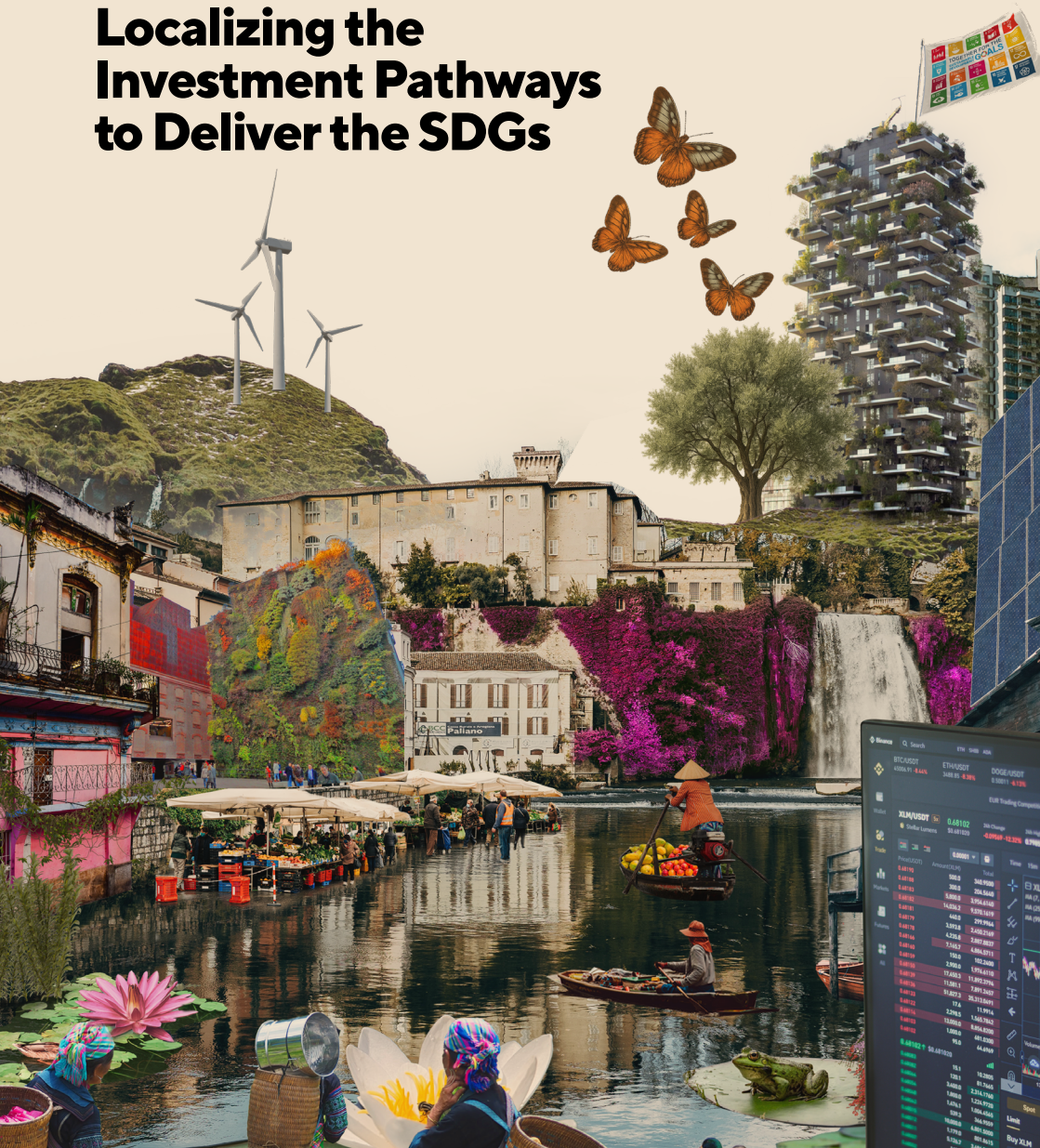


CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

Localizing the Investment Pathways to Deliver the SDGs



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030



The *Cities Countdown to 2030* is a political initiative led by United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) that brings visibility to transformative infrastructure projects already underway in cities and regions across the world. These projects channel millions in public investment to deliver the urgent transitions demanded by the 2030 Agenda—transforming and improving the lives of millions of people through local action.

The *Cities Countdown to 2030* showcases how cities and regions are already powering food systems and creating jobs, connecting people through energy and technology, expanding e-commerce opportunities, and grounding all transitions in the climate and equality agendas. It proves that investments are reaching the local level and how this can be further enabled by closing policy and regulatory gaps, making financing market-ready, mobilizing a mix of domestic, public and private resources, and reinforcing institutions to build solid foundations. This time, the house is being built from the ground up and the Countdown is how we bring 2030 back.

The Cities Countdown to 2030 is designed to:

Provide concrete examples from cities and regions already mobilizing investments toward the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

Formally contribute to the United Nations' High-Impact Initiative on Localization;

Serve as a platform to showcase local political leadership and best practices, feeding the 2030 Agenda and the multilateral system beyond;

Strengthen collective efforts to position localization as a key driver of global transformation.

Rooted in the values of care for people and the planet set out in the UCLG Pact for the Future of Humanity, the Countdown is also a call for stronger recognition of local and regional leadership in global governance, for renewed and equitable access to financing, and for the structured engagement of cities and regions within the international system.

The Countdown is not a retrospective, it is an active political process. These fact-sheets are just the beginning of a growing body of evidence proving that local and regional governments are not only implementing the SDGs, they are shaping the path forward.

The Countdown has begun.

CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

KONYA

JOHANNESBURG

XIANNING

MEXICO CITY

RAMALLAH

KISUMU

BARCELONA

MONTEVIDEO

PARIS

GUANGZHOU

AMMAN

GUADALAJARA

BOGOTÁ

MALMÖ

BRAZZAVILLE

**CITIES
COUNTDOWN
TO 2030**

KONYA

**Towards sustainable
and inclusive food
systems**



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

KONYA



City

Konya / Konya Metropolitan Municipality



Country / Region

Türkiye / Middle East & West Asia / Central Anatolia / Konya Province



Mayor / Mayoress

Uğur İbrahim Altay



City Population

**1.4 Million
2.3 Million (Metro. Area)**



Municipal Movement

Member of UCLG Executive Presidency



City's Attribute

Located in Central Anatolia, Konya is one of Türkiye's largest agricultural basins. Its strategic position makes it the country's agricultural heartland. With extensive natural resources and a strong farming tradition, the city stands as a national benchmark in sustainable agriculture and food systems innovation.

Konya Model: "How to Feed, Not Deplete the World"

Objective

Build an integrated public food system promoting sustainability, gender equality, education and local economy

KONYA is transforming **its agricultural heritage** into a globally **relevant model for sustainable and public food systems**. Led by Konya Metropolitan Municipality, the project integrates **food security & waste reduction, innovation, resilience, gender equality, education and economic development**, addressing the entire agri-food chain from production to consumption.

Key actions include support for drought-resilient crops, organic farming, modern irrigation and renewable energy. **Education programmes target youth, women and farmers**. Women are supported to manage sales points at municipal organic markets. **Young and small producers benefit from agri-tech access, too.**

The municipality operates **45 Fenni Fırın branches**, providing safe, affordable bread, and distributes publicly produced local food through its Pelen brand, showing how local authorities can manage food systems as a public service.

Konya also **plays a leading international role** through AGRICITIES, promoting agricultural diplomacy and knowledge exchange.



SDG Transition 1

Food Systems



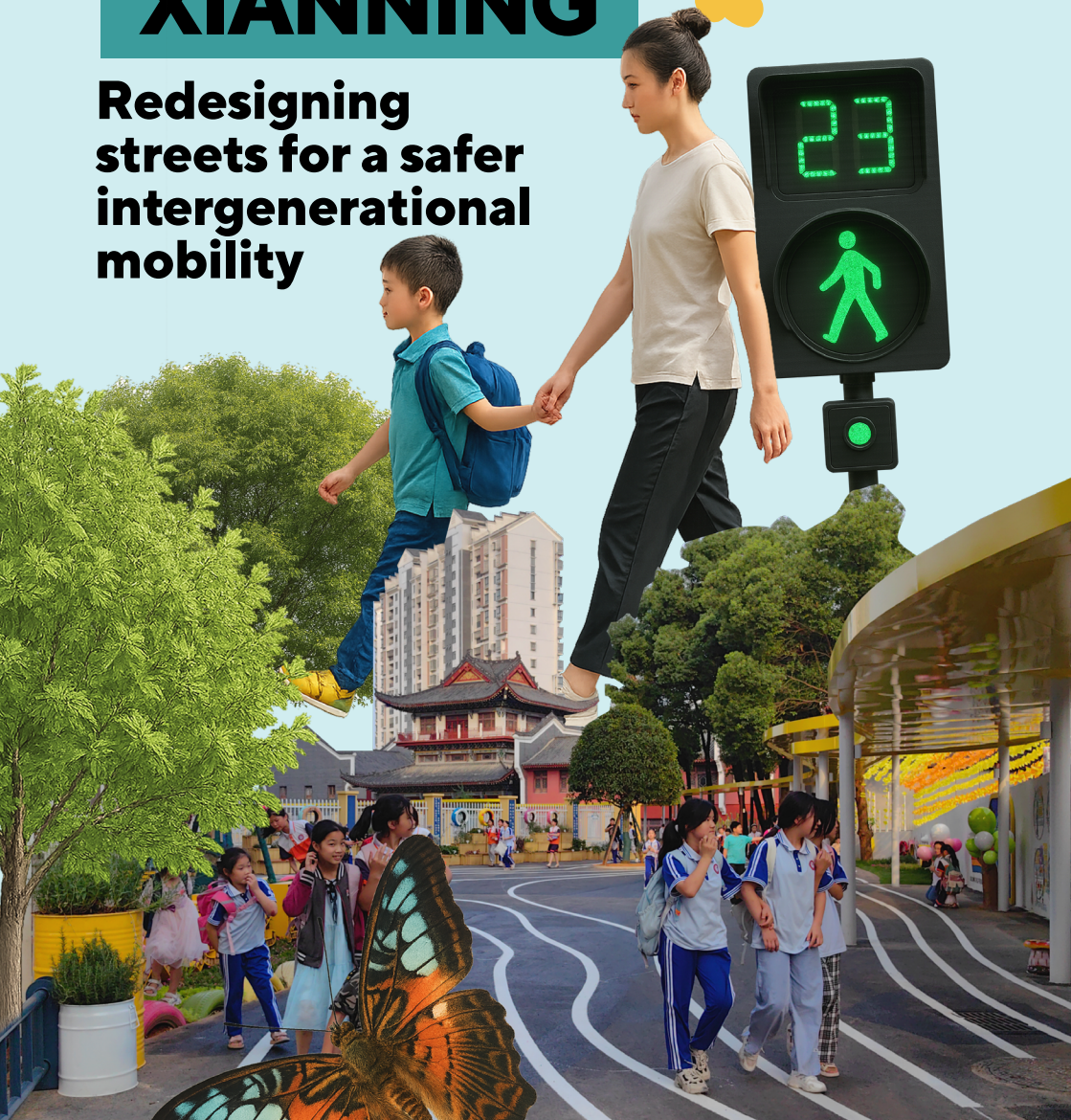
SDG Localization



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

XIANNING

**Redesigning
streets for a safer
intergenerational
mobility**



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

XIANNING



City
Xianning City / Xianning Municipal People's Government



Country / Region
People's Republic of China / East Asia / Central China / Hubei Province



Mayor / Mayoress
Yang Jun



City Population
3 Million



Municipal Movement
Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation



City's Attribute
Xianning is a mid-sized city in the mountainous, rainy Hubei Province, with modest economic capacity that drives parents to commute to larger cities, leaving many children in the care of their grandparents. This creates urgent mobility and safety challenges around schools and daily routes.

From child-friendly to all age-friendly urban governance innovation

Objective

To build safer, child-friendly and inter-generational **cities through co-creation and cross-sector collaboration**

XIANNING has developed a model of **urban transformation** that begins with the vision of a child-friendly city and is now evolving into resilient, all-age-friendly neighborhoods. The pilot project at **Xianning Seventh Elementary School** significantly improved child traffic safety through safe school routes, citizen engagement, reuse of public spaces and materials, and cross-departmental coordination. The impact has been remarkable: 95% of students now walk to school and traffic accidents around the school dropped by 98%. **This model has since been replicated in 20 schools and 15 cities across the province.** In the face of growing urban and climate challenges, Xianning is now expanding this approach to include **flood-prone neighborhoods, using nature-based solutions, early-warning technologies, and co-designed home and public space upgrades.** This project exemplifies a low-cost, **replicable institutional innovation with strong social and environmental impact**, creating safer and more inclusive environments for children—and increasingly, for all city residents.



SDG Transition 6

Climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution



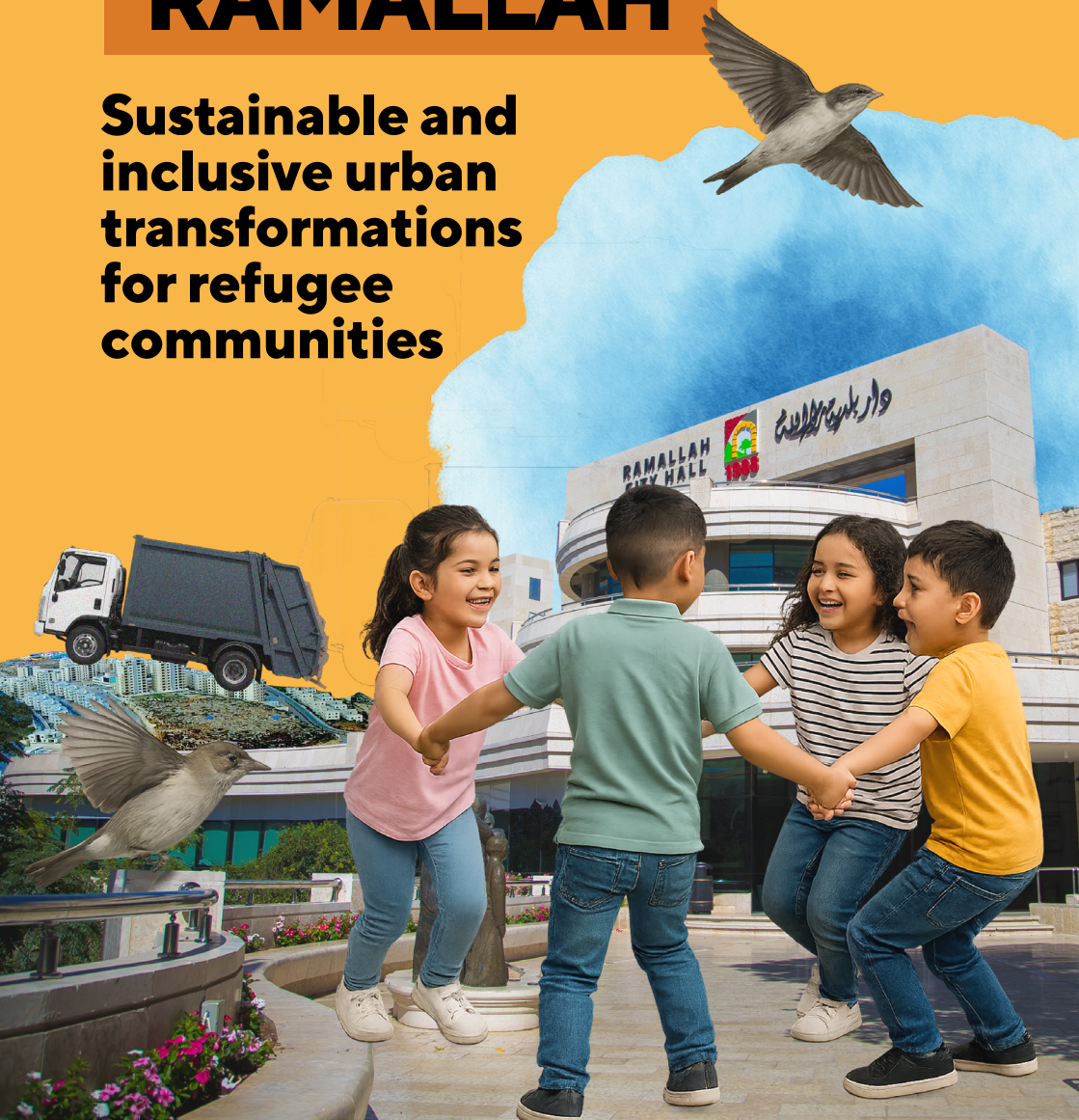
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CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

RAMALLAH

**Sustainable and
inclusive urban
transformations
for refugee
communities**



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

RAMALLAH



City

Ramallah /
Ramallah Municipality



Country / Region

Palestine / Middle East and
West Asia / Ramallah and
AlBireh / Ramallah



Mayor /Mayorress

Issa Kassis



City Population

85.000



Municipal Movement

UCLG Ambassador for the
Future of Government



City's Attribute

Ramallah has a progressive local governance, strong civic engagement, and commitment to inclusive urban development. As a cultural and political hub, the city embraces diversity and recognizes marginalized communities like Qaddura. Its core values—equity, sustainability, and participation—guide community-centered planning,

Durable Qaddura

Objective

Improving the livelihoods of refugees and vulnerable groups in Qaddura Camp

THE DURABLE QADDURA project is a community-led initiative launched by the City of Ramallah in 2023 to improve living conditions in Qaddura, an unrecognized refugee camp home to around 2000 residents, including 700 children. **The municipality, supported by the Mayors Migration Council's Global Cities Fund for Refugees, worked directly with residents to address key needs.** The project focused on three main interventions: **strengthening solid waste management, rehabilitating the camp's neglected public park, and raising environmental awareness through community-led campaigns.** Children and caregivers played a central role in shaping and implementing the improvements, from safer play areas to expanded park access. The initiative **promoted inclusive, sustainable urban development and localized the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, especially those related to health, environment, and community engagement. It now serves as a model for refugee-responsive city planning.



SDG Transition 5

Jobs and social protection



SDG Localization



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

BARCELONA

**Integrated climate
action plan for a carbon
neutral, just and
resilient city**



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

BARCELONA



City

Barcelona /
Barcelona City Council



Country / Region

Spain / Europe / South West
Europe / Catalonia



Mayor / Mayoress

Jaume Collboni



City Population

1,7 Million
3,4 Million (Metro. Area)



Municipal Movement

Host of the UCLG's World
Secretariat



City's Attribute

Barcelona has a long-standing tradition of ambitious climate action and civic engagement. Over the past 25 years, the city has positioned itself as a pioneer in urban sustainability, combining innovative regulations, strategic plans, and participatory frameworks.

Climate Plan, for the people, for Barcelona

Objective

Achieve climate neutrality, strengthen urban resilience and ensure a fair ecological transition by 2030.

As part of the EU Mission '100 CLIMATE-NEUTRAL CITIES', it combines ambitious mitigation and adaptation goals with a **strong focus on climate justice, prioritising health protection and the economic opportunities of the transition.**

Grounded in a Climate City Contract validated by the European Commission, the plan introduces a **participatory governance model involving political leadership, cross-departmental coordination and citizen engagement** through the More Sustainable Barcelona network, the so-called collaborative challenges and the climate assembly.

The plan defines 242 actions structured around six strategic areas: **1. Energy Transition** (which includes Buildings), **2. Mobility**, **3. Resilience** (focusing on the risks associated to water), **4. Heat**, **5. Let's change for the climate** (through science, education and culture) and **6. Neighbourhoods**, to make sure that the climate transition action reaches every corner of the city.



SDG Transition 6

Climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution



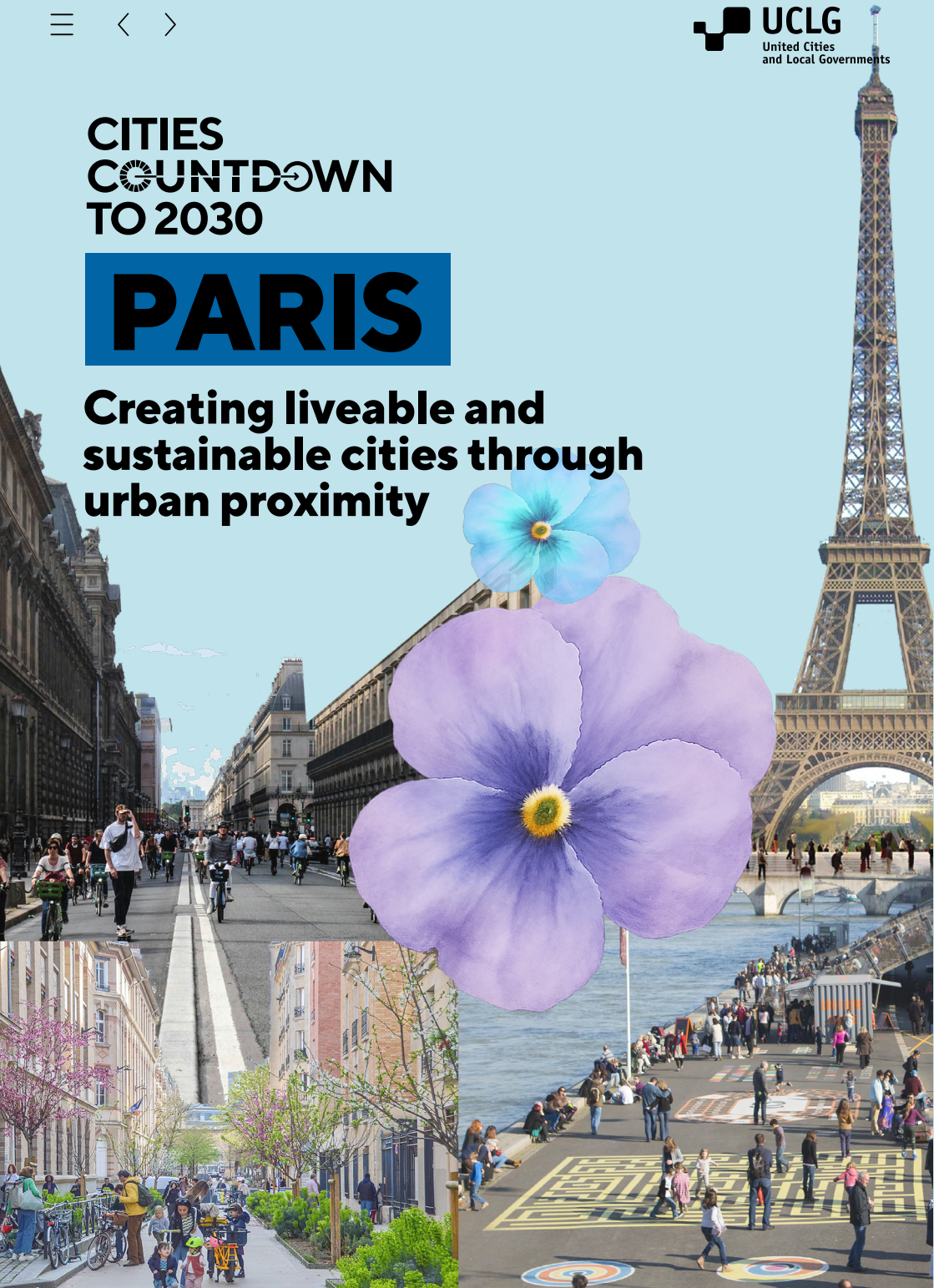
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CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

PARIS

**Creating liveable and
sustainable cities through
urban proximity**



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

PARIS



City

Paris / City of Paris



Country / Region

France / Europe /
Île-de-France / Greater Paris
Metropolitan Region



Mayor / Mayoress

Anne Hidalgo



City Population

2.05 Million
12.4 Million (Metro. Area)



Municipal Movement

UCLG Ambassador for the
Future of the Planet



City's Attribute

Paris is a global capital with
compact, walkable neigh-
bourhoods, strong civic en-
gagement and inclusive public
infrastructure fostering prox-
imity, urban vitality, social
cohesion and environmental
resilience.

15-Minute City (Ville du Quart d'Heure)

Objective

To improve quality of life, urban sustainability and resilience by ensuring access to essential services

THE 15-MINUTE CITY is an urban strategy launched by Paris in 2020 **to reorganise city life around spatial and functional proximity**. It aims to ensure access to six key urban functions—housing, work, food, health, education and leisure—within 15 minutes on foot or by bike. **In response to climate**, social and mobility challenges, the initiative promotes compact, mixed-use neighbourhoods, **reduced car dependency** and greener, **more inclusive public spaces**.

Actions include **school streets, open courtyards, expanded cycling lanes**, local commerce support and the reuse of public infrastructure.

Beyond a planning tool, the 15-Minute City represents **a vision of a polycentric city**, where urban density enables critical mass and gives meaning to proximity, social cohesion and a more liveable daily life.



SDG Transition 6

Climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution



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CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

AMMAN

**Digital transformation to
improve urban mobility
and public services**



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

AMMAN



City

Amman / Greater Amman Municipality (GAM)



Country / Region

Jordan / Asia / Middle East & West Asia / Amman Governorate



Mayor / Mayoress

Yousef Shawarbeh



City Population

4 Million
6.8 Million (Metro. Area)



Municipal Movement

Member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments



City's Attribute

Amman's strategic location, youthful population and strong commitment to innovation and sustainability are driving a digital transformation to enhance mobility, improve public services and strengthen urban resilience for all citizens.

Digital Transformation & Amman Smart City

Objective

Modernise public services using digital tools to boost efficiency, transparency and citizen experience

THE GREATER AMMAN MUNICIPALITY (GAM) is implementing an integrated digital transformation **strategy to improve urban mobility, enhance public services and strengthen institutional efficiency.** Launched with the Electronic Transformation Project in 2017, **the initiative converted over 134 services from manual, paper-based procedures into an efficient digital ecosystem,** significantly reducing costs and physical visits to municipal offices. Building on this progress, **the Amman Smart City Project was launched in July 2024** to establish a digital platform initially focused on smart mobility. Flagship achievements include Jordan's first **contactless transit payment system**—operational on BRT and Amman Bus lines—as well as data-driven tools such as **real-time traffic monitoring, automated parking and e-charging stations.** In parallel, GAM's IT Directorate is deploying secure digital infrastructure to interconnect departments, expand online services and improve citizen engagement. **These innovations aim to promote transparency,** responsiveness and inclusive, data-informed public governance



SDG Transition 3

Digital Connectivity



SDG Localization



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

BOGOTÁ

**Inclusive,
low-emission,
multimodal
urban mobility
transformation**



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

BOGOTÁ



City

Bogotá / City of Bogotá



Country / Region

Colombia / America / South America / Bogotá, Capital District



Mayor / Mayoress

Carlos Fernando Galán



City Population

7.9 Million
11.8 Million (Metro. Area)



Municipal Movement

Member of the Mayors Migration Council Leadership Board



City's Attribute

Bogotá is a diverse, dense and civic-minded city shaped by geographic constraints. It has a longstanding commitment to sustainable urban mobility and integrated transport planning.

Sustainable and safe urban mobility development policy

Objective

Achieve 77% of daily trips via sustainable transport modes by 2035

BOGOTÁ'S SUSTAINABLE AND SAFE URBAN MOBILITY POLICY (PMSS) is a long-term roadmap guiding mobility planning to 2035. It aims to ensure that 77% of daily trips are made **by sustainable modes**—public transport, walking, and cycling—while reducing emissions by 40%. **The policy supports a shift towards inclusive, zero- and low-emission mobility**, with projects including two metro lines, Regiotram systems, cable cars, and a 500 km expansion of the cycling network. It also includes **intermodal hubs, fare equity reforms, and full electrification of the public fleet by 2039**. The policy incorporates gender-sensitive planning, urban logistics, and road safety under Vision Zero. **Broad citizen engagement and metropolitan coordination** make this a flagship initiative for equitable, climate-aligned urban transformation.



SDG Transition 6

Climate Change, Biodiversity loss and Pollution



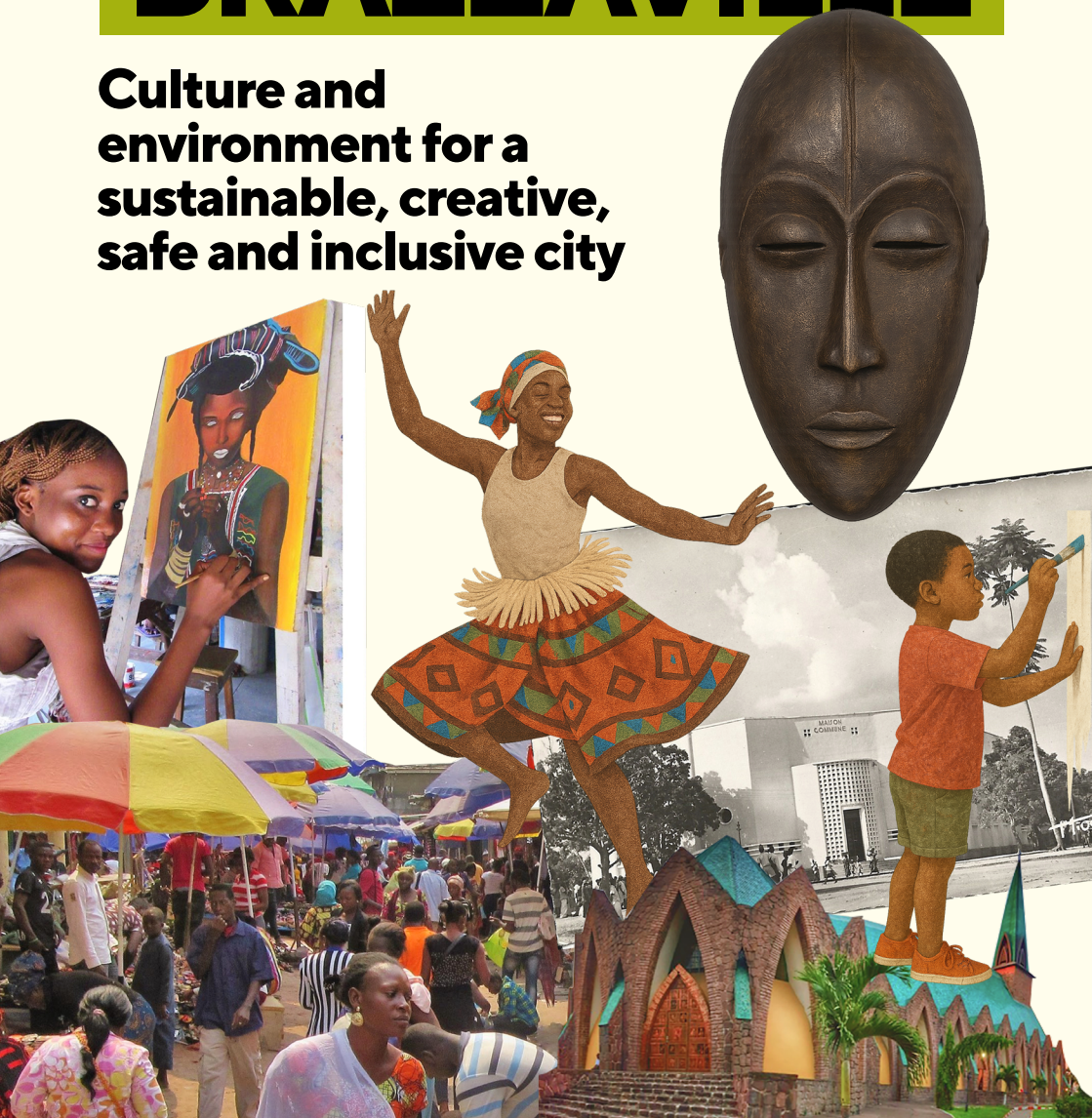
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**CITIES
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TO 2030**

BRAZZAVILLE

**Culture and
environment for a
sustainable, creative,
safe and inclusive city**



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BRAZZAVILLE



City

**Brazzaville /
Municipality of Brazzaville**



Country / Region

**Republic of the Congo /
Africa / Central Africa /
Brazzaville Department**



Mayor / Mayoress

Dieudonné Bantsimba



City Population

**2.1 Million
2.8 Million (Metro. Area)**



Municipal Movement

**African Capital of Culture
2024-25
UCLG's Agenda 21 Culture**



City's Attribute

Brazzaville, capital of the Republic of Congo, is a cosmopolitan city mostly youth, facing rapid demographic growth, urban sprawl, frequent flooding, and significant challenges in providing basic services to improve residents' living conditions, and also very rich in art and history, contributing to its vibrant cultural identity.

Implementation of UCLG's Culture 21 Plus in the frame of Culture 2030 Goal campaign

Objective

To promote synergies between culture, environment and innovation for inclusive urban development

SINCE 2012, BRAZZAVILLE has advanced an **integrated cultural strategy** as a driver of its sustainable urban development. Following the adoption of its first cultural policy, **it was designated UNESCO Creative City of Music in 2013**. Through **cross-sectoral initiatives**, the city links **creativity, education, heritage and environmental action**. Key milestones include **the transformation of public spaces into cultural venues**, integration of cultural heritage into **school curricula**, and **international mobility programmes for artists and cultural operators**. The regeneration of the Poto Poto neighbourhood, centred on the **rehabilitation of the Maison Commune**, **illustrates this integrated approach**. Brazzaville's designation as **African Capital of Culture 2025-2026** and its role in the UCLG "Seven Keys" workshop affirm its leadership in aligning territorial cultural policies with the SDGs through participatory governance and the Culture 21 Plus framework.



SDG Transition 4

Education



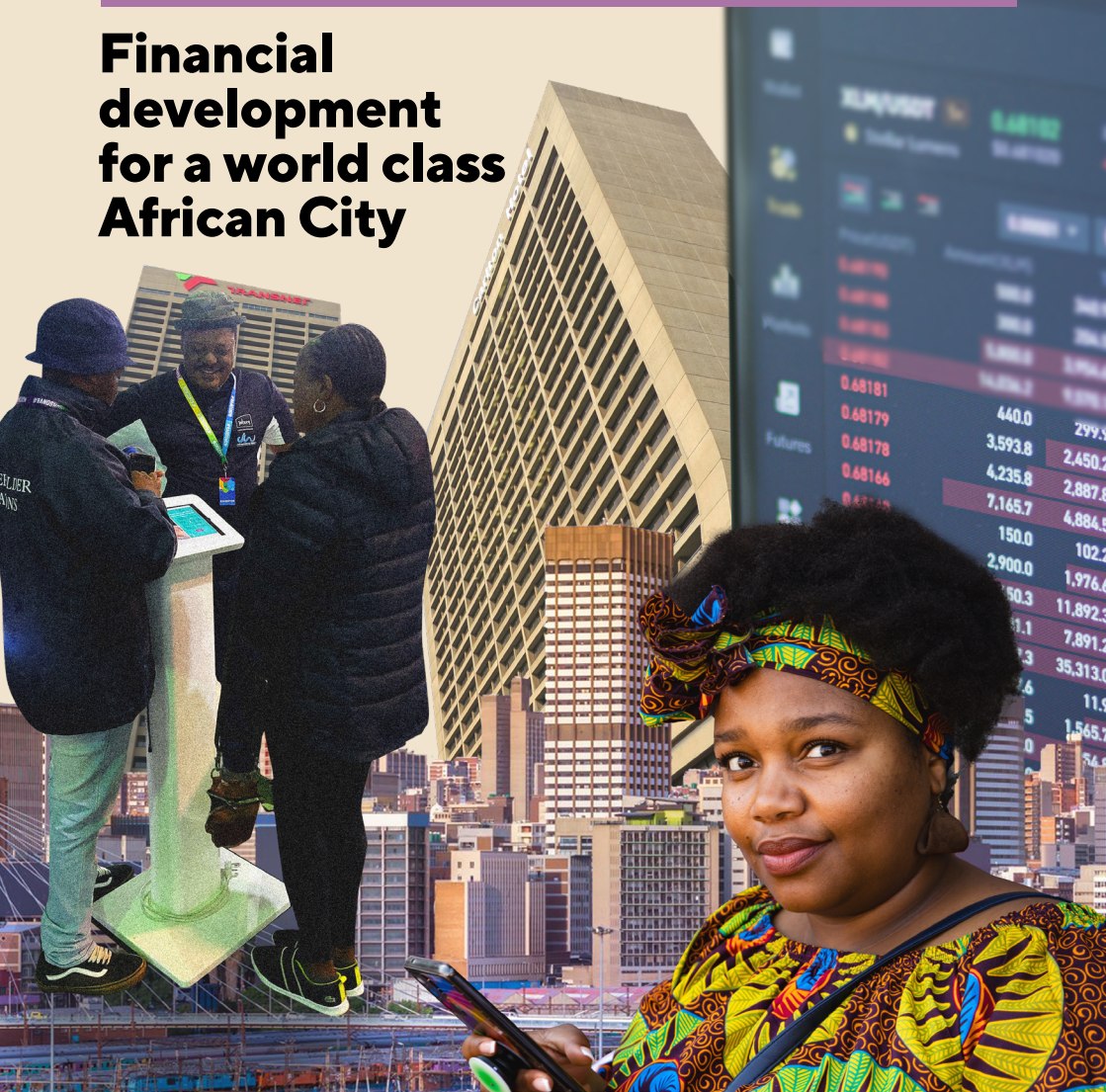
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CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

JOHANNESBURG

**Financial
development
for a world class
African City**



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

JOHANNESBURG



City

**Johannesburg /
City of Johannesburg**



Country / Region

**Republic of South Africa /
Africa / Southern Africa /
Gauteng Province**



Mayor / Mayoress

Sello Enock Morero



City Population

**5.8 Million
6 Million (Metro. Area)**



Municipal Movement

Chair of the FMDV



City's Attribute

Johannesburg's role as South Africa's economic hub, its diverse population, entrepreneurial spirit, and commitment to inclusive growth, bring about its drive for transparent, efficient, and accountable municipal financial management.

Financial Development Plan for financial sustainability, strengthened fiscal position and expanded investment

Objective

To build a financially sustainable, transparent, and efficient municipality that ensures equitable service delivery and fiscal accountability.

THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG adopted a long-term Financial Development Plan (FDP), committing to a 10-year plan aimed at **building financial sustainability, strengthening the City's fiscal position**, and expanding infrastructure investment.

As **Johannesburg continues to attract migrants**—receiving over 10,000 people each month—the City proactively developed the FDP to address **growing infrastructure needs and improve service delivery**.

The City recognised **that sustainable infrastructure development cannot rely solely on transfers from the National Government**. It must also be supported by leveraging the City's balance sheet and optimising internally generated cash from operations to produce cash-backed surpluses for reinvestment into infrastructure. Revenue enhancement initiatives were implemented alongside efforts to curtail unnecessary operational expenditure.

Furthermore, the City has been **an active participant in capital markets, issuing various bonds**—including Green Bond—and entering into bilateral loan agreements with banks and Development Finance Institutions (DFIs).



SDG Transition 5

Social Protection and Decent Jobs



SDG Localization



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

MEXICO CITY

**Public spaces and
services to empower
communities and
restore dignity through
inclusion and
wellbeing**



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

MEXICO CITY



City

**Mexico City /
Mexico City Government**



Country / Region

**México / America /
North America / Mexico City**



Mayor / Mayoress

Clara Marina Brugada Molina



City Population

**9.3 Million
22 Million (Metro. Area)**



Municipal Movement

**IDP Award Best Practice in
Citizen Participation
Shortlisted Guangzhou In-
ternational Award For Urban
Innovation
Co-organizer of UCLG inter-
national Award Culture 21**



City's Attribute

**Mexico City, shaped by its
communities and heritage,
faces unequal access to rights
and rapid urban growth. It em-
braces a transformative vision
rooted in care, equity, and ter-
ritorial justice—a people-cen-
tered city.**

UTOPIAS: Units of Transformation and Organisation for Inclusion and Social Harmony

Objective

**Creation of inclusive public spaces to
foster social cohesion, civic participation,
and key public service delivery**

Faced with a shortage of adequate, high-quality public spaces and services, the people of **MEXICO CITY** have long fought to **preserve and recover neglected community areas** marked by **marginalisation, violence, and exclusion**. In response, the government of Clara Brugada launched **UTOPIÁS**—first in Iztapalapa—as a high-impact strategy to reclaim the right to the city by building large-scale urban facilities in the most underserved areas. **These inclusive, dignified public spaces aim to reverse deep socio-territorial inequalities and serve as foundations for community life, especially for women and caregivers**. UTOPIÁS are guided by principles of **social justice, gender equality, democratic participation, sustainability, and respect for diversity and the environment**. The challenge now is to scale the project across the city—from 16 to 100 UTOPIÁS—ensuring care, well-being, and access to rights reach all residents of Mexico City.



SDG Transition 5

Jobs & Social Protection



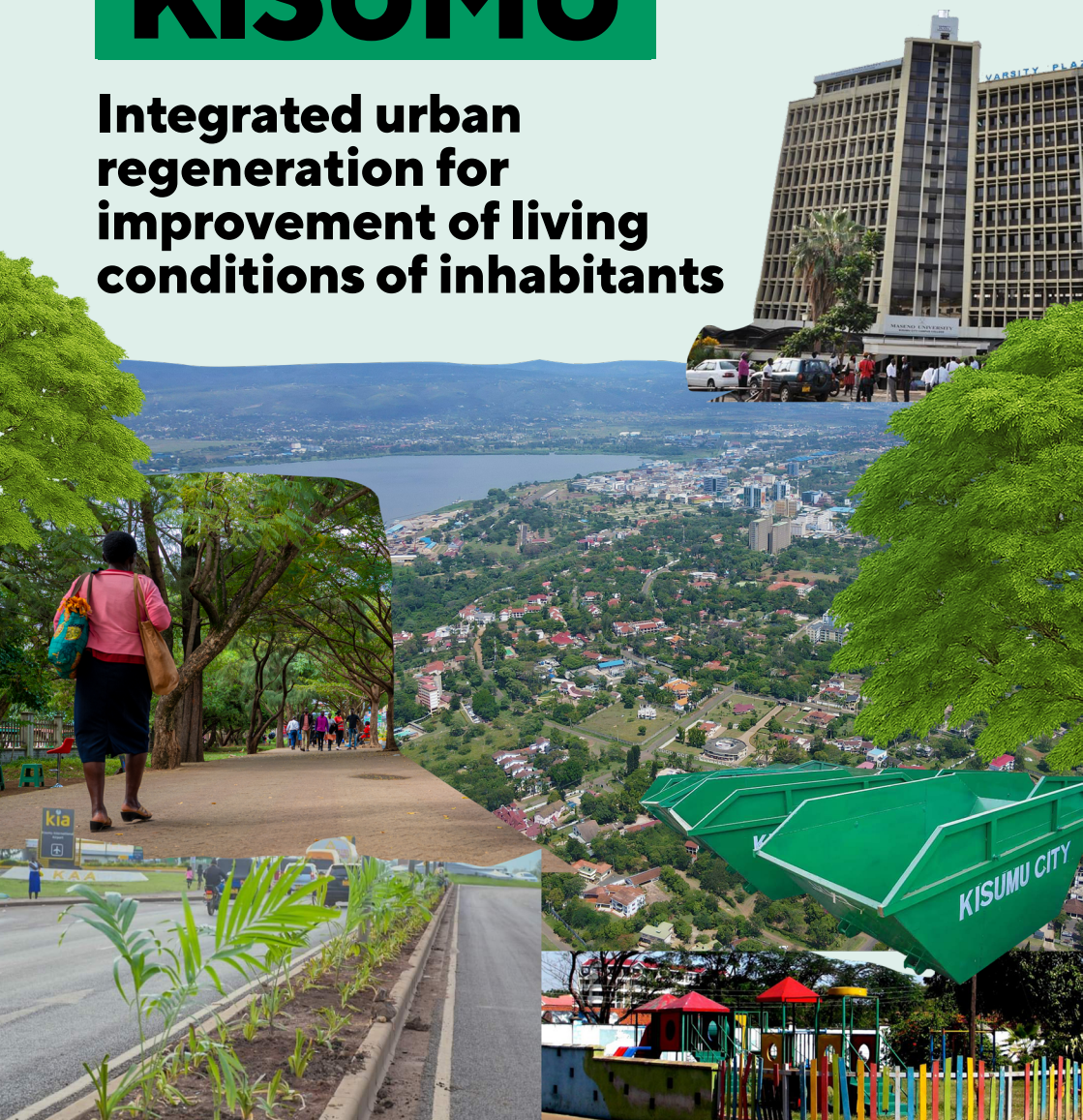
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CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

KISUMU

**Integrated urban
regeneration for
improvement of living
conditions of inhabitants**



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

KISUMU



City

Kisumu County / County Government of Kisumu



Country / Region

Republic of Kenya / Africa / East Africa / Kisumu County



Mayor / Mayoress

Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o



City Population

550,000
1,25 Million (County Wide)



Municipal Movement

Member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments



City's Attribute

Kisumu city as the third-largest city in Kenya serves as a key economic, cultural, and transportation hub in East Africa. Its strategic location and commitment to inclusive governance and sustainable planning provide a solid foundation for integrated urban and public service transformation.

Kisumu Urban Projects (KUP)

Objective

Improve spatial equity and quality of life through better services and infrastructure management

Launched in 2012, the **KISUMU URBAN PROJECTS (KUP)** initiative was designed as a pilot for the Kenya Municipal Program (KMP). It responds to the city's need for more resilient infrastructure, inclusive service provision, and improved urban management.

The project combines **the upgrading of informal settlements with strategic land-use planning, institutional capacity-building, and the renewal of essential public services.** It also promotes transparent, citizen-centred governance and innovation in municipal operations.

Key interventions include **the rehabilitation of local markets** (Otonglo, Jubilee), **construction of schools and bio-centers, improvement of local access roads and footbridges, installation of high-mast lighting, establishment of health and social centres, solid waste equipment provision,** and the creation of a **GIS-based city base map and ICT data centre** for an improved urban management.

By addressing **physical infrastructure and service gaps** while modernising municipal systems, KUP has helped advance Kisumu's vision as a well-managed, inclusive, and forward-looking city.



SDG Transition 5

Social Protection and Decent Jobs



SDG Localization



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

MONTEVIDEO

Habitat Program



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

MONTEVIDEO



City

**Montevideo /
Intendancy of Montevideo**



Country / Region

**Oriental Republic of Uruguay /
America / South America /
Montevideo**



Mayor / Mayoress

Mario Bergara



City Population

**1.3 Million
1.8 Million (Metro. Area)**



Municipal Movement

Member of UCLG Presidency



City's Attribute

Montevideo is a compact coastal capital with extensive public services, a strong co-operative housing tradition, and progressive social policies. Its capacity for integrated neighbourhood upgrading enables participatory, coordinated responses to spatial and social inequalities.

Integrated and participatory urban regeneration for deprived areas

Objective

To improve living conditions and promote inclusive, sustainable urban development in vulnerable areas

THE MONTEVIDEO HABITAT PROGRAM, led by the city's Division of Land and Habitat, is a **comprehensive urban improvement programme targeting informal settlements and undervalued urban areas**. It delivers **infrastructure upgrades—paved roads, public lighting, and enhanced public spaces—while reclaiming abandoned properties to dedicate to social and cooperative housing**. Rehabilitation of existing homes is supported through micro-loans and subsidies, coordinated with inter-institutional actors for resettlement schemes. **Core to its strategy is the coordination of a municipal land portfolio** ("cartera de tierras") facilitating access to urban land for housing purposes. **The programme also galvanises cooperative housing based on Uruguayan mutual-aid models**, integrating technical assistance institutes that support design, financing and participatory construction processes, including residents' contribution of labour and savings (e.g. ≥15% value). Central components—such as Plan Abre—address over 30 vulnerable neighbourhoods and benefit thousands of families with community-driven, institutionally backed spatial interventions. This model combines infrastructure, land governance, financing mechanisms and community participation to reduce urban inequality and foster dignified living environments.



SDG Transition 5

Social Protection and Decent Jobs



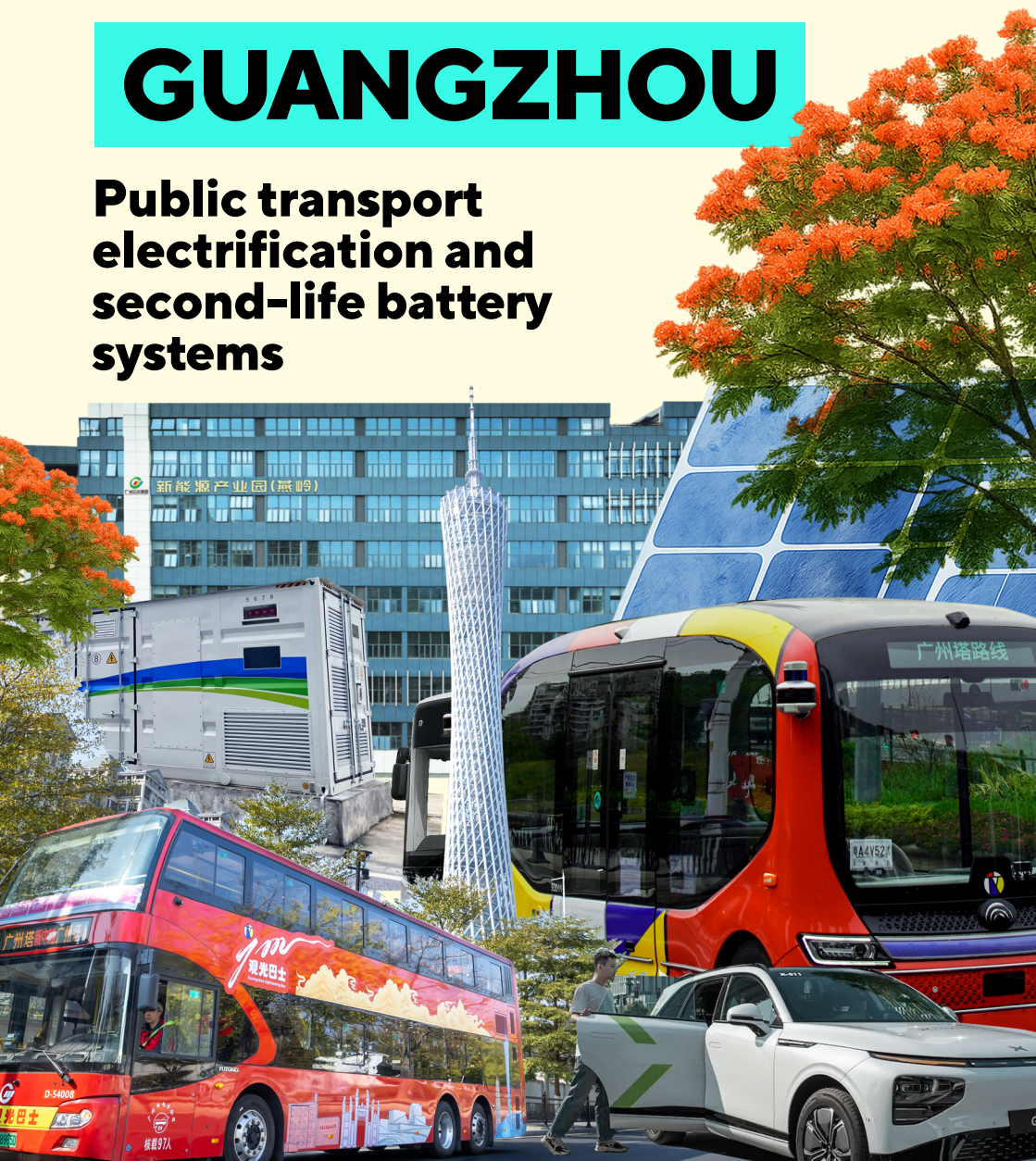
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CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

GUANGZHOU

Public transport electrification and second-life battery systems



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

GUANGZHOU



City

Guangzhou /
People's Government of
Guangzhou Municipality



Country / Region

People's Republic of China
/ Asia / Southern China /
Guangdong Province



Mayor / Mayoress

Sun Zhiyang



City Population

18.7 Million



Municipal Movement

Guangzhou International
Award for Urban Innovation
Metropolis Board of Directors



City's Attribute

Guangzhou is a dynamic, innovation-led metropolis committed to climate leadership and public service excellence. Its scale, industrial capacity and strong institutional co-ordination have enabled the rapid decarbonisation of urban mobility. As a member of UCLG, Metropolis and C40, Guangzhou is fully committed to accelerating the local implementation of the Global Agendas

Guangzhou New Energy Public Transport Development Programme

Objective

To deliver a fully electric public transport network while enhancing system efficiency and reducing carbon emissions

Launched in 2017, the **GUANGZHOU** New Energy Public Transport Development Programme led to full electrification of the city's bus and taxi fleet. By 2023, over 12.000 electric buses and 10.000 taxis operated across the city, supported by 6800 charging points. The Ruyue platform manages over 180 stations, and two energy parks integrate solar generation, fast charging and second-life battery storage. This transformation cut energy use by over 50% and CO₂ emissions by more than 500.000 tonnes. Retired bus batteries are repurposed for up to four additional years of grid-connected energy storage. A 3 GW facility now supports peak grid demand while charging at night and integrating solar during the day. What began as a zero-emission transport project has become a profitable energy ecosystem, lowering reliance on subsidies and water use, while improving battery-recycling and emissions reduction.



SDG Transition 2

Energy Access and Affordability



SDG Localization

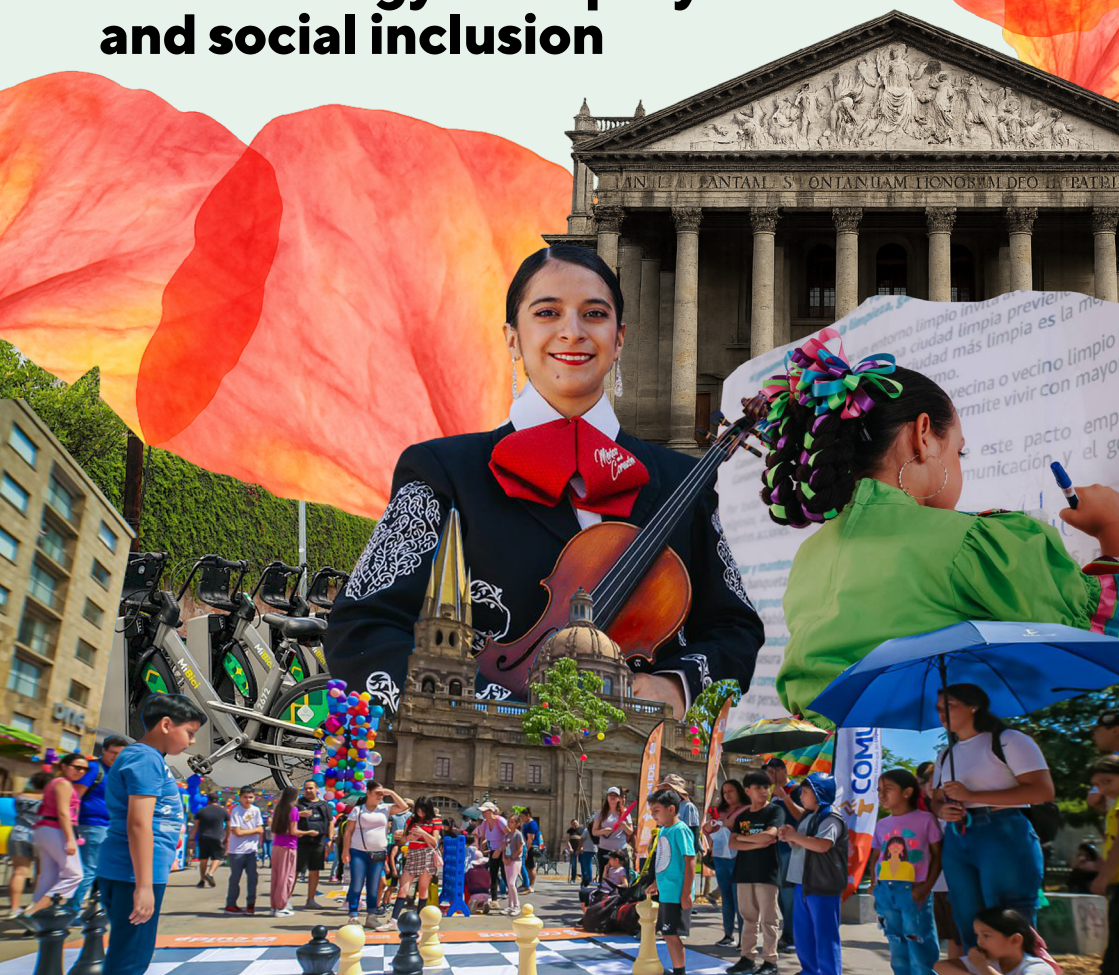


CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030



GUADALAJARA

**Integrated urban
care strategy for equity
and social inclusion**



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

GUADALAJARA



City
Guadalajara /
Government of Guadalajara



Country / Region
Mexico / America /
North America / Jalisco



Mayor / Mayoress
Verónica Delgadillo



City Population
1.4 Million
5.5 Million (Metro. Area)



Municipal Movement
Member of the SDSN Global
Commission for Urban SDG
Finance



City's Attribute
Guadalajara's cultural richness, strong civic identity, and commitment to social equity stimulate inclusive policies that prioritize care, community resilience, gender equality, and the right to the city for all citizens.

Guadalajara cares for you

Objective

To build a caring, inclusive, and resilient **Guadalajara through social protection and economic support.**

“GUADALAJARA TE CUIDA” (Guadalajara cares for you) is a municipal initiative that **places care, equity and citizen well-being at the core of local governance.** Structured around three strategic pillars—community-based **public safety, high-quality public services and spaces, and integrated social policies** with a care-economy approach—it addresses the needs of historically marginalised groups, including women, older people, children, and persons with disabilities.

As part of this strategy, **the municipality launched 23 targeted programmes**, such as Cuidamos tu Empleo, Guadalajara Está Contigo, and Despena Segura, **benefiting approximately 250.000 residents.** These measures include neighbourhood policing, accessible urban services, extended paternity leave, gender-awareness workshops, health and scholarship schemes, and support for women-led entrepreneurship.

The initiative also fosters co-responsibility: citizens actively engage through public forums to co-design a safer, more inclusive and sustainable city.



SDG Transition 5

Social Protection and Decent Jobs



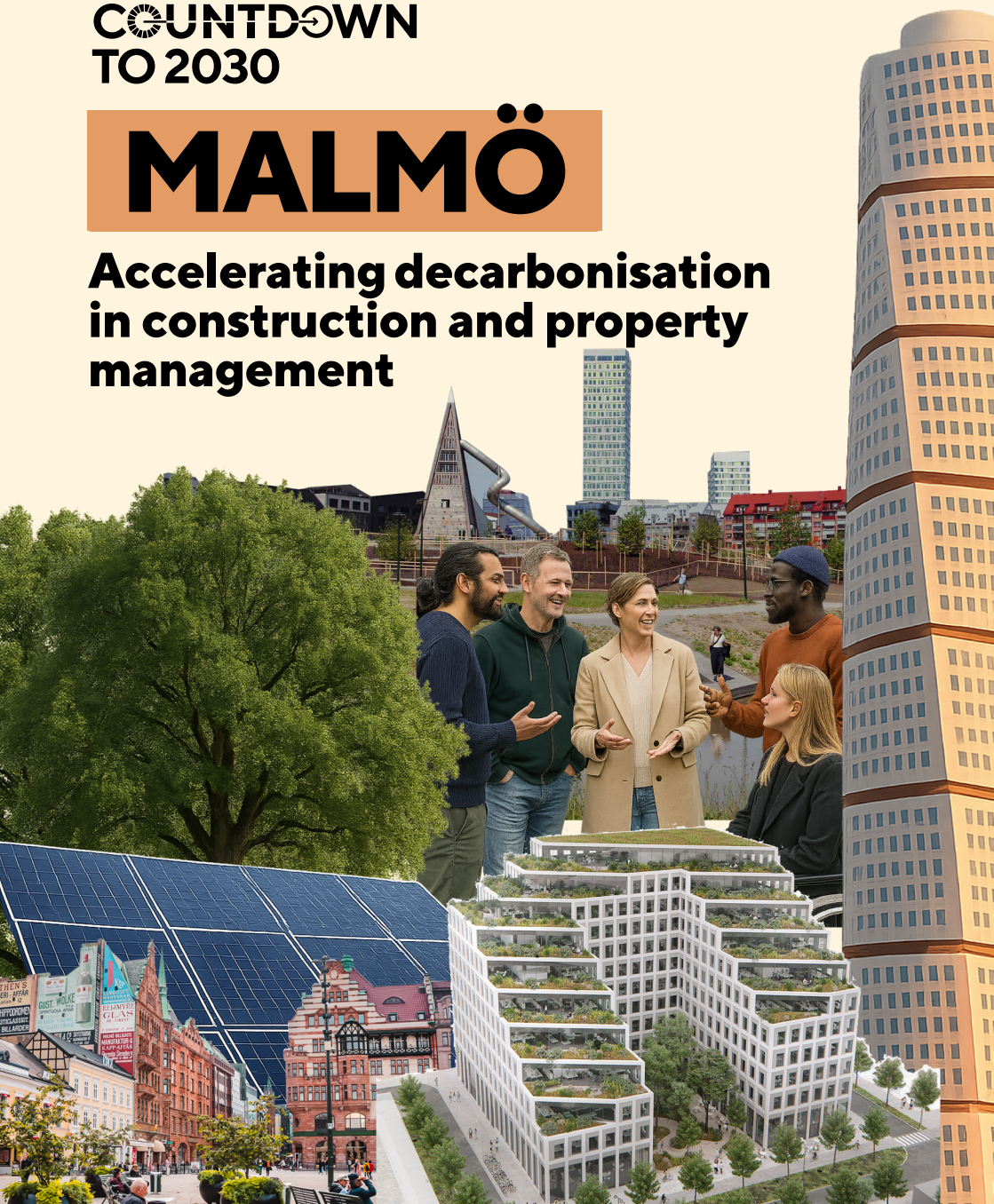
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CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

MALMÖ

Accelerating decarbonisation in construction and property management



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030

MALMÖ



City

**Malmö /
Municipality of Malmö**



Country / Region

**Sweden / Europe / Northern
Europe / Scania**



Mayor / Mayor

Katrin Stjernfeldt



City Population

**365.00 Thousands
773.00 Thousands (Metro. Area)**



Municipal Movement

President of ICLEI



City's Attribute

Malmö combines bold climate leadership with a tradition of collaborative governance and sustainable innovation. As Sweden's most diverse and rapidly transforming city, it offers fertile ground for pioneering a just and climate-neutral built environment.

LFM30: Local roadmap for a climate-neutral building, construction and real estate management sector

Objective

Enable a zero-emission built environment by 2030 through partnerships, design and materials

THE LFM30 is a sector-led initiative launched in 2018 to decarbonise Malmö's construction and property management sector by 2030 and reach climate-positivity by 2035. Coordinated jointly by the City of Malmö and a dedicated industry association, **the roadmap brings together over 200 stakeholders across the building value chain—including developers, contractors, consultants, financiers, and suppliers.** It sets a collective target to reduce emissions by **50% by 2025** and **standardises life-cycle climate calculations, climate budgeting and sustainable procurement.** The initiative promotes circular economy principles, the use of low-carbon materials and innovation in property operations. **Flagship pilots include timber-based, solar-powered infrastructure with stormwater reuse and green façades.** Supported by Sweden's innovation agency VINNOVA, LFM30 is integrated in Malmö's local climate governance and contributes to EU and UN decarbonisation goals as a scalable model for transforming the built environment.



SDG Transition 6

Climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution



SDG Localization



CITIES COUNTDOWN TO 2030