



GLOBAL COVENANT
of MAYORS for
CLIMATE & ENERGY





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Global Covenant of Mayors In Detail

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WHAT IS THE GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS?

- Announced on June 22, 2016 and “live” since January 2017, The **Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy** is an international coalition of local and regional authorities with a shared long-term vision of promoting and supporting voluntary action to combat climate change and move to a low-carbon society, based on the following core principles:
 - Local Governments are Key Contributors
 - City Networks as Critical Partners
 - A Robust Solution Agenda
 - Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fostering Local Climate Resilience
 - Standardizing measurement approaches and reporting for cities



WHAT IS THE GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS?



- A first-of-its-kind and largest global coalition of cities leading the fight against climate change.
- Formally brings together the Compact of Mayors and the EU Covenant of Mayors, the world's two primary initiatives of cities to assist cities and local governments in their transition to a low-carbon economy, and demonstrate their global impact.

We envision a world where committed mayors and local governments – in alliance with partners – accelerate ambitious, measurable climate and

Energy efficiency, waste, transport/mobility, air quality and other city influenced activities

energy **initiatives** that lead to an **inclusive**, just, low-emission and climate

Energy access/transition, low-energy and economically inclusive

resilient future, helping to meet and exceed the Paris agreement objectives.

Climate risk reduction, healthier communities, economically accessible and insurable cities

COMMUNICATING AN INSPIRING, GLOBAL VISION

The broadest international alliance of cities and local governments committed to local climate leadership

The **Global Covenant of Mayors** serves cities and local governments by

Meeting or exceeding national targets

Through regular, standardized reporting that links to NDC's, the Paris Agreement, and that captures current and future impacts/potential

mobilizing and supporting **ambitious**, **measurable**, **planned** climate and

Captured through climate action plans that are strategic and investment-ready

energy **action** in their communities by working with city/regional networks,

Initiatives, programs and comprehensive planning

national governments and **other partners** to achieve our vision.

UN Habitat, UN-SG (GCST), UNFCCC, city organizations, NGOs and civil society

WHY IS THE GLOBAL COVENANT IMPORTANT?

- Creates the largest coalition of cities and local governments for greater impact and recognition: **become the UNFCCC for cities and link city contribution to NDCs**
- Standardizes measurement and reporting
- Makes all city climate data available to the public in one place in a consistent way – for the first time ever
- Creates an “evidence base” for increased investment in urban low carbon infrastructure



Current Global Reach and IMPACT

7,507 CITIES

120 COUNTRIES

680+ MILLION
PEOPLE

10% OF THE
GLOBAL
POPULATION

CITIES COULD
COLLECTVELY
REDUCE 1.3
BILLION TONS PER
YEAR IN 2030

NEW GLOBAL
COMMON
REPORTING
STANDARD

GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS COMPLIANCE STEPS



By joining the Global Covenant, a city leader commits to completing four phases



Committing to address climate change mitigation and adaptation, and to improve energy access



Completing a GHG Inventory and identifying hazards impacting the local government



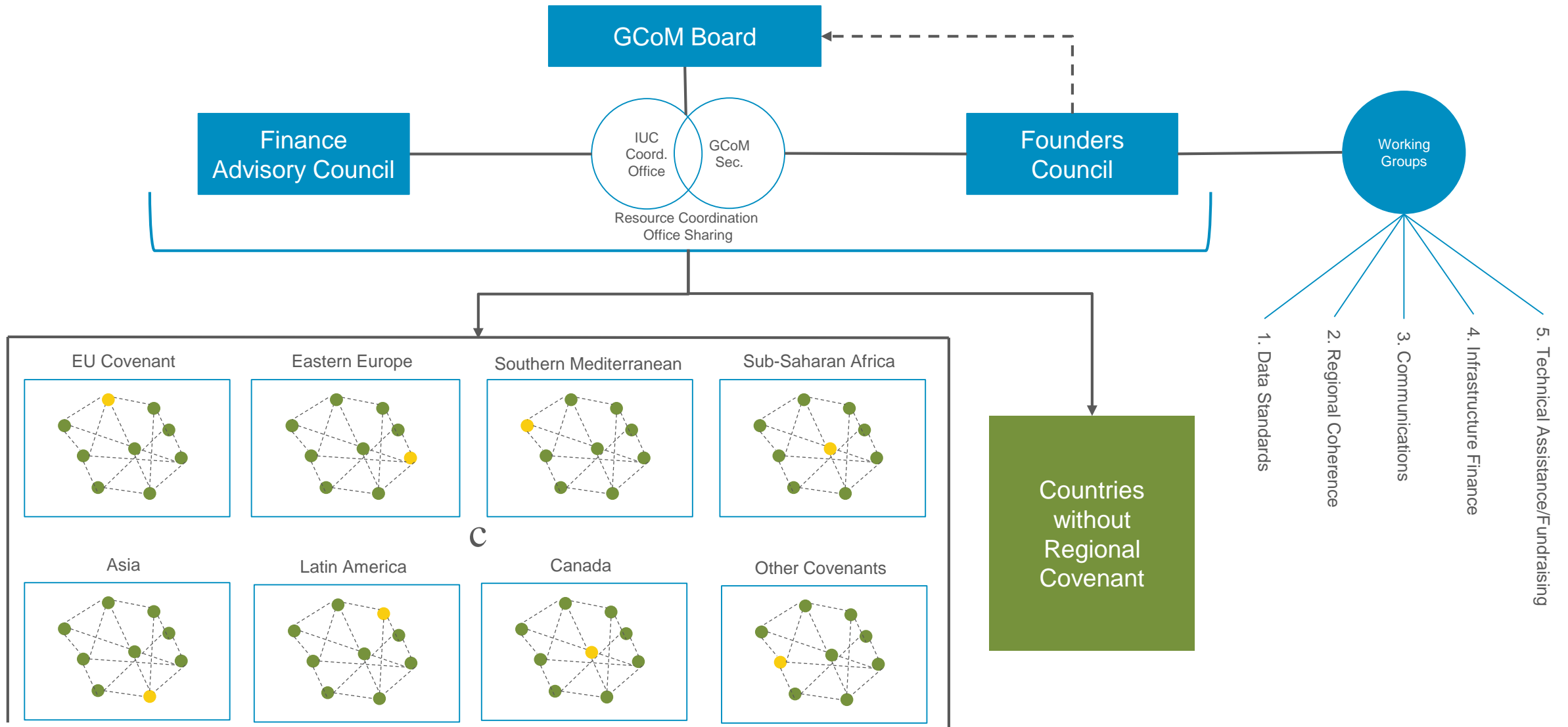
Setting a mitigation target and completing a vulnerability assessment



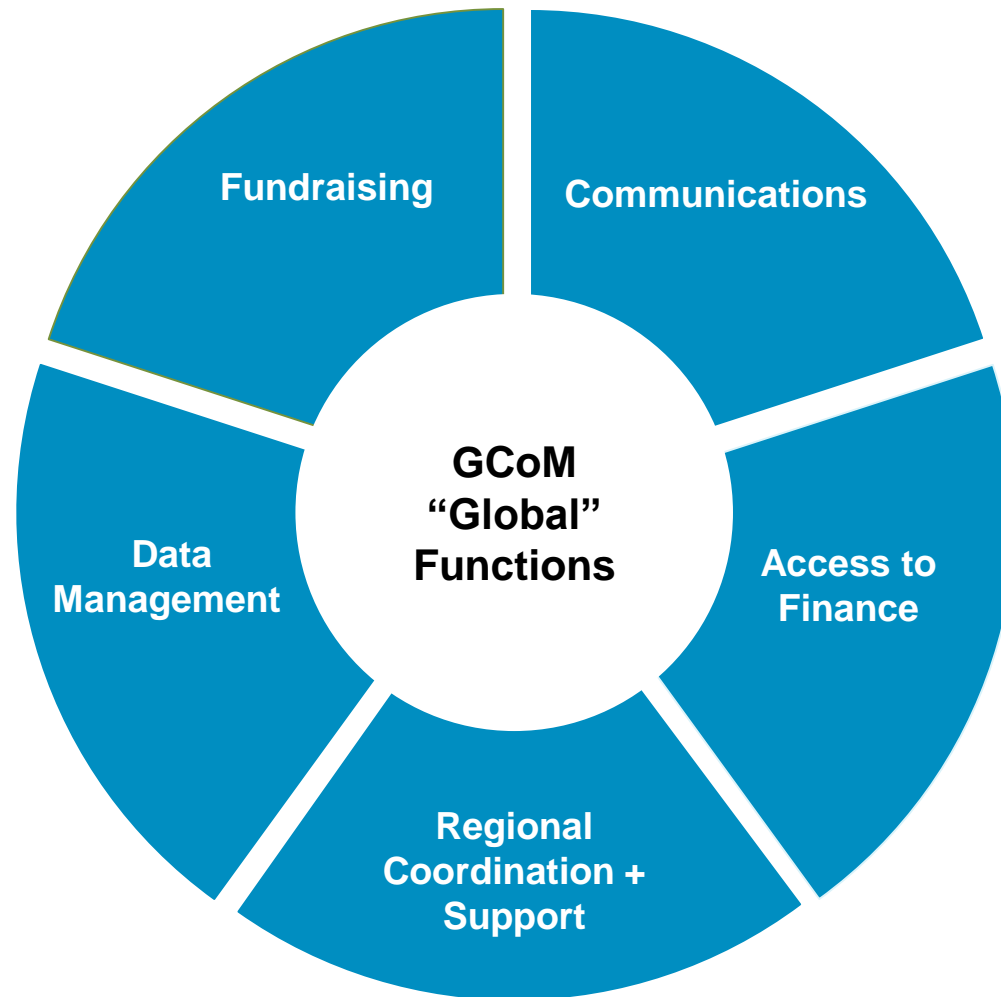
Creating a mitigation and adaptation plan



CURRENT INITIATIVE STRUCTURE



SECRETARIAT FUNCTIONS



GCoM GOALS

1

Scale City Climate
Action

2

Improve consistency of
city climate action
reporting

3

Increase access to
climate finance

4

Amplify communications
around city leadership

5

Operationalize a global
Secretariat

SCOPE OF THE GLOBAL COVENANT COMMITMENT

Mitigation

Adaptation

Energy

- Cities and local governments are required to voluntarily track commitments or targets for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions (also referred to as low emission development targets)

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- Cities and local governments also commit to voluntarily track climate hazards, vulnerabilities and risks.
- Incorporation of components from both the Covenant of Mayors' Mayors Adapt and the Compact of Mayors' Climate Risk Assessment Framework and Taxonomy (CRAFT), which will be aligned.

SCOPE OF THE GLOBAL COVENANT COMMITMENT

Mitigation

Adaptation

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- Commitment to increase access to clean and affordable energy

GCoM FOUNDERS COUNCIL

- The Founders Council is made up of founding partners to both the Compact of Mayors and the Covenant of Mayors
- Includes: The C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), UN Habitat, European Commission, European Union Committee of the Regions, Climate Alliance, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), Eurocities, Energy Cities and European Federation of Agencies and Regions for Energy and the Environment (FEDARENE)
- Additional partners are available in region



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Founders' Council
Rotating Seat (TBD)

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Cities and Local Governments can commit through a variety of channels





**GCoM
Secretariat**

Established to support the Governing Board and other bodies of the GCoM

Support and empower Regional Covenants regarding city engagement and exchange/compilation of good practices

Support Regional Covenants in delivering technical assistance activities

Develop and recommend overarching strategies, principles, and standards for data management, research concepts, and communication strategies

Roles and Responsibilities

- Deploy technical assistance and engage with Local Governments
- Coordinate with all relevant local partners and city networks
- Mobilize new signatories
- Create locally specific and regionally responsive technical support structures

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DATA AND REPORTING



Carbonn Climate
Registry



CDP Cities



Covenant of Mayors
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My
Covenant/Covenant
Extranet
(EU COM's platform)

- Report through three existing platforms
- Data reported through all three platforms will be made publicly available through the GCoM website (launch: early 2017)
- Automatic linkages between each platform will be established with the aim of:
 - Harmonizing reporting
 - Reducing reporting burden



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Thank You