

## Joining Cities Race to Resilience

A step-by-step guide for cities



**01**

**Go to the Cities Race to Resilience website**

Go to Cities Race to Resilience website: <https://citiesracetoresilience.org/>



**02**

**Click on Join Cities Race to Resilience**

**You can start the pledging process**



**03**

**Carefully read the Cities Race to Resilience pledge**

**Ensure you understand the 4 pledge requirements**

Make sure to read the Pledge carefully and understand what the commitments are. Proceed to filling the form with the name of your city (or local government) and country.

The Pledge asks cities to commit to the following:

- Pledge to integrate climate change adaptation and resilience in all aspects of urban planning and undertake a community-wide climate risk and vulnerability assessment that includes all vulnerable communities;

- Plan to use available climate change knowledge and scientific evidence, including data and spatial analysis, for decision-making and action, and outline interim targets and milestones as part of a long-term commitment for citywide climate action;
- Immediately proceed to taking action by committing to at least one of the resilience actions as listed on [www.citiesracetoresilience.org/](http://www.citiesracetoresilience.org/) by COP26; and,
- Report commitments by COP26, and progress annually thereafter, to an existing or recommended reporting platform.



## 04

### Select where you will be reporting your target and action commitment

**CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System, MyCovenant and PCP/BARC (Canada) are recognized platforms of Cities Race to Resilience.**

Cities who already report their climate information publicly should indicate by ticking the relevant platform box.

If your city doesn't currently report using one of these systems, make sure you have indicated this in your pledge (tick: I don't currently report). You will be contacted by someone at Cities Race to Resilience for support.

You can find more information on reporting at the end of this document.



## 05

### Commit to at least one action

**There are over 60 high-impact resilient actions that could set your city on the path contributing towards the global fight against climate change.**

Carefully review the list of potential actions and commit to at least one. A list of actions is available on the Cities Race to Resilience website. You can add one or several other actions outside of those listed in the 'Pledge other Resilience/Adaptation Actions' section at the bottom of the page.

If you need more time to consider the options, you may still join 'Cities Race to Resilience' now and complete your commitment by selecting appropriate actions from the list at any

time before COP26. A member of Cities Race to Resilience will reach out to help complete the process.



## 06

### Sign and submit the Cities Race to Resilience pledge

**Only a mayor, council leader or equivalent can sign (or personnel authorized on their behalf). You are now committed to delivering all 4 Cities Race to Resilience requirements.**

Provide the name of your mayor, council leader or equivalent as signatory to the pledge (that is the sponsor of the pledge). The pledge can only be signed by the mayor, council leader or equivalent that sits at the head of the city or local government - or by a person who has the authorization to sign in their name.

Then provide the details of a contact person whom the Cities Race to Resilience team will be able to contact regarding the Cities Race to Resilience. If you are signing this pledge on behalf of your mayor, council leader or equivalent, then please provide your personal details so that we may be in touch to follow-up. You should also ensure you are authorized to sign on behalf of the mayor, council leader or equivalent.

Please tick the consent forms and hit “Submit” and you’re all set!



## 07

### Take immediate action on your pledge

**Cities now need to proceed to undertaking a risk and vulnerability assessment, action planning, implementation of at least on resilient action and reporting.**

#### Undertaking a Risk & Vulnerability Assessment

Signatories of the Cities Race to Resilience have to undertake a community-wide climate risk and vulnerability assessment that also includes all vulnerable communities.

- A R&VA is intended to **act as a baseline to inform local governments** with the development of their City Adaptation Plans
- It provides a detailed overview of which **climate hazards affect which socio-economic sectors**, and to what degree.

- Information is also included **on how these sectors may be impacted** over time based on climate change projections.

Race to Resilience partners can provide guidance and support in this process. If you need guidance please contact us at [racetoresilience@iclei.org](mailto:racetoresilience@iclei.org)

## Action planning

Cities should immediately proceed to implementing their action commitment. Resources are available to help you successfully plan and deliver these actions such as best practices, case studies and implementation guides on the Cities Race to Resilience website.

## Reporting

Cities Race to Resilience requires cities to report progress on their commitment by 2022, including confirming or updating progress. We request that cities report information they already have in 2021 through one of the reporting platforms, even if you have incomplete data. In 2022, you will be required to report your updated progress and start reporting on your commitments annually, in order to track the progress, you are making.

Cities who already report their climate information publicly should indicate ticking whether they report through the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System or MyCovenant.

If your city doesn't currently report, make sure you have provided this information in your pledge (chose: I don't currently report). You will be contacted by someone at Cities Race to Resilience for support.

Gathering and reporting information is vital to tackling the climate emergency. This process empowers local governments to use data to take meaningful action and unlock the opportunities that a sustainable future offers.

The CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System and MyCovenant platforms are official data providers to the [UNFCCC Global Climate Action Portal](#) and are the reporting platforms for the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM). Over 800 cities and local authorities report their climate and environmental data through the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System.

Reporting the information that is available to you in 2021 will help you get familiar with the annual reporting process, and enable partners to identify the support that you need in order to fully comply with the Race to Resilience reporting requirements by 2022.

If you already report through the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System or MyCovenant there are no additional reporting requirements for you to complete.

Guidance on reporting through the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System in 2021, and touchpoints to Race to Resilience, will be provided with the launch of the annual reporting cycle.

If you currently report through another platform, please get in touch with us at [racetoresilience@iclei.org](mailto:racetoresilience@iclei.org)

If you have any issues with the pledge process or if this document has not answered all of your questions, please get in touch with us at [racetoresilience@iclei.org](mailto:racetoresilience@iclei.org)