



What is the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy is an international alliance of more than 7400 cities and local governments from 121 countries across six continents with a shared, long-term vision of a world where committed mayors and local governments – in alliance with partners – accelerate ambitious, measurable climate and energy initiatives that lead to an inclusive, just, low-emission and climate resilient future, working to meet and exceed the Paris agreement objectives.

The Global Covenant of Mayors serves cities and local governments by mobilizing and supporting ambitious, measurable, planned climate and energy action in their communities by working with city/regional networks, national governments, and other partners to achieve our vision.

Core principles of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

- **Local Governments are key contributors.** The Global Covenant of Mayors organizes and mobilizes cities and local governments to be active contributors to a global climate solution.
- **City Networks are critical partners.** Local, regional and global city networks are core partners, serving as the primary support for participating cities and local governments.
- **Cities are drivers of a robust solution agenda.** Focusing on the sectors where cities have the greatest impact, the Global Covenant of Mayors supports ambitious, locally relevant solutions, captured through strategic action plans that are registered, implemented, and monitored and publicly available to foster solution sharing and collaboration.
- **Cities are reducing greenhouse gas emissions and fostering local climate resilience.** The Global Covenant of Mayors brings together leaders who recognize the importance of immediate climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as the need for increased access to clean and affordable energy.

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Commitment

Cities or local governments committed to the Global Covenant of Mayors agree to develop and report on the following:

- A municipal-scale greenhouse gas emission inventory and assessment of climate hazards and vulnerabilities;
- Ambitious, measurable targets to reduce/limit greenhouse gas emissions;
- Ambitious adaptation vision and goals to increase local resilience to climate change;
- Plan(s) to address climate change mitigation, adaptation, and sustainable energy access, including provisions for regular reporting on progress.

Political Leadership of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

The Board provides strategic direction for the global alliance of mayors and local governments. Ten mayors or local government officials have been appointed to the Board to be representatives of the global city networks and provide regionally specific perspectives, ensuring that the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy is truly led by mayors and local leaders who are seeing first-hand the growing and damaging impact of climate change. This ensures that a bottom-up/city-led approach is embedded in the governance system of the initiative.

The Global Covenant is led by co-chairs European Commission Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič and UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change Michael Bloomberg, with former UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres as Vice-Chair, and current UNFCCC Executive Secretary, Patricia Espinosa, serving as an Advisor and Observer.



The Board's 2017 Mayoral Members are:

- Mayor Kasim Reed (Atlanta, USA)
- Mayor Patricia de Lille (Cape Town, South Africa)
- Mayor Mohamed Sefiani (Chefchaouen, Morocco)
- Mayor Anne Hidalgo (Paris, France)
- Mayor Mauricio Rodas (Quito, Ecuador)
- Mayor Jaiman Upadhyay (Rajkot, India)
- Mayor Park Won-soon (Seoul, South Korea)
- Mayor Tri Rismaharini (Surabaya, Indonesia)
- Mayor Gregor Robertson (Vancouver, Canada)

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