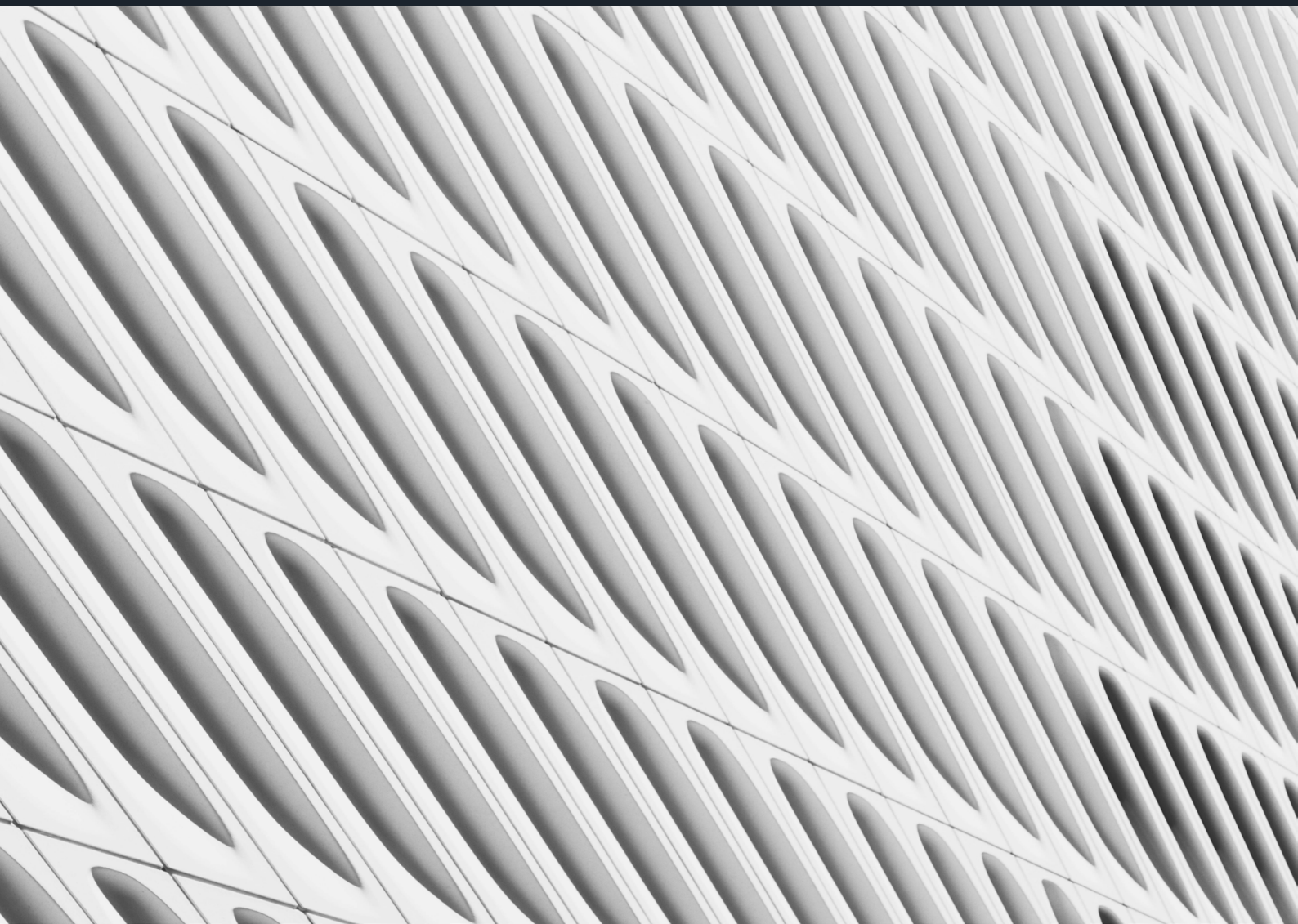


Overview of 2025 CDP-ICLEI Track Cities Questionnaire

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As the world’s leading climate reporting platform and progress accountability mechanism for cities and local governments, CDP helps Disclosers understand their impact and act. Reporting is the first step towards effective and tangible climate action.

CDP’s questionnaires evolve annually to push ambition further, to align with the latest existing science and robust reporting frameworks globally, and support local governments, states and regions, public authorities, companies and financial markets to transition in line with a 1.5°C, nature-positive world.

Since 2019, CDP and ICLEI have partnered to present one unified Portal, CDP-ICLEI Track, for local government climate reporting. Local governments only report once, on one platform, to the Cities questionnaire. Their data is analyzed and aggregated by organizations and relevant partners and initiatives including C40 Cities, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), WWF One Planet City Challenge, ICLEI’s GreenClimateCities, Race to Zero, Race to Resilience and Science Based Targets Network. This makes for streamlined, simpler reporting, and stronger, standardized data.

Questionnaire Structure

CDP-ICLEI Track Disclosers are requested to respond to questions across five modules – Governance, Assessment, Targets, Planning and Actions.

Questionnaire Pathways

The Cities questionnaire is divided into three distinct pathways which streamline reporting, allowing your jurisdiction to respond to the most appropriate questions.

Respondents will be recommended a pathway during their questionnaire setup based upon their response to three jurisdictional attributes: per capita emissions, population, and Human Development Index (HDI). The pathway selected does not affect CDP scoring, meeting the reporting requirements of the projects and initiatives the jurisdiction is participating in, or Global Covenant of Mayors badging, and can be changed.

More information on Pathways is provided in the [CDP Help Center](#).

Figure 1: Questionnaire Structure





Connection to Other Frameworks, Projects and Initiatives

CDP-ICLEI Track serves as a one-stop shop for reporting your environmental data, allowing your local government to report to, and participate in, multiple global and regional frameworks, projects and initiatives.

The Cities questionnaire is aligned with the following frameworks, projects and initiatives:

- 100% Renewable Energy Campaign
- C40 Cities and C40 Leadership Standards
- Ecomobility Alliance
- EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change
- Global Covenant of Mayors Common Reporting Framework (CRF)
- ICLEI's GreenClimateCities Program
- ICLEI Ukrainian Cities: Climate Neutrality, Resilience and Recovery
- NetZeroCities – Mission Cities
- Race to Resilience
- Race to Zero
- Science-Based Targets
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
- Transformative Actions Program
- Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission
- WWF One Planet City Challenge

Key Returning Features & Experience

- **How to access the Portal:** When the Portal opens for responding, disclosers will receive an email with instructions on how to access and set up the questionnaire and start reporting.
- **Questionnaire stability:** Minimal changes to question text and response options.
- **Questionnaire pathways:** Local governments respond to the questionnaire through one of three pathways.

Key Returning Features & Experience

- **Alignment with key climate initiatives**
 - WWF One Planet City Challenge 2025-26: Cities are invited to disclose their data for WWF's One Planet City Challenge through CDP-ICLEI Track in 2025.
- **The Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP)** for Climate Action was launched at COP28 and has been endorsed by 75+ national governments. It is a commitment taken by national governments on a new way of working in partnership with their subnational governments to develop climate and nature targets and strategies with strong subnational involvement and content, and to support local level action. CDP is working with a range of organizations to support CHAMP endorsers. Disclosers can share data with multiple initiatives, including CHAMP, in just one click through their CDP-ICLEI Track Questionnaire submission.

Additional details on question-level changes are available in the [2025 Questionnaire Changes Map](#) in the [CDP Help Center](#).

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