



ICLEI OCEANIA

Local Governments for Sustainability

Membership Booklet 2023

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ICLEI is a global network of more than 2,500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. ICLEI Oceania serves the interests of local government in Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Nations.

“The most significant action globally has always been at the level of local government. On climate action, halting biodiversity loss, building resilience, creating circular economies and addressing inequality, ICLEI is the one global organisation which can connect, support and enhance the capacities of local governments everywhere to maintain and intensify their efforts. Our collective action as local governments is powerful and I invite our members to stay in touch to drive a sustainable future together.”

— Cr Amanda Stone, Oceania Regional Executive Committee Chair



Unique role of ICLEI

We work directly with local and regional governments to support their sustainability efforts, offering capacity building, technical expertise, and access to peer networks and best practices. ICLEI's approach focuses on local governments' specific needs and opportunities, championing the idea that local action is critical to achieving global sustainability goals. ICLEI's global presence, with a network of over 2,500 local and regional government members across more than 125 countries, makes it a unique platform for sharing knowledge and connecting local governments worldwide.

Benefits for Councils

Councils rely on their peers for advice, which is why **relationships** are at the heart of our global local government network. We connect a diversity of Mayors, councillors and practitioners through our programs and events, knowledge exchange, peer-to-peer learning, and sharing common challenges..

Local governments have to manage local responsibilities in a global context. Belonging to a global network of over 2,500 local governments, ICLEI members can align their actions with international standards and make a direct contribution to achieving both local and global targets in climate change, biodiversity, or sustainable urban development goals.

All municipalities are different and face unique challenges. That's why ICLEI provides tailored programs and technical expertise for your own priorities, while also providing entry to global platforms such as the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, CitiesWithNature, or with Frontline Cities and Islands.

Participate in ICLEI initiatives and programs

Internationally recognised networks and programs tailored for local governments

Roadmap to the Conference of Parties (COP)

The Conference of Parties (COP) is an annual United Nations climate summit where countries come together to negotiate and discuss global climate action. From a local government perspective, the COP provides an opportunity for municipalities to advocate for their priorities on the international stage and learn about new climate policies and best practices from around the world.

By participating in the COP and leveraging ICLEI's resources, local governments can enhance their capacity to implement effective climate policies and advance their sustainability goals on the global stage.



**United Nations Framework
Convention on Climate Change**

Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM)

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) is a global alliance of over 12,000 cities committed to accelerated climate action and has over 100 global partners. GCoM serves as a guide to elevate city climate action by providing guidance in setting emissions targets, creating action plans and reporting on progress, with the support of a global network of cities advocating for urgent climate action.

ICLEI Oceania is the Secretariat for the GCoM in the Oceania region, providing guidance and technical support to local governments to achieve their climate goals. By partnering with city networks, and local and national associations, GCoM offers strategic and technical assistance for local government climate action.

ICLEI Oceania also provides a GCoM Helpdesk and resources to help local governments with action, reporting, and achievement of milestones. GCoM has a strong research and innovation background which provides the foundation for meeting science-based targets, establishing emissions profile data, and ensuring reporting is standardised. By being a part of GCoM, local government leaders can learn from the experiences and examples of the world's leading cities and councils, and advocate for stronger climate action from national governments.





CitiesWithNature

LOCAL & SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY

The CitiesWithNature program is an important tool for local governments and practitioners who are working to advance sustainability, resilience, and liveability in the region. ICLEI Oceania is an active partner of the program and provides support to member cities and regions who wish to participate.

Through the CitiesWithNature program, ICLEI Oceania local governments and practitioners can access a range of resources, including tools for urban planning and design, case studies, webinars, and peer-to-peer learning opportunities. The program also provides a platform for local governments and practitioners to showcase their successes and share their experiences with other like-minded individuals and organisations.

CitiesWithNature Academy

The CitiesWithNature Academy is a training and capacity-building program that is designed to support local governments and practitioners who are working to integrate nature-based solutions into their urban planning and design. It is an initiative under the CitiesWithNature program

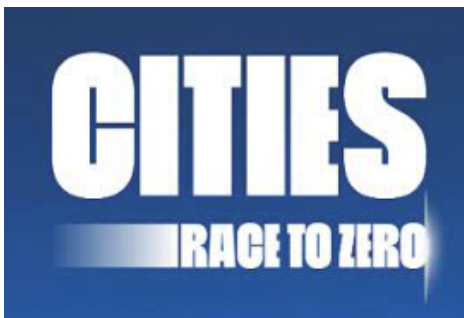
The Academy provides a unique opportunity for local government officials, planners, and practitioners to deepen their knowledge, skills, and understanding of nature-based solutions, as well as to connect and learn from other like-minded individuals from around the world. Through a range of resources, training programs, and events, the Academy helps build the capacity of cities and regions to implement nature-based solutions in their communities.



Cities Race-to-Zero

Cities Race to Zero is a global campaign that aims to rally local governments to take urgent climate action and commit to reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The initiative is aligned with the Paris Agreement's goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and is part of the broader UN Race to Zero campaign.

ICLEI Oceania is a regional supporter of the CitiesRaceToZero campaign and provides technical assistance and capacity-building support to help local governments set science-based emissions reduction targets and implement climate action plans.



Pacific Islands Resilience Program



Pacific Cities
& Islands

ICLEI Oceania supports Pacific Island towns and cities to become more resilient to global shocks, particularly through disaster risk reduction, low emissions development and climate adaptation.

ICLEI Oceania partners with organisations and networks in the Pacific including the Pacific Partnership New Urban Agenda - a consortium of international partners dedicated to sustainable urban development as well as with the Global Island Partnership and Local2030 Islands Network. Pacific Island towns and cities can join ICLEI or become beneficiaries. Australian and New Zealand councils are invited to contribute to mentoring and technical assistance.

ICLEI Oceania Regional Executive Committee

ICLEI is governed by three main bodies: the Global Executive Committee (GexCom), the RexComs, and the ICLEI Council. GexCom represents ICLEI in international institutions and makes strategic decisions for the organization. The RexComs are established in each of the nine ICLEI regions (Europe, Africa, North America, South America, Oceania, East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and West Asia) and approve new initiatives and programs within their respective regions. These nine RexComs form the ICLEI Council, which is the overarching decision-making and guiding body. The Council shapes and approves the ICLEI strategy, amends the organisation's statutes, and elects the GexCom portfolio seats.

Becoming an ICLEI member provides an opportunity for local government leaders to participate in ICLEI's governance structure by being elected to the Regional Executive Committee (REXCom) in their region.

ICLEI OCEANIA REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2021-2024



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