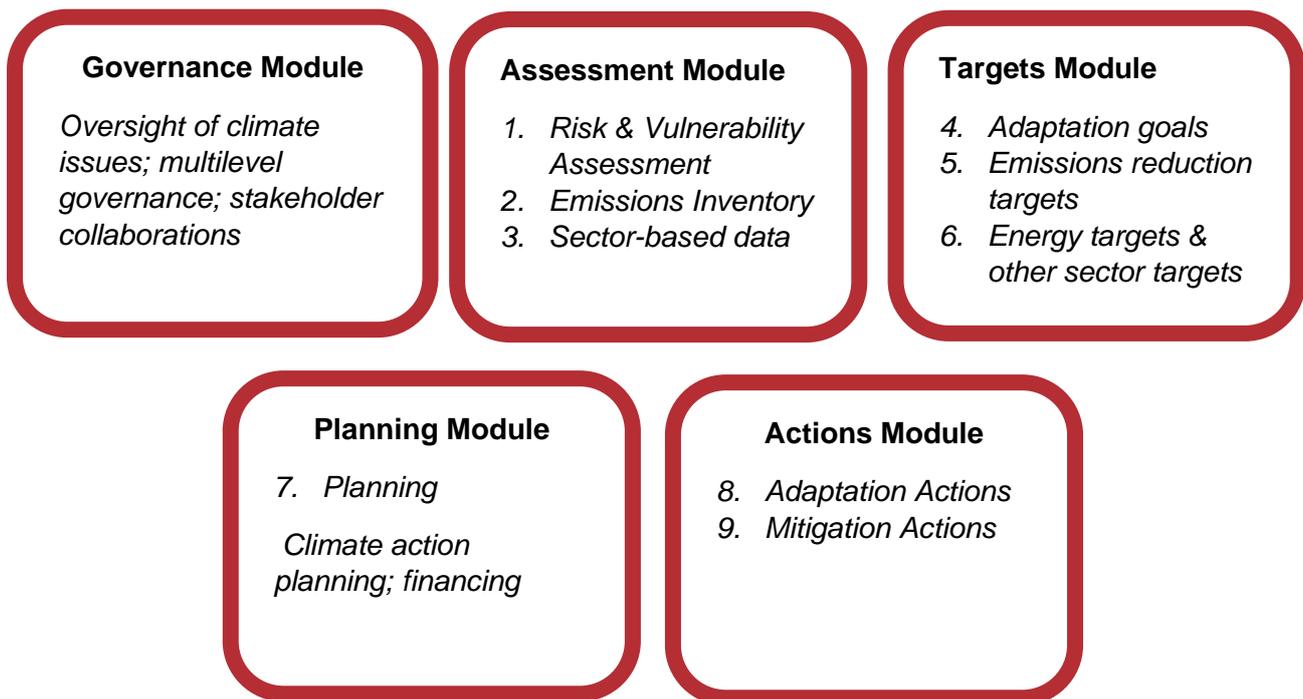


INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW 2022 CITIES QUESTIONNAIRE:

We are delighted to present to you the [2022 Cities Questionnaire](#). The new Cities questionnaire has been developed to focus only on the most important data points for city climate action across emissions reduction (including science-based targets) and resilience, and to reduce reporting effort. We have reduced the number of questions by over 60% from previous years.

Below you will find the modules of the questionnaire, and the topics you will be requested to report on.



Three questionnaire pathways have been introduced to reflect the different contexts of cities and to streamline reporting. This enables reporting to a core set of questions for all cities and additional questions only where relevant and valuable. The pathways vary in the number and type of questions presented to cities based on their impact and capacity to act.

The questionnaire was developed alongside partners to ensure the integration and alignment of initiatives and framework reporting requirements including the Common Reporting Framework (CRF), Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), Science-Based Climate Targets (SBT), Race to Zero and Race to Resilience. It tracks the performance and impact of key actions, defines critical climate actions and assesses the increasing links between environmental action and social impacts.

The reporting platform will open in early **April 2022** from which point cities can start reporting to the questionnaire.



THREE QUESTIONNAIRE PATHWAYS TO REFLECT THE CONTEXT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

Three pathways: The cities questionnaire is divided into [three distinct pathways](#).

Process: Cities are recommended a pathway based on capacity and responsibility to act on climate-related issues. The pathway recommendation is based on a city's population, emissions per capita, and Human Development Index, which the city confirms before entering the questionnaire.

Flexibility: Cities may select an alternative pathway and can return to the onboarding screen to change selections prior to submission. All pathways will be aligned with the reporting requirements of the projects and initiatives cities participate in, and it will not affect the CDP score. Scores are private to cities, with the exception of cities scoring an A.

Pathway 1:

- Contains 17–27 questions
- Basic questions on climate change mitigation and adaptation in the areas of governance, assessment, planning and actions.
- Includes very basic sector metrics (energy, transport, waste)
- Consistent with Race to Resilience, SBTs, Race to Zero

Pathway 2:

- Contains 24–34 questions
- More advanced sector metrics (energy consumption, transport mode share, waste generation)
- Consistent with Race to Resilience, SBTs and Race to Zero, and full TCFD recommendations

Pathway 3:

- Contains 30–40 questions
- Advanced sector metrics (water, food)
- Consistent with Race to Resilience, SBTs and Race to Zero, full TCFD recommendations

KEY CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS QUESTIONNAIRES:

The total number of questions across the questionnaire has been reduced from the 2021 baseline representing a total reduction of over 60%. The number of questions presented to cities will vary depending on the projects and initiatives the city is participating in, and the questionnaire pathway selected.

The 2022 Questionnaire is comprised of over 90% selection or numeric-based requests, with the remaining requested data in the format of open-ended questions. The benefits of this include:

- ▼ Supporting reporting efficiency
- ▼ Improving data analysis allowing more accurate and tailored feedback to cities
- ▼ Enhancing validation and assessment of data
- ▼ Furthering the consistency and comparability of reported data

HOW CITIES' DATA IS BEING USED:

The data reported is received by CDP and ICLEI and made publicly available on the CDP [Open Data Portal](#) for free. It is also shared into a wider ecosystem of partners and organizations such as the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), C40, the World Health Organisation (WHO), the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the United Nations–backed Race to Zero and Race to Resilience campaigns, Matchmaker, the European Commission and the Union of the Baltic Cities. The data is also used by the [UNFCCC Global Climate Action Portal \(GCAP\)](#), which recognizes climate actions and commitments undertaken by actors from around the globe. This offers a wide array of opportunities for your city to present your plans, targets and progress to a variety of initiatives and catalyze ambition for climate action.

Based on the data reported, CDP, ICLEI and our partners analyse the data to produce reports, inform events and technical assistance programmes. The data you report also helps identify the support that your city needs and how best to provide it.

GET IN TOUCH: Please contact cities@cdp.net and carbonn@iclei.org or your CDP regional team for any questions you may have.