

# Measuring and Managing Climate Impacts through the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System

## Who is CDP?

[CDP](#) is a not-for-profit charity that runs the global disclosure system for investors, companies, cities, states, and regions to manage their climate and environmental impacts. CDP's goal is to globally reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with a 1.5°C pathway and to restore ecosystem health.

## Reporting to CDP

The [CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System](#) supports your city to measure, manage, and disclose its climate and environmental impacts and actions over time. By responding to CDP's questionnaire, your city can:

- **Identify your climate change risks and opportunities**
- **Report your greenhouse gas emissions and targets**
- **Report your mitigation and adaptation actions across a variety of impact areas (e.g. energy, transport, food, water, waste)**



With over 20 years of experience of environmental governance and disclosure, CDP provides its services to cities, states and regions free of charge.

## Why report?

### Join a global movement



Become part of a global community that measures its environmental impact and shares its progress with peers, citizens, businesses, and investors. In 2021, more than 1100 cities responded to CDP's questionnaire, contributing data to national and international partners, and demonstrating the positive impact of subnational climate action.

### Influence policy and decision-making



Inform policy through sharing your actions with key decision-makers, including the [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UNFCCC\)](#); [World Health Organisation](#); national governments; NGOs including [World Wildlife Fund \(WWF\)](#); and urban sustainability networks including the [Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy \(GCoM\)](#); and [C40](#).

### Contribute to a 1.5° aligned, nature positive, equitable world



Demonstrate your city's unique position to accelerate equitable climate action. Cities are inspirational frontrunners that showcase new technologies and policy innovations, increasing the urgency for national governments to scale up ambition and strengthen their Nationally Determined Contributions.

## Receive a CDP score and feedback



CDP will evaluate your data and provide you with a score to indicate your performance across climate change adaptation, mitigation and transparency. CDP will provide individual guidance on steps to improve your response and celebrate the highest scoring cities on its annual A List campaign. This supports transparency towards citizens and can improve your reputation with investors.

## Access to insights and knowledge-sharing with other cities

CDP provides free support and training through individual calls and webinars. CDP facilitates the exchange of best practices between cities through regional events, case studies, and reports. Through our [Open Data Portal](#), you can get inspired by the adaptation and mitigation actions of other cities, showcase your own actions, and benchmark your progress over time and against your peers.



## The One-Stop-Shop: easy access to other environmental initiatives and services

With over 12 opt-in initiatives on the platform, CDP provides cities the opportunity to fulfil their pledge commitments and reporting requirements in one place (e.g. the Global Covenant of Mayors). Cities can also engage in partner projects and capacity-building opportunities, including ICLEI's [Green Climate Cities](#), [EcoMobility](#), [EcoLogistics](#) and [100% Renewable Energy](#) campaigns, as well as UNFCCC's [Cities Race to Zero](#) and [Race to Resilience](#). CDP helps identify gaps in your climate action, connecting you with relevant partners and support opportunities (e.g. Science-based target setting, Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessments).

## Access finance



CDP's [Matchmaker](#) bridges the gap between cities and capital markets, supporting government sustainability officers to learn more about financing equitable and sustainable infrastructure, and investors looking for a pipeline of infrastructure investment opportunities. Matchmaker strengthens the capacity of cities to communicate municipal infrastructure projects to financial firms through one-to-one support and training and provides investors with information on infrastructure projects derived from CDP's platform and partners.

## Align with best practice

The 2022 questionnaire is fully aligned with the [Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures](#) (TCFD) and with the [Common Reporting Framework](#) (CRF) defined by GCoM, including the new Energy Access and Energy Poverty (EEAP). It is also mapped against the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) and aligned with global standards such as the [International Sustainability Standards Board](#) (ISSB).

If you are interested in reporting your environmental data, please contact [citiesEMEA@cdp.net](mailto:citiesEMEA@cdp.net). You can also [self-register](#) on our website. To do so, you need to provide your name and email address as well as the name of the city for which you want to report the environmental data.

Your regional CDP team will get in touch with you directly with your personal activation link and guide you through the reporting process. All our services are free of cost.

## Links to learn more about CDP's work:

- ▼ [Start page](#)
- ▼ [Questionnaire and Score](#)
- ▼ [Disclosure guidance](#)
- ▼ [Events and Recordings](#)
- ▼ [Open Data Portal](#)
- ▼ [Case studies](#)
- ▼ [Co-benefits of climate action](#)
- ▼ [City-business collaborations](#)
- ▼ [Cities at risk](#)
- ▼ [Aiming for A](#)

