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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN NORTH AMERICA WITHIN THE GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS (2021-2024)

ADVANCING CLIMATE LEADERSHIP IN NORTH AMERICA

The **Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM)** is a global alliance bringing together thousands of local governments from around the world.

While climate change is a global challenge, its impacts are most deeply felt - and addressed - at the local level. That's why GCoM has partnered with subnational leaders in Canada and the US to support their efforts in building resilient and sustainable communities.

251
committed
cities

63
in Canada

188
in the USA

95M of
inhabitants

148
cities have
published
a **Climate
Action Plan**
validated
by GCoM

which
represents
58%
of North
American
signatories



The Global Covenant of Mayors is an ideal way for Guelph to connect with other cities, share data and metrics, and find solutions to common problems such as climate change.

Cam Guthrie | Mayor of Guelph, Ontario - Canada,
and GCoM Board Member

PARTNERS IN CANADA



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN CANADA

The GCoM Canadian cities cohort, financed by the European Union and implemented with the support from ICLEI Canada, it was a training and collaboration program designed to help support municipal staff in the **implementation phase of their climate mitigation and adaptation** efforts. Bridging the gap between planning and implementation is a formidable and necessary step in realizing our climate targets and securing a low-carbon, resilient future.



Shannon Miedema, Halifax



125

mitigation
badges
awarded



12

badges awarded for
progress in providing
affordable energy access



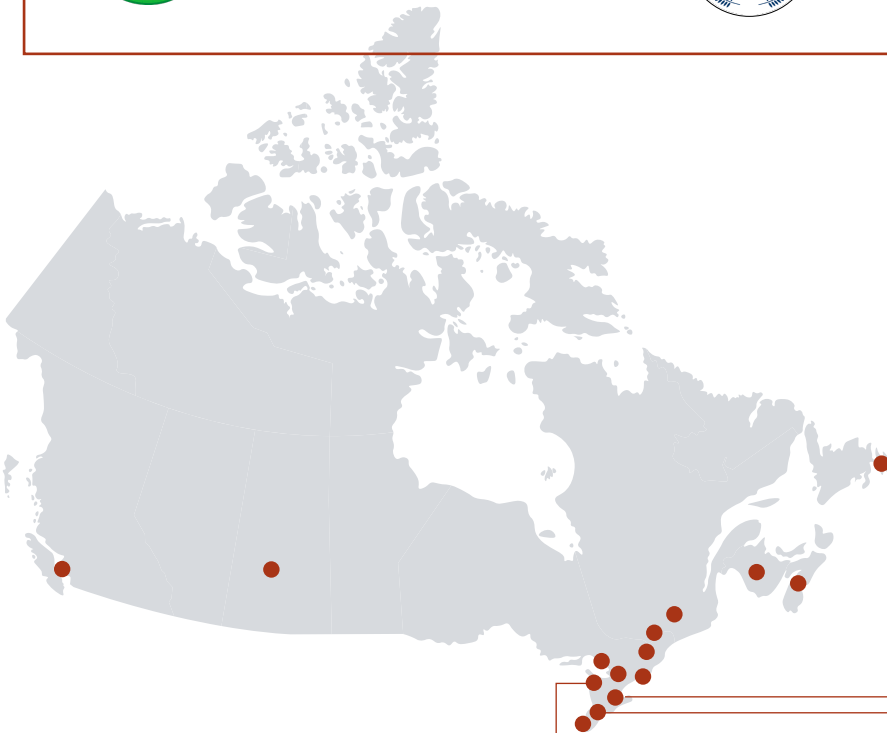
109

adaptation
badges
awarded



33

compliant cities
(meaning with Climate
Action Plans)



"We hope to continue learning from our Cohort colleagues, understanding where we excel and where we face challenges, so we can make progress. This is an excellent starting point for engaging our respective departments to figure out what we can track to identify any gaps, and to align ourselves for the future."

Sami Rehman | Ottawa

"This process has been extremely helpful. It has enabled us to assemble tools to guide the team forward, determine where we're headed, and set the team up for success."

Mike Fair | Township of Huron-Kinloss

"Having support with background information and best practices was invaluable as we embarked on a completely new project. It was also incredibly beneficial to connect with other municipalities in the Cohort and build relationships through the tailored deliverables."

Carrah Bullock | Mississauga



OUTCOMES OF THE COHORT APPROACH

LIST OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CITIES



One-to-one Support Meetings

Participants engaged in one-to-one meetings with a support team to identify and address their unique implementation challenges.



Peer-to-Peer Support Workshops

Members engaged in two peer-to-peer support workshops to share their unique implementation challenges and strategies with fellow cohort participants and receive feedback.



Group Trainings

Participants engaged in two group trainings over the course of the project in which subject experts helped the participants enhance their knowledge of common implementation challenges and strategies to address them. One of these group trainings was held in Montréal, QB, in preparation for the **Innovate4Cities Conference.**



Tailored Deliverables

Each participant selected a sector within their climate administration where additional support would be beneficial to advance implementation efforts. The Cohort Convener then developed a customized product (e.g., report, planning documents, database, etc.) tailored to the specific needs and local context of each city. [Check the figure to see a few examples.](#)



Canada has a long tradition of local governments engaged in climate action. GCoM brings a complementary approach, with an international perspective and a toolbox that leverages the support already provided to cities via national partners. That is why GCoM partnered with ICLEI-Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to adapt its methodology in Canada to amplify the reach of two leading national initiatives: the **Partners for Climate Protection (PCP)**, focused on mitigation, and the **Building Adaptive and Resilient Communities (BARC)**, focused on adaptation.

THE RESULT

The **highest percentage of compliant cities** in the Americas

33 of the 62

Canadian cities - or **52%.**



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE US

ADVANCED CLIMATE LEADERSHIP IN THE US

Cities in the United States are among the most advanced globally in their climate action journey. With comprehensive climate action plans and innovative approaches to climate resilience, they are setting ambitious standards for sustainability. US Mayors are also one of the leading forces of the subnational climate movement worldwide, advocating for more climate action nationally and internationally. GCoM offers them a venue to share their voices, while also connecting international best practices with local implementation needs.



302

mitigation
badges
awarded



51

badges awarded for
progress in providing
affordable energy access



338

adaptation
badges
awarded



68

compliant cities
(meaning with Climate
Action Plans)

COLLABORATION WITH USDN TO EMPOWER CITIES

In 2024, GCoM and USDN delivered an impactful series of workshops to enhance cities' capacity to achieve their climate goals, thanks to funding from the European Union. Through virtual workshops and one-on-one coaching, **cities gained insights from international best practices and innovative approaches.** Highlights include:



**see how our
workshops went**



Virtual Workshops

Cities have participated in three interactive virtual sessions to learn from global leaders such as Amsterdam, Glasgow, Greve, Lyon Metropole, Oslo, and Vancouver on topics ranging from multi-level partnerships to climate-friendly budgeting.



USDN Annual Meeting Participation

At the USDN Annual Meeting, GCoM hosted a "Lunch and Learn" event, providing cities with networking opportunities and practical insights to accelerate local climate action through global collaboration.



Federal Funding Office Hours

GCoM and USDN provided personalized coaching to help cities navigate federal funding opportunities, offering tailored guidance on grants, tax credits, and proposal development.



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THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

GCoM is the largest global alliance of cities committed to climate action. The success of the alliance, however, lies in the strength of its partnerships.

GCoM collaborates with a range of partners, from national networks to local experts, uniting efforts across sectors to support cities in their climate objectives. This collective approach, supported by the European Union, enabled cities in the United States to tap into extensive resources, connect with peer cities, and access tools tailored to their unique climate challenges. **Together, these partnerships enhance the resilience and sustainability of US cities, building a climate-conscious future at the local level.**

