convened by the World Mayors Council on Climate Change
- Cities may also join UNISDR's "Making cities resilient: My city is getting ready" campaign with other ICLEI partners

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Low-carbon City

one of ICLEI's 8 Urban Agendas

Low-carbon, low-emission or even carbon-neutral cities will be the signposts to sustainability

ICLEI offers:

- Cities are invited to sign the Global Cities Covenant on Climate (Mexico City Pact)
- Cities could join the World Mayors Council on Climate Change, the secretariat of which is hosted by ICLEI
- The Bonn Center for Local Climate Action and Reporting (carbon n ®) which operates the carbon n Cities Climate Registry
- The GreenClimateCities program guides cities through a process of analysis, target-setting, programming, identifying finance, implementation, monitoring and reporting
- The HEAT+ online tool is available for cities to account for their greenhouse gas emissions
- ICLEI actively advocates local climate action, local governments as partners in global climate governance, bottom-up finance mechanisms and access to climate finance

A photograph of a bicycle with a black basket on the front, parked near a body of water. The bicycle is orange and black. The background shows a calm body of water and a hazy sky. The image is partially obscured by a light blue curved graphic element at the bottom.

Smart Urban Infrastructure

one of ICLEI's 8 Urban Agendas

**Eco-efficient, resilient and low-carbon city development
requires smart urban infrastructure
which in turn depends on smart systems design**

ICLEI offers:

- ICLEI's Local Renewables Center, regional secretariats and country offices inform Members about regionally specific Local Renewables programs
- Annual international Local Renewables conference in Freiburg
- In partnership with the Green Building Councils and UNEP, ICLEI offers cities technical advice on green buildings and sustainable construction
- An annual Resilient Building & Construction Forum in Bonn
- The EcoMobility Alliance and the Biennial EcoMobility Congress
- Global Town Hall at the metropolitan Solutions an annual fair and forum on advanced urban infrastructures in Hannover

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a small green plant with two leaves. The plant is growing out of a stack of gold coins. The background is a light blue and white striped shirt. The image is partially obscured by a yellow bar at the top and a teal wave at the bottom.

Green Urban Economy

one of ICLEI's 8 Urban Agendas

The way we produce, distribute and consume determines the stability of ecosystems and the sustainability of human civilization

ICLEI offers:

- A Green Urban Economy strategy
- The Sustainable Procurement program through ICLEI's Sustainable Procurement Center, regional secretariats and country offices
- The EcoProcura[®] Conferences for exchange and learning
- The Local Action for Employment processes, engaging stakeholders in the development of job creation and green job strategies
- Guidance and technical advice on hosting green events
- ICLEI triennial World Congress and regional conventions



Resource-efficient City

one of ICLEI's 8 Urban Agendas

Resource-efficient cities will gain competitive advantage in an era of shrinking resources and growing global and urban populations

ICLEI offers:

- Programs such as Integrated Urban Water Management, Green Growth Cities
- Capacity building and systems, especially the *ecoBudget*® for managing local natural resources such as land and soil, water, fauna and flora, food, nutrients, minerals, materials and energy
- ICLEI triennial World Congress and regional conventions
- Networking and programs to strengthen local initiatives on urban food systems

Healthy & Happy Community

one of ICLEI's 8 Urban Agendas

Local communities should enjoy health, happiness and a good quality of life, irrespective of their economic standing

ICLEI offers:

- ICLEI offers opportunities for Members to develop a local “happiness index” on the route “beyond GDP”
- Members concerned about public health and safety may seek guidance through ICLEI’s Safe & Healthy Communities program
- The Local Agenda for Peace and Security gives support to Members in crisis-stricken regions and those with communities suffering from violence who seek to incorporate a just and peaceful community in their sustainable development plans

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“Sustainability: understand it, localize it, customize it and humanize it. Our core business is helping you to understand global sustainability challenges, localizing their impacts and customizing solutions, so that citizens feel that they too need to be part of the effort. Join the organization and our work!”

Gino Van Begin

ICLEI Secretary General

Join our Network

Our Members and Partners prove that local governments worldwide take responsibility in creating a sustainable society!

- ICLEI Members and Partners are informing and inspiring a global dialogue of what is possible and necessary. They are working together, driving innovation, and providing powerful leadership and direction
- They consistently top the rankings of the World's Greenest Cities
- They have led the effort in recent years to envision, accelerate and achieve strong climate protection goals, creating cleaner, healthier and more economically viable communities
- They benefit from ICLEI's professional networks, trainings, tools, events, advocacy and more than 20 years of sustainability experience



“Cities and local governments are not waiting for the world to change. We are changing the world together. And this is what really sets the tone at ICLEI.”

Mayor Park Won-Soon

Mayor of Seoul, and Chair of World Mayors Council on Climate Change

Joint Session of the
World Mayors Council

October, 2012 Seoul, Republic of Korea



Be part of the change

Becoming a part of the ICLEI Network is more than becoming a Member or a Partner. It is about joining a committed network of local governments from across the country and around the world, learning from one another and sharing resources to accelerate success – and **to create more vibrant and sustainable communities together.**



ICLEI has over 250 international staff working in 18 legal entities and satellite offices worldwide supporting cities to become low-carbon, resilient, biodiverse, resource-efficient, healthy & happy and to green their infrastructure and urban economy.

Find out more at www.iclei.org



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