

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**.



Valerie Plante, Mayor of Montreal
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Nations Unies
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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

A vertical photograph of a San Francisco street, likely Market Street, looking down towards the Golden Gate Bridge. The street is lined with tall buildings and trees, and the scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of sunset or sunrise. The bridge's towers are visible in the distance.

WHY CANADIAN CITIES SHOULD JOIN THE RACE

To **showcase** leadership in Canadian cities through RtZ platform and at Pre-COP local government ministerial dialogues

To **amplify** the call from FCM and cities for greater policy alignment and resource allocation with/from federal government

To **activate** local partners and align around a shared goal.

To **transform** climate action in and between cities. The Climate Decade requires sustained collaboration and greater efficiencies for replication and scale through municipal networks.

Who is already in the Race?

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



708
Cities



121
Investors



571
Universities



23
Regions

Out of the **708**
CRTZ Cities

229 are from Europe

55 are from the US

7 are from Canada

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.

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, MyCovenant, and PCP/BARC 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 a 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

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.

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

- ▼ 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 for RACE TO ZERO

Signatories should report their targets and actions through the reporting system they are already using.

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 can report using CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting Platform, MyCovenant, or PCP/BARC.

Cities that have not reported will receive support



RACE TO ZERO REPORTING IN 2021 through the CDP-ICLEI Unified Platform

Get in touch at citiesNA@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 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: **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.

Submit by July 29th to receive a CDP score



RACE TO ZERO 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 CDP CAN SUPPORT YOU



**Working
offline**



**Collaborate
with
colleagues**



Guidance



**Online data
validation**



Copy forward



Webinars



**Resources available
in multiple
languages**



**Direct support
from
CDP**

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 screenshot of a user interface showing two promotional cards. The top card is for 'Race to Resilience' and features a pink circular graphic with the text 'RACE TO RESILIENCE'. The bottom card is for 'Race to Zero' and features a purple horizontal graphic with the text 'RACE TO ZERO'. Both cards contain the same text: 'Race to Resilience' or 'Race to Zero' followed by 'The CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System is a recognized reporting platform for the UNFCCC's Race... [more]' and a red 'Join' button with a right-pointing arrow.

- ▼ 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

A screenshot of a project description in the CDP-ICLEI URS system. On the left is a small square icon with a purple-to-white gradient and the text 'RACE TO ZERO'. To the right of the icon is the title 'Race to Zero' and a paragraph of text. The text describes the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System as a recognized reporting platform for the UNFCCC's Race to Zero campaign. It explains that the campaign aims to achieve a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery. The text provides instructions on when to select this option (e.g., if a city has submitted a pledge or joined through RAMCC, C40's Deadline 2020, or ICLEI's Carbon Neutrality Framework) and includes a link to contact info@citiesracetozero.org. A small circular icon with a checkmark is visible in the top right corner of the text area.

Race to Zero

The CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System is a recognized reporting platform for the UNFCCC's Race to Zero campaign. Race to Zero is a global campaign to rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions and investors. It aims to achieve a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth. You should select this option if your city: has submitted a Cities Race to Zero pledge at <http://www.citiesracetozero.org>, would like to do so, or joined the Race to Zero through RAMCC, C40's Deadline 2020 or ICLEI's Carbon Neutrality Framework. If you are unsure if your city has already joined the Race to Zero, contact info@citiesracetozero.org. Selecting this option and completing the Cities questionnaire fulfils the 2021 reporting requirements of your pledge. Selecting this project will mean that the information disclosed is done so publicly. If your city has not yet joined the Race to Zero, but wishes to do so, select this option and submit your pledge at www.citiesracetozero.org. [\[less\]](#)

- ▼ 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

Cities Race to Resilience (coming soon)

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The Race to Resilience is a sibling campaign to the Race to Zero and 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.

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 assess their climate risk and vulnerability and at least one specific resilience action.



The Global Covenant of Mayors and Cities Race to Zero/Race to Resilience

Race to Zero and Race to Resilience are both in line with GCoM.

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

GCoM supports and encourages any signatory city to join both races.



The Global Covenant of Mayors and Cities Race to Zero in Canada



For cities that haven't signed onto GCoM, you can commit to long-term climate action by joining the largest global alliance for city climate leadership, built upon the commitment of over 10,500 cities and local governments.

By committing to the Global Covenant of Mayors, cities and local governments can continue to increase their visibility as leaders responding to climate change beyond COP26 and demonstrate their commitment to an ambitious global climate solution.

Cities can report to GCoM and Race to Zero/Race to Resilience through GCoM both CDP-ICLEI URS and PCP/BARC



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?

Yes, GCoM supports and encourages any signatory city to join both races. As a 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.

Reporting: 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. **In Canada, this includes both CDP/ICLEI Unified Reporting System and PCP/BARC.**



How do commitments to Race to Zero align with GCoM?

Race to Zero is in line with GCoM.



If you are already are a GCoM signatory and you are interested in joining the Race to Zero, you still have to pledge at citiesracetozero.org.

GCoM signatories interested in joining the campaign, 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).

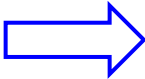
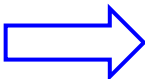
Whilst Race to Zero does not require the development of action plans, cities are required to identify and submit one of more specific pledges for action, and to provide a yearly report on their progress.

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



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