ICLEI - the global network of cities
Dedicated to promoting eco-civilization and sustainable urban development

An invitation for Chinese cities to join ICLEI

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About ICLEI

ICLEI is the largest international network of cities which works towards sustainable, low-carbon development through local plans, projects and initiatives.

Over 1,000 cities from 86 countries participate in ICLEI’s work; among these are 12 Mega-cities, 100 Super-cities of 1 to 10 million inhabitants, 450 large cities with a population of 100,000 to 1 million inhabitants and 450 cities with up to 100,000 residents.

Globally ICLEI works towards eight synergetic goals through our Urban Agendas: we support cities to become sustainable, resilient, resource-efficient, biodiverse, low-carbon; to develop an inclusive green urban economy with smart urban infrastructure; and to ultimately ensure a healthy and happy community.

ICLEI is pleased to invite Chinese cities to participate in our programs, events and exchanges in order to benefit from the sharing of knowledge and experiences, case studies of best practice, conferences and training events as well as methodologies and tools for environmental and sustainability management.

ICLEI Green Cities Platform: 25 years of bridging cities to sustainable solutions

Established in 1990, ICLEI has ever since been supporting a growing number of cities and municipal leaders to achieve their sustainability goals.

- ICLEI was created by local governments at the United Nations Headquarter in New York.
- ICLEI introduced Local Agenda 21, the world’s first global campaign for participatory sustainable development planning.
- ICLEI launched the Eco-Procurement Initiative, today the leading international program and network for sustainable public procurement.
- ICLEI Members pioneered local best practices, piloted tools such as ecoBUDGET®.
- ICLEI launched the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign, the first and largest global campaign of local governments combating greenhouse gas emissions; today named GreenClimateCities.
- ICLEI initiated Local Action for Biodiversity, the only global program on urban biodiversity management.
- ICLEI will celebrate its 25th Anniversary at ICLEI World Congress hosted by Seoul City.
- ICLEI established its East Asia Secretariat in Seoul, South Korea, with support from Seoul Metropolitan Government.
What we do:

- We **connect** city leaders, thinkers, planners, and policy makers by organizing congresses, seminars and thematic events where cities can share their achievements and benefit from the lessons learnt by other cities.

- We **accelerate** climate actions and give momentum to individual projects in scattered cities by organizing joint programs for cities at country or international levels to advance towards eco-civilization.

- We **provide cutting edge technical solutions and tools** by pooling together expertise of local leaders, academics, international organizations and businesses. We deliver this to cities in the form of methodology framework, accessible tools and software, as well as training workshops.

- We **advocate** for cities’ greater engagement in the global climate agenda. ICLEI’s Observer status in UN bodies such as UNEP, UNFCCC and UNCBD ensures that cities understand the international agenda and can contribute to its implementation through local initiatives.

- We **document** case studies of successful local policies and projects and disseminate them among its global network.

Our tools and services

ICLEI provides a broad range of concrete and globally accessible tools to help cities transit to more sustainable urban management. Here are some examples:

**Sustainable City**
- Local Agenda 21 - a movement of about 10,000 local governments that engaged citizens in participatory governance

**Low-carbon City**
- carbonn Cities Climate Registry - the leading global reporting platform for local climate actions
- Energy-safe Cities East Asia - to explore opportunities for cities to turn 100% renewable by 2030
- GreenClimateCities - an integrated program on climate change mitigation and adaptation
- HEAT+ - a web-based green house gas accounting service for local governments

**Resource-efficient City**
- ecoBUDGET® - a program for municipal governments to implement environmental budgeting
- Water Campaign - an international freshwater management program applicable worldwide

**Resilient City**
- Resilient Cities, an annual global forum on urban resilience and adaptation that covers the aspects of risk assessment, disaster risk reduction, building, infrastructure, logistics, water, food and energy

**Biodiverse City**
- Local Action for Biodiversity - A global program for managing local biodiversity run by the ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

**Smart Urban Infrastructure**
- Local Renewables - a program to support cities to systematically base their local energy supply on renewable energy sources
- EcoMobility - a program to support cities to transit to sustainable transport modes

**Green Urban Economy**
- Sustainable Procurement Program - a global program involving over 200 local governments
- EcoProcura China - an international symposium on municipal green public procurement

**Happy and Healthy Community**
- Safe & Healthy Communities program - to support cities to enhance public health security
- Local “happiness index” - to encourage local governments to move beyond GDP growth
ICLEI’s partnerships and presence in China

Over the past few years, ICLEI has been engaging with Chinese research institutes, sustainability forums and eco-city projects to provide input of expertise and knowledge and also to learn about the trends and experiences of Chinese cities in urban sustainability. Some of our key partners and organizations that we have closely worked with include:

- Chinese Society for Urban Studies (CSUS)
- Climate Group Greater China
- College of Architecture and Urban Planning of Tongji University
- Eco-Forum Global
- Global Forum on Human Settlements
- International Green Campus Alliance
- Institute for Urban & Environmental Studies (IUES) of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
- Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-city (SSTEC)
- World Resources Institute Beijing office
- WWF China

To open up new opportunities to deepen our work with Chinese cities, ICLEI has also made contributions to a number of important forums:

- 21st Century Forum on Forestry and Environmental Protection sponsored by the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Beijing, 2001
- UN-HABITAT – ICLEI Nanning International Conference on Sustainable Urban Development, Nanning, 2005
- UN-HABITAT World Urban Forum, Nanjing, 2008
- World Economic Forum, Annual Meeting of the New Champions, Tianjin 2008 and 2010
- Conference on Urban Development and Planning organized by the Chinese Society for Urban studies (CSUS), Zhuhai, 2013
Invitation for Chinese cities to join ICLEI

Chinese Cities’ Municipal Governments and administrative management bodies of new towns and eco-cities who are interested in joining ICLEI are welcomed to be the member of ICLEI. We also welcome the opportunities to collaborate in projects, programs and campaigns.

The requirement of ICLEI membership is:
- Acceptance of ICLEI’s Charter and especially ICLEI’s mission “to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability with special focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions”
- Payment of annual membership dues

ICLEI looks forward to joining hands with Chinese cities to promote eco-civilization. The benefits cities receive from a membership in ICLEI include:

Get Connected
Be part of the leading global association on sustainability!
- Being part of the world’s largest Global Cities Network that connect more than 1,000 Member cities and local governments committed to sustainable development.
- Linking up with other like-minded local government leaders and experts to ensure the supporting framework for cities is high on the political agenda.
- Having the right to vote on the ICLEI Regional Executive Committee.

Get Informed
Get ahead with the latest news, tools and opportunities on sustainability!
- Access to diverse publications and tools ICLEI published to help Members with their work.
- Chinese version eNewsletter produced by ICLEI East Asia Secretariat.
- Opportunity to feature your city’s outstanding work through media releases and case studies.

Get Involved
International platform for exchange of solutions and experience!
- Invitation to participate and present at the ICLEI World Congresses
- Participation in ICLEI East Asia regional conferences
- Opportunity to join Mayors’ Summits and Local Government sessions organized by ICLEI alongside relevant United Nations meetings
- Participation in ICLEI East Asia’s “Talk4Action” networking platform
- Invitation to EcoMobility World Congresses
- Opportunities to give presentations on your city’s projects and achievements at international conferences and events
Get Together
Participation in various technical support programs!

Examples include:

- **Resilient City:**
  - Invitation to “Resilient Cities”, an annual global forum on urban resilience and climate change adaptation held in Bonn, Germany

- **GreenClimateCities for low-carbon development:**
  - Access to international experience and knowledge on energy efficiency and low-carbon development from cities worldwide

- **Urban environmental management:**
  - Access to knowledge platform on ecoBUDGET®, a system for the management of environmental quality and natural resources developed by ICLEI

- **EcoMobility:**
  - Opportunity to join the EcoMobility Alliance, a network of cities working towards sustainable transport (accessible through invitation only)

Get Advice
Gain from ICLEI’s over 20 years of experience in urban sustainability!

- Guidance for a vulnerability and risk assessment based on ICLEI’s extensive resources and expertise in this area

- Technical guidance on greenhouse gas accounting and Software tool for greenhouse gas emissions accounting and scenario planning, including user support

- Support for the introduction and establishment of the ecoBUDGET® in your city.

- Guidance on organizing urban action projects on EcoMobility

- Environmental awareness-raising and education:

- Creative guidance on a “sustainable neighborhood” project in your city

Host city of ICLEI Office

- Opportunity to support the establishment and operations of an ICLEI Office (provincial office, project office).

Membership application and dues

In order to join ICLEI, a municipal government must submit a membership application form and, once admitted, pay the first annual membership dues amount, and subsequently pay the dues annually.

Please contact us to become the Member of ICLEI. For membership application or further enquires on the dues please contact us at iclei-china@iclei.org.
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