

# Overview of 2026 CDP-ICLEI Track Cities Questionnaire

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## As the world's leading environmental disclosure system 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 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, Earth-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, through 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 enables streamlined, simpler reporting and more robust, standardized data.

### Questionnaire Structure

CDP-ICLEI Track disclosers are requested to respond to questions across six modules – Introduction, Governance, Assessment, Targets, Planning and Actions. The Introduction module is new from 2026 and includes questions about the jurisdiction's context.

### Questionnaire Pathways

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

Disclosers 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 selected pathway 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 environmental data, allowing cities and local governments to report to, and participate in, multiple regional and global 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
- The Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP)
- EcoMobility Alliance
- EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change
- FairFuture
- Global Covenant of Mayors Common Reporting Framework (CRF)
- ICLEI's GreenClimateCities Program
- ICLEI Ukrainian Cities: Climate Neutrality, Resilience and Recovery
- NetZeroCities – Mission Cities
- NetZeroCities – Mission-minded Cities
- Race to Resilience
- Race to Zero
- Science-Based Targets
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
- Transformative Actions Program (TAP)
- Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission
- WWF One Planet City Challenge (biennial)

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## 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 pathways:** Local governments respond to the questionnaire through one of three pathways.

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## 2026 Key Updates & Changes

- **The CDP-ICLEI Track questionnaire has been updated** to improve data quality at the point of entry while reducing reporting burden. For 2026, changes include a small number of new and modified questions focused on governance, climate finance and action outcomes. The changes support clearer progress tracking and more decision-useful data while aligning with recognized frameworks, projects and initiatives.
- **Alignment with the Integrity Matters for Cities, States, and Regions** report provides guidance for subnational governments striving to meet their net-zero commitments, offering clear recommendations grounded in credibility, accountability and transparency. Developed by an Expert Group convened by the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) and WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities, the report recognizes the unique roles and capacities of cities, states and regions in contributing to the goal of global net-zero by 2050. The CDP-ICLEI Track questionnaire is fully aligned with the [report's recommendations](#).
- **C40 Cities** will be presented with a C40 Cities-only module that includes questions applicable to annual reporting requirements, including C40 Leadership Standards.

Additional details on question-level changes are available in [the 2026 Questionnaire Changes Map](#) in the [CDP Help Center](#).

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