Human activities in cities, towns and regions contribute a significant and growing proportion of global greenhouse gas emissions and are at increasing risks from the impacts of climate change. They also drive the demand for energy and other services in urban areas with rapid population growth. UN-Habitat and ICLEI are taking on these challenges by accelerating urban low emission development and climate change resilience in more than 60 cities worldwide, by exploring a multilevel and integrated governance approach to urban climate action.

An Urban Low Emission Development Strategy (Urban LEDS) is integrated into city development plans and processes to outline a pathway to transition a city to a low emission, green and inclusive urban economy.

Urban-LEDS strengthens cooperation and information sharing across all levels of government, positioning them to jointly plan, advance, track and deliver on global climate and sustainability goals.

Through the Urban-LEDS project, local governments develop comprehensive Urban Low Emissions Development Strategies (LEDS) and create integrated climate action plans. These are aligned with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) framework.
# THE URBAN-LEDS APPROACH: ACTIVITIES AND IMPACTS

## Benefits to local governments

### ANALYSIS
- Obtain an overview of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG inventories)
- Identify climate risks and vulnerabilities (R&V assessments)
- Understand institutional context and opportunities for improvements (governance)

### ACTION
- Develop the action plan and implement policies
- Ensure the plan is mainstreamed in all sectors across the municipality
- Engage with stakeholders and build strong coalition for implementation

### INTEGRATED REPORTING
- Report climate and emissions data, action implementation and access to finance
- Track progress to assess gaps and opportunities
- Ensure reporting to appropriate actors: Council, government, public, global platform

### CAPACITY BUILDING
- Training on process, policy and technical implementation, building skillsets of leaders and officials
- Sharing good practices, resources and tools

## Benefits to national governments

- Promoting and enhancing MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE to deliver on national development goals, and to raise the ambition of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

## Global benefits

- SUPPORTING the Paris Agreement, the New

- Supporting the implementation of the GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR

- Informing GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE DECISION MAKING PROCESSES with good
**URBAN-LEDS PHASE II: PROJECT GOALS**

- **39** Signatories to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy as of January 2019
- **60** Cities and towns in project countries and Europe
- **8** New Urban Low Emission Development Strategies finalized
- **20+** New project applications to the TAP (Transformative Actions Program)
- **8** Low Emission Development Strategies being elaborated
- **16** climate risk & vulnerability assessments completed
- **447** Reported climate actions
  - **334** mitigation actions
  - **113** adaptation actions
- **60+** Pilot projects implemented
- **44 Million** people represented
- **37** Cities in 12 countries
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- **79 MtCO₂e** (community) reported in cCR
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