

Overview of CDP-ICLEI Track Cities Questionnaire

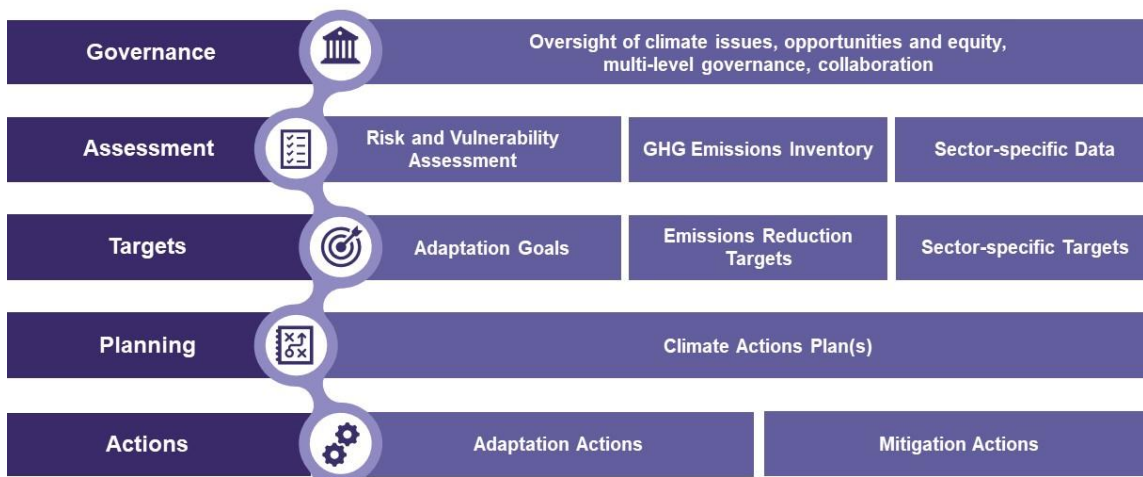
As the world’s leading climate reporting platform and progress accountability mechanism for cities and local governments, CDP helps Disclosers understand their impact and take action. Reporting is the first step towards effective and tangible climate action.

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), 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 meeting the reporting requirements of the projects and initiatives the jurisdiction is participating in ; does not affect CDP scoring or Global Covenant of Mayors badging; and can be changed.** More information on Pathways is provided in the Appendices of the Reporting Guidance.

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 (*pending confirmation for 2024*)
- ▼ Global Covenant of Mayors Common Reporting Framework (CRF)
- ▼ ICLEI's GreenClimateCities Program
- ▼ ICLEI Ukrainian Cities: Climate Neutrality, Resilience and Recovery (*new for 2024*)
- ▼ 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 (*new for 2024*)

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 the questionnaire, set it up 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.
- ▼ **Copyforward:** This functionality auto-populates answers from your previous response into the current questionnaire, where applicable.

What's new for 2024?

2024 Key Updates & Changes

- ▼ **New Portal:** CDP's new response Portal includes built-in guidance and introduces features to manage your response, improve collaboration with colleagues, and connect with Support. The Portal makes it easier to disclose, track progress, and access data and disclosure information. You can learn more about [CDP's new Portal here](#).
- ▼ **Questionnaire numbering:** Question numbers have changed from 2023. These changes are noted in the Reporting Guidance. They will not affect the functionality of copy forward, the feature that allows you to copy your previous year's response into the current questionnaire, where available.

▼ **Alignment with key climate initiatives:**

- The [Integrity Matters for Cities, States, and Regions report](#) was developed by an expert group convened by the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy and WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities. The ten recommendations in the report provide fit-for-purpose recommendations for local governments to ensure the credibility, accountability, and transparency of their net zero commitments within the context of their varied capacities and characteristics. CDP-ICLEI Track's Cities questionnaire is partially aligned with the *Integrity Matters for Cities, States, and Regions* report in 2024, working towards future full alignment.
- For 2024, CDP has made some minor updates to improve alignment with the newly updated [Race to Resilience Metrics Framework](#).

▼ **Global Covenant of Mayors Common Reporting Framework:** CDP-ICLEI Track is fully aligned with the requirements of the Global Covenant of Mayors Common Reporting Framework (CRF). In 2024, the CRF has introduced two reporting levels: Simplified and Complete. The Simplified reporting level was introduced to make it easier for local governments, such as those with few available resources and low data capacity, to comply with their commitment to the GCoM. CDP's 2024 questionnaire guidance includes question-level detail about mandatory, recommended and/or optional requirements of the GCoM Simplified and Complete reporting levels.

▼ **New projects and initiatives:** In 2024, the Cities questionnaire will be hosting the following new initiatives - EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change; ICLEI Ukrainian Cities: Climate Neutrality, Resilience and Recovery; and the Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission.

▼ **Minor updates:** Continue to align with best practice and link reporting on climate finance and actions.

For more details on question-level changes, the 2024 Questionnaire Changes Map in the Appendices of the questionnaire guidance outlines key developments to the questionnaire, including the level of change the question has undergone.