



Ten years of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM)

Understand the impact of the largest alliance of cities taking climate action in 10 numbers

1. **14,000+** cities have joined GCoM since 2016, from across 150 countries, making it the largest alliance of cities taking action against the climate crisis¹.
2. **1 in 7 people** in the world live in a GCoM city².
3. **61%** of the population represented by GCoM cities lives in the **Global South** where the most severe impacts of climate change threaten billions of people³.
4. In 10 years, GCoM has provided nearly **\$ USD 270 million** in strategic and technical support to cities⁴.
5. About **7,500** GCoM cities are equipped with a plan to tackle climate change, and all other GCoM cities are in the process of developing one⁵.
6. Collectively, GCoM cities are taking more than **220,000** actions⁶ to mitigate climate change, adapt to its impact, improve energy access and reduce energy poverty, creating at least USD \$105 billion in investment opportunities⁷ which is three times more than 10 years ago⁸.
7. **450 million people** globally live in a GCoM city taking action in response to a climate hazard⁹.

¹ Source: Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy. Retrieved from www.globalcovenantofmayors.org.

² Source: Population in GCoM cities from Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy compared to world population estimates from the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division. Retrieved from www.globalcovenantofmayors.org and <https://population.un.org/dataportal/>

³ Source: Population in GCoM cities from Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy www.globalcovenantofmayors.org filtered by 'developing economies' using country classifications from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Retrieved from www.globalcovenantofmayors.org and <https://unctadstat.unctad.org/EN/Classifications.html>

⁴ Source: The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

⁵ Source: The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy. Retrieved from www.globalcovenantofmayors.org.

⁶ Source: Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, Impact Report 2024 (2024), page 19, <https://www.globalcovenantofmayors.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/GCoM-Impact-Report-24.pdf>.

⁷ Source: CDP. "Moving Past Pledges Towards Implementation: How Financing Climate Projects in Cities is Key to Achieving Global Climate Goals." CDP. November 3, 2025. <https://www.cdp.net/en/insights/moving-past-pledges-towards-implementation>.

⁸ Source: CDP. *It Takes a City: The Case for Collaborative Climate Action*. London: CDP Worldwide, 2016. https://www.aecom.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/CDP_Thematic_Report_2016.pdf.

⁹ Source: Analysis prepared for the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy by Arup, based on publicly available datasets, information provided by cities and partner organisations, and documented methodological assumptions.



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8. By 2050, GCoM cities could reduce emissions by **4.5 GtCO₂e**¹⁰ - equivalent to the emissions of India & Argentina¹¹.
9. **83%** of GCoM cities have set climate targets more ambitious than their national governments and **55%** of GCoM cities are expected to achieve their climate targets faster than their national governments¹².
10. **32** Mayors from around the world have shared their local experience and leadership to shape the global urban climate agenda by serving on the GCoM Board in the last 10 years¹³.

¹⁰ Source: Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, Impact Report 2024 (2024), page 8, <https://www.globalcovenantofmayors.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/gcom-impact-report-2025.pdf>

¹¹ Source: Climate Watch Data. Retrieved from <https://www.climatewatchdata.org>

¹² Source: Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, Impact Report 2021 (2021), page 6, <https://www.globalcovenantofmayors.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/21-1109-GCoM-2021-Annual-Report-optimized.pdf>

¹³ Source: Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy. Retrieved from www.globalcovenantofmayors.org