



# URBAN LEADS

URBAN LOW EMISSION DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

## URBAN, LOW EMISSION, CLIMATE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT

How the Urban-LEDS project is building an integrated approach  
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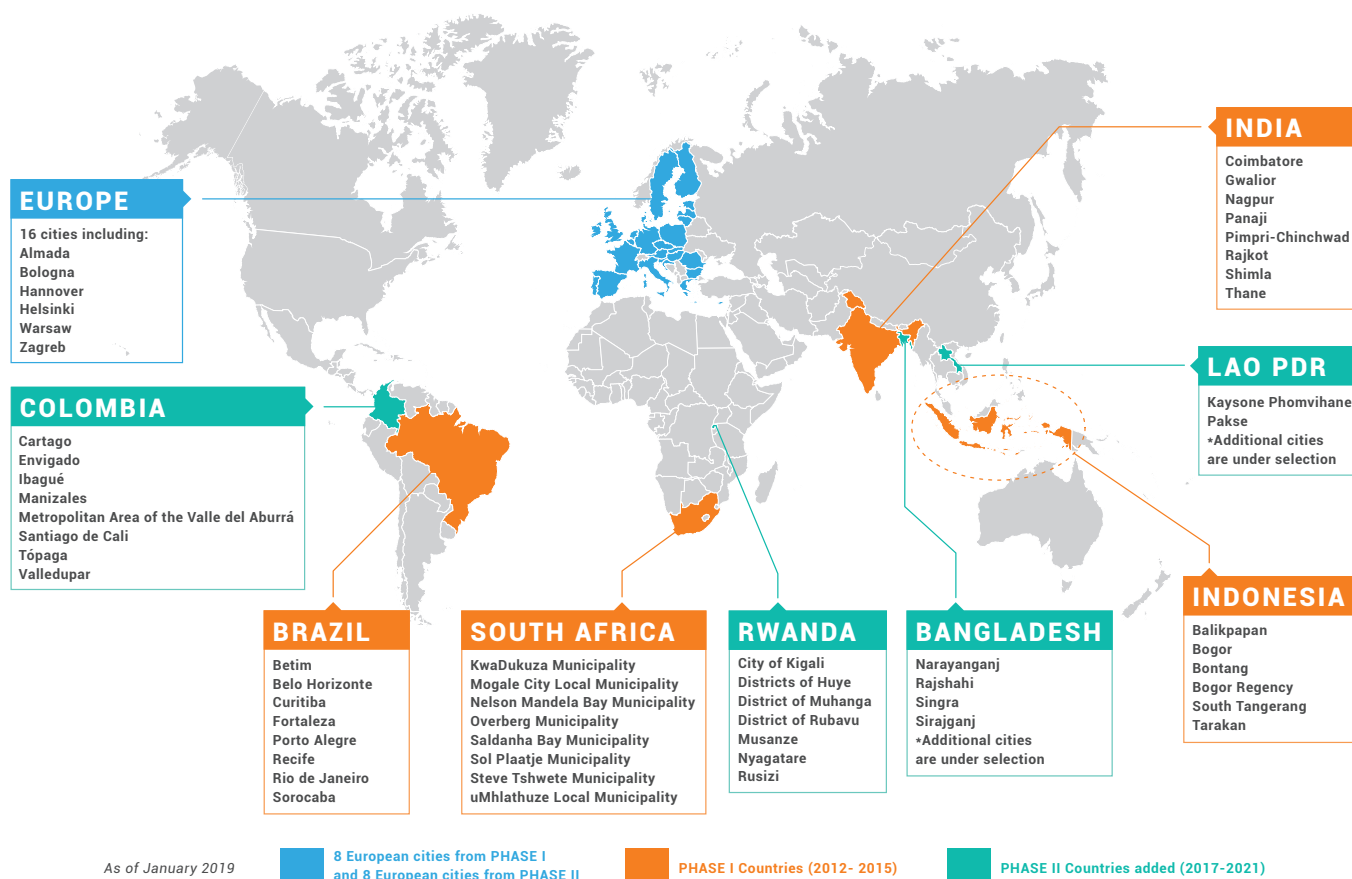


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# URBAN-LEDS PHASE II: EXPANDING GEOGRAPHY, INCREASING IMPACT

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 LED)** 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. They set targets, implement policies, programs and projects.



# 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)

### 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

### 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

### 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)

Supporting the hosting of national **TALANOA DIALOGUES** and exchanges to enhance collaboration and coordination among different climate actors

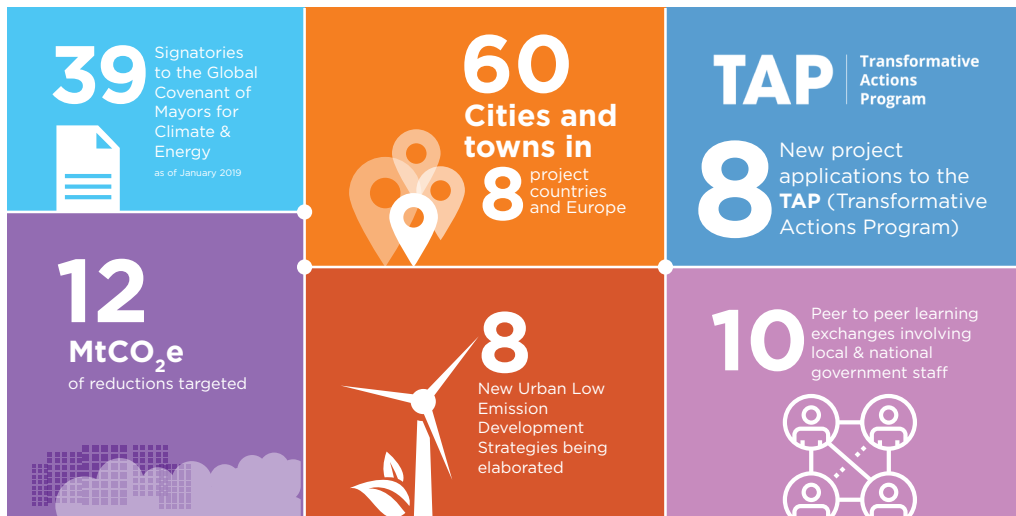
## Global benefits

**SUPPORTING** the Paris Agreement, the New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals

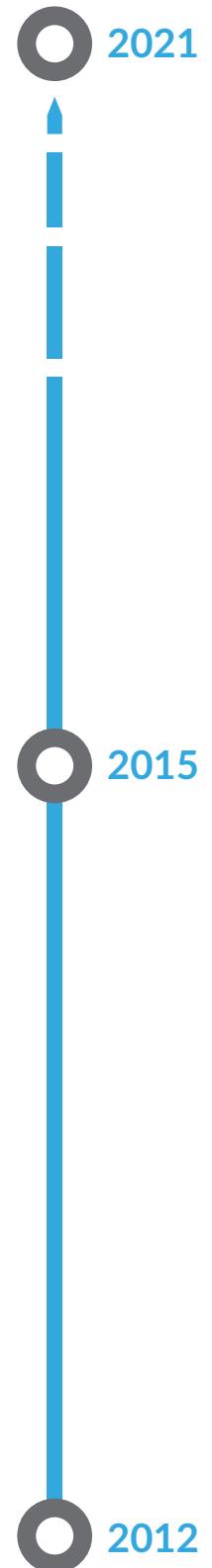
Supporting the implementation of the **GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE & ENERGY (GCoM)**

Informing **GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE DECISION MAKING PROCESSES** with good quality data and lessons learned from Talanoa Dialogues





# URBAN-LEDS PHASE II: PROJECT GOALS



# URBAN-LEDS PHASE I: WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED



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