

CITIES

RACE TO ZERO

DRIVING A GREEN AND JUST RECOVERY IN 1000 CITIES



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Race to Zero

Race To Zero is a global campaign led by the Led by the High-Level Climate Champions for Climate Action – Nigel Topping and Gonzalo Muñozto rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions, investors for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth.

Who is involved?



Investors



Cities



Universities



Regions

CITIES RACE TO ZERO

Official partner for cities into the global Race to Zero campaign run by the High-Level Champions.

Race to Zero rallies cities, regions, businesses, and investors committed to the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement and to achieving net zero emissions by 2050 at the very latest.



To join go to www.citiesracetozero.org and sign the **Cities Race to Zero pledge**.



*“As the first generation of leaders to recognize the scale of the impending climate crisis and the last generation to be able to prevent it, I invite you to join the **Cities Race to Zero**”.*

Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles,
Friend of COP26 & C40 Chair

Nations Unies

Conférence sur les Changements Climatiques

COP21/CMP11

Paris, France



COP26

November 1-12, 2021

Glasgow, Scotland

The most important milestone since the adoption of the Paris Agreement: for the first time nations are expected to present new and enhanced pledges showing how they will reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

WHY join?

01

Access the best resources to plan your green recovery

02

Win the argument for climate action in your city

03

Demonstrate your city's leadership in this global movement and at the biggest climate event of the decade

04

Access global media platforms to spread the word about your city's achievements



WHY US CITIES SHOULD JOIN THE RACE

It is critical for US cities be at the table as the Biden Administration implements its climate ambitions.

By partnering with the administration, cities stand to directly benefit from policies and programs that bolster equity and generate good paying jobs

JOINING CITIES RACE TO ZERO

Cities Race to Zero pledge:

5 REQUIREMENTS

01

Endorse the following principles

- We recognize the global climate emergency
- We are committed to keeping global heating below the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement.
- We are committed to putting inclusive climate action at the center of all urban decision-making, to create thriving and equitable communities for everyone.
- We invite our partners – political leaders, CEOs, trade unions, investors, and civil society – to join us in recognizing the global climate emergency and help us deliver on science-based action to overcome it.

02

Pledge to reach net-zero in the 2040s or by mid-century at the latest and limit warming to 1.5°C.

03

Plan to set an interim 2030 target consistent with a fair share of 50% global emission reductions.

04

Proceed to planning at least one inclusive climate action, e.g. Procure only zero emission buses from 2025.

05

Publish your target and action to your usual reporting platform and report progress annually.

Who is already in the Race?

Email info@citiesracetozero.org to
find out if your city is already in!



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Cities



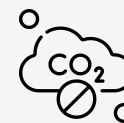
45
Investors



549
Universities



22
Regions



7%
Global CO2 emissions



0.62
Billion people



12%
Global economy US\$9.81
trillion in revenue

JOINING: step-by-step



01

**Go to the Cities
Race to Zero portal**

www.citiesracetozero.org



02

**Click on Join
Cities Race to Zero**

You're starting the pledging
process



03

**Carefully read the Cities
Race to Zero pledge**

Make sure you understand
the 5 pledge requirements

JOINING:

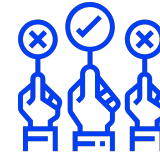
step-by-step



04

Select where you will be reporting you target and action commitment

CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System and MyCovenant are recognized platforms of Cities Race to Zero. If you do not currently report, please say so on the form!



05

Commit to at least one action

There are over 50 high-impact inclusive actions that could set your city on the path to a green and just recovery and 1.5°C.


JOINING:

step-by-step



06

Sign and submit the Cities Race to Zero pledge

 Only a mayor, council leader or equivalent can sign (or personnel authorized on their behalf). You are now committed to delivering all 5 Cities Race to Zero requirements.



07

Take immediate action on your pledge

Cities now need to proceed to setting a 1.5°C target, action planning and reporting.

Action planning

Cities can choose among 50+ high-impact inclusive actions that will set them on a path to 1.5°C, deliver a green and just recovery from COVID-19, as well as better health, air quality, jobs and resilience for all.

All signatories must commit to at least one action before COP26; it can be an action already underway, a new action, or multiple!

Resources are available to help you successfully plan and deliver these actions.



Create green and healthy streets



Create a more inclusive society



Reduce air pollution & ensure clean air



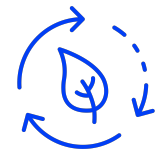
Develop zero-carbon buildings



Advance towards zero waste



Move towards resilient sustainable energy systems



Create sustainable food systems



Divest from fossil fuels & invest in a sustainable future



ICLEI150

Open to ICLEI members.

ICLEI150 is a movement of local governments across the ICLEI U.S. network stepping up to join the Cities Race to Zero to cut global emissions in half by 2030 and to zero by 2050.

ICLEI150 participants will receive a personalized support package, pairing ICLEI's resources with your community's goals.

Learn More at ICLEIUSA.org/race-to-zero

ACCELERATING CITIES IN THE RACE ICLEI150 SUPPORT

Our long-term commitment to help cities reach climate neutrality by 2050

03

PLAN to set a Science Based Target

For members with a Community GHG Inventory

- We will calculate and provide their Science-Based Targets within the next month.

For members creating or updating a Community GHG Inventory

- We will support the completion of the inventory and provide a Science-Based Target before COP26

04

Proceed to planning at least one inclusive climate action.

Using members' Science-Based Target, GHG Inventory, and priorities, ICLEI will provide community-specific high impact action options.

ICLEI will provide technical assistance workshops focused on implementation.

05

Publish your target, action, and progress annually.

ICLEI will report your Science-Based Target, chosen action, and support progress reporting.

SETTING a 1.5°C target



Cities that already have a 1.5°C science-based target need to report it. If you've never reported before, we will guide you in this process.



Cities that are not sure their target is science-based and 1.5°C compliant need to report it and Cities Race to Zero partners will check for alignment.



Cities that do not have a 1.5°C science-based target need to start developing one or updating existing target as soon as possible.



Guide for cities

To help you choose the best methodology to set a 1.5°C compliant, science-based target.

ICLEI150 SUPPORT

Science-Based Target Calculation

- Automatically calculate your Communities 2030 interim SBT
 - ◆ Based on the OPCC methodology
- Requirements:
 - ◆ 2016 or newer Community-wide GHGI in ClearPath
 - ◆ Marked “official” and “complete”
- Deliverables:
 - ◆ % reduction by 2030
 - ◆ Emissions by 2030
 - ◆ Per capita emissions by 2030

ICLEI150 SUPPORT Support Package

Calculated 2030 interim target

List of high impact actions (HIAs) to
choose from

Supporting resources for implementing
HIAs





ICLEI150 SUPPORT HIA Implementation

July - December 2021

ICLEI will customize support for ICLEI150 communities to implement HIAs via support from ICLEI technical staff, Zero Carbon Cities Advisor, and the ClearPath Planning module.

Learn More at ICLEIUSA.org/race-to-zero

CDP SUPPORT - SBT TARGET SETTING



- ▼ CDP will support non-ICLEI and non-C40 cities to set and check 1.5°C aligned science-based targets:
 - Selecting a methodology for setting a science-based target
 - Understanding the data needed to set a science-based target
 - Outlining the steps required to produce a science-based target
 - Answering cities' questions on the target setting process
- ▼ Send questions about SBT target setting to citiesNA@cdp.net
- ▼ Attend our science-based target setting [workshop](#) on May 26th
- ▼ Attend our [webinars](#) on setting and reporting science-based targets May-July 2021
- ▼ Read our science-based targets [FAQs](#)
- ▼ Read [*Science-Based Climate Targets: A guide for cities*](#), published by the Science Based Targets Network core cities partners: C40, CDP, GCoM, ICLEI, WRI and WWF

REPORTING

Signatories should report their targets and actions through the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System or MyCovenant.

In 2021, cities will report the information they have, even if incomplete. By 2022, cities will report confirmed or updated targets, and start reporting progress annually.

Cities that have not reported before will be guided through this process.



CDP-ICLEI UNIFIED REPORTING SYSTEM

A streamlined free-to-use platform for local governments to annually report their climate and environmental data



- ▶ CDP is a global environmental non-profit working to secure a thriving economy that works for people and planet in the long term.
- ▶ We aim to make environmental reporting mainstream and provide detailed insights to drive action for a climate safe, water secure, deforestation free world.
- ▶ In 2020, over 800 cities from around the world reported through the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System.



RACE TO ZERO REPORTING IN 2021

Get in touch at cities@cdp.net for more information about reporting through the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System

- ▼ In 2021 cities should report the information they have, even if incomplete.
- ▼ Reporting is public.
- ▼ CDP/ICLEI will highlight the list of questions that are the most relevant for Race to Zero signatories in 2021 in a guide.
- ▼ If you are already reporting to CDP/ICLEI: **Questions are fully aligned with existing questions and there is no extra reporting effort required.**
- ▼ New responders will be guided through the process.
- ▼ There is no fee to participate.



REPORTING IN 2022 & BEYOND

- ▼ By 2022, cities will report confirmed or updated targets
- ▼ Cities will start reporting progress on their commitment annually
- ▼ Reporting will be public
- ▼ A final list of required questions will be published ahead of the 2022 reporting period, building on the 2021 recommended baseline



HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOU



**Working
offline**



**Collaborate
with
colleagues**



Guidance



**Online data
validation**



Copy forward



Webinars



**Resources available
in multiple
languages**

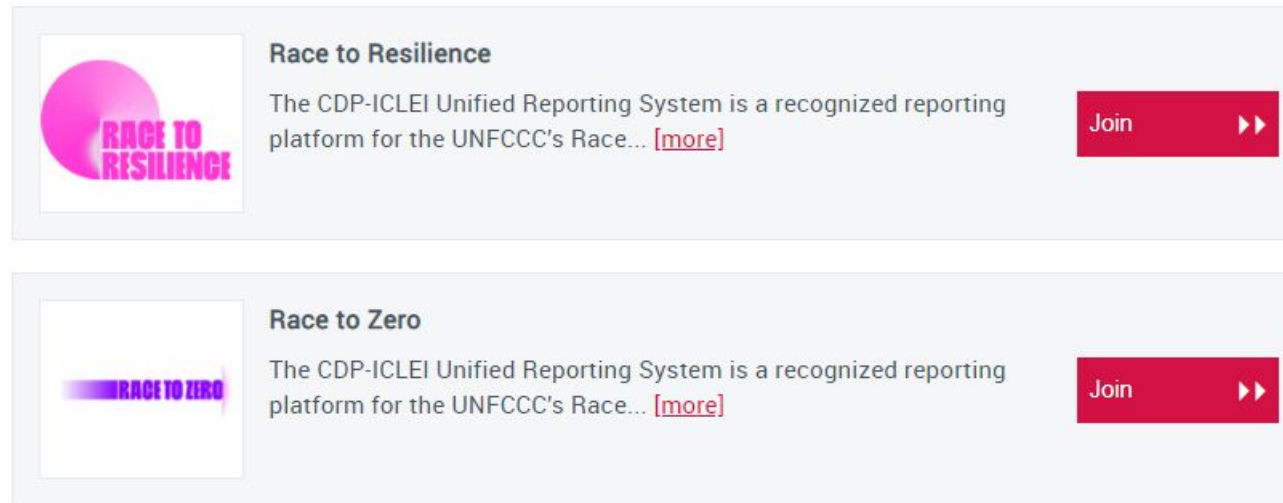


**Direct support
from
CDP and ICLEI**

CDP SUPPORT – REPORTING AND COMMITTING



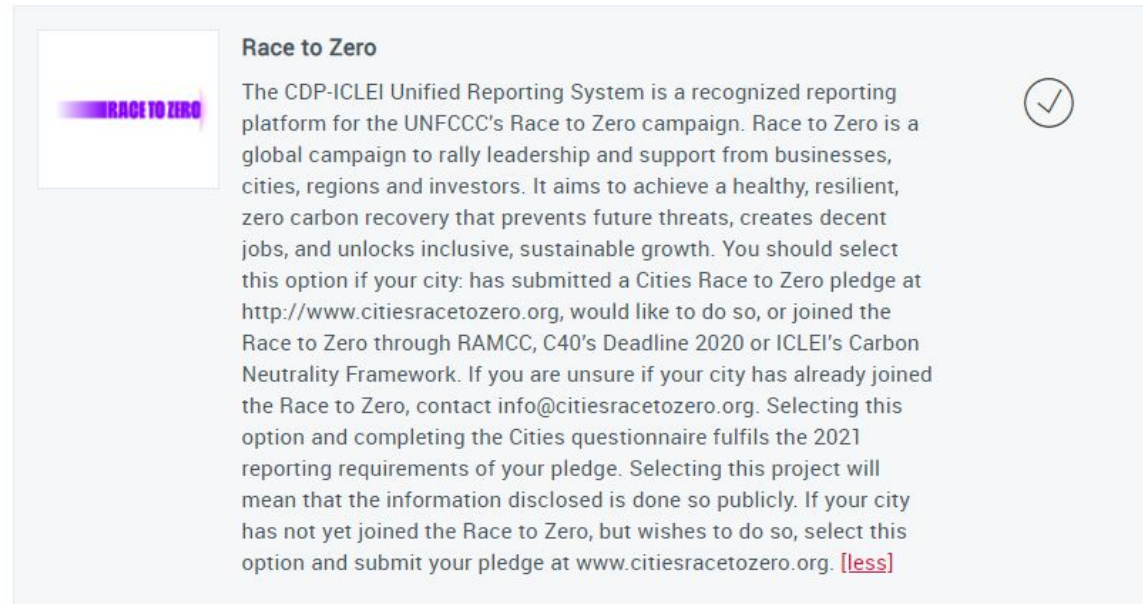
- ▼ Cities reporting to the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System (URS) can opt into Cities Race to Zero on the cities dashboard
- ▼ **If you are interested in joining Cities Race to Zero but are not ready to formally pledge, you can register interest in the campaign through the URS**



- ▼ A member of the team will then be able to support you in joining Cities Race to Zero and answer any queries, or you can reach out directly to citiesNA@cdp.net to receive additional support

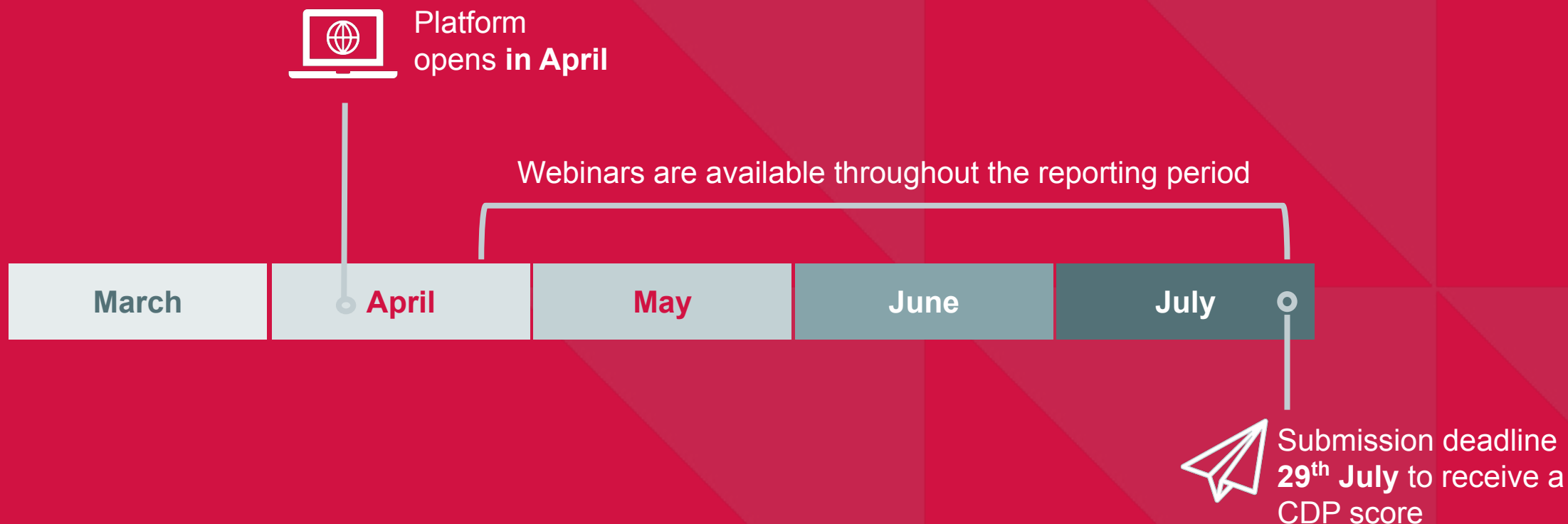
CDP SUPPORT – REPORTING & RESOURCES

- Once you have signed onto the pledge at www.citiesracetozero.org we will update the status on CDP-ICLEI URS to show you are committed



- Review FAQs already available:
<https://www.cdp.net/en/guidance/guidance-for-cities#rtz>
- Available by the end of the month—a guide highlighting the disclosure questions that are the most relevant for Race to Zero signatories in 2021

2021 REPORTING TIMELINES



Please contact CDP at cities@cdp.net and ICLEI at carbonn@iclei.org if you require assistance



Current Activities

- [Building Electrification and the Gas Transition Learning Group](#)
- [Carbon Drawdown/Sequestration Learning Group](#)
- [County Affinity Group](#)
- [Equity Learning Group](#)
- [Equitable Mobility Mini Series](#)
- [Grid Flexibility Cohort](#)
- [Renewable Energy Learning Group](#)
- [Rental Housing Energy Efficiency Learning Group](#)
- [Small Offices/Communities Affinity Group](#)

Upcoming 2021 Activities

Learning /Affinity Groups

- Equitable Mobility/EV Strategy Learning Group
- Sustainability and Zoning Learning Group

Mini-Series

- All-Hazard Mitigation/BRIC Mini Series/Mini Cohort
- Climate Migration Mini Series
- Resilience Hubs Mini-Series
- Self-Care for Change Makers Mini Series
- State Energy Policy 101 Mini Series
- Virtual Facilitation Mini Series

Cohorts

- Climate Action Planning Process Improvement 101 Cohort
- Equity Foundations Training Cohorts
- Nexus/Operationalizing Equity in Climate Planning Cohort
- American Cities Climate Challenge/USDN Building Performance Standard Cohort

Workshops

- Equity Foundations Advanced Workshop
- Story as Power: A Storytelling Pilot Cohort/Workshop

The Global Covenant of Mayors & Race to Zero

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



I am already committed to GCoM, should I join the Cities Race to Zero?

As signatory of the Global Covenant of Mayors your city is already working toward decarbonizing your economy.

The Race to Zero campaign offers a new, voluntary opportunity for raising your city's current ambition, setting science-based targets (SBTs) and to showcase ambitious action at global level in the run up to COP26.

After making the pledge on the Cities Race to Zero website, you can continue to report your progress through the reporting platform that you are currently using.



How do commitments to Race to Zero align with GCoM?

Signatories of GCoM interested in joining the campaigns, will be committing, in addition to their current commitments, to reach net-zero in the 2040s or by mid-century at the latest a medium-term science-based target(e.g. 55%+ by 2030).

Whilst Race to Zero does not require the development of action plans, cities are required to identify and submit one of more specific pledges for action, and to provide a yearly report on their progress.

Race to Resilience

This sibling campaign is designed to put people and nature first in pursuit of a resilient world.

The objective of Race to Resilience is to build the resilience of 4 billion people from vulnerable groups and communities by 2030.

The campaign launched on January 25th, and the coalition of Cities Race to Zero partners were officially accepted as Race to Resilience partners last month.

Cities will soon be able to join the Race to Resilience at the same time as Cities Race to Zero on www.citiesracetozero.org by **committing to resilience actions.**



Next Steps

I want to join Cities Race to Zero!

- ➡ Please visit citiesracetozero.org and click on 'Join Cities Race to Zero'
- ➡ Read the Cities Race to Zero pledge and follow the next steps

I'm already in the Cities Race to Zero, what next?

- ➡ Promote your city's involvement and CRTZ through social media
- ➡ Recruit other cities in your region, networks or committees

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions: info@citiesracetozero.org



Upcoming events and deadlines

April 15th - The Race to Zero Emissions Webinar

12-1pm EDT | 9-10am PDT (link to register in chat)

April 21st - Cities Race to Zero: Local Leaders on Why and How Webinar

12-1:30pm EDT | 9-10:30am PDT (link to register in chat)

May 26th - Planning for a 1.5°C Future – Setting Science-Based Targets for Cities

2-3pm EDT | 11am-12pm PDT (link to register in chat)

July 29th - Reporting submission deadline to receive a CDP score

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