

HOW ICLEI ADVANCES GLOBAL FRAMEWORKS



The ICLEI Montréal Commitment and Strategic Vision and the ICLEI Montréal Action Plan define how ICLEI will deliver on the goals and aspirations laid out in the global sustainable development agenda.

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability comprises more than 1,500 local and regional governments advancing sustainable urban development globally. The ICLEI Montréal Commitment and Strategic Vision, adopted by the ICLEI Council, orients their path towards urban transformation and sets a course for delivering on the global sustainable development agenda. To support their efforts, ICLEI offices worldwide are engaging in more than 130 projects, partnerships and initiatives that enable local and regional governments worldwide to advance what was laid out in the ICLEI Montréal Commitment and Strategic Vision.

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 next new wave of global sustainability action where refreshed and reinforced commitment by national governments will help advance and accelerate efforts of the ICLEI network since 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 a 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.

How ICLEI will deliver on global goals and aspirations

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

The ICLEI Montréal Action Plan 2018 - 2021, which 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, to accelerate and leap frog sustainable, integrated urban and territorial development, as a means to support and complement national contributions and global sustainability goals.

SDG Highlights from the ICLEI Montréal Action Plan

- 7** Promote 100 percent renewable energy.
- 9** Support industrial legacy cities in transitioning to sustainable economies.
- 11** Develop urban low emission, climate resilient, mobility friendly development strategies and monitor their implementation.
- 12** Lead the transition to a green economy through leading sustainable public procurement networks.
- 13** Connect climate action to urban development and engage local and regional governments in making Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) fit for the Paris Agreement.
- 14** Support island communities at the front line of climate challenges and address land-based ocean pollution.
- 15** Lead the implementation of global biodiversity targets at the city and regional level.

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