Daring Cities Fact Sheet


THE CHALLENGE

- The COVID-19 pandemic is gripping the world, but the urgency of the climate crisis demands that we not put climate action on hold.
- Climate science clearly shows we have until 2030 to limit a climate change catastrophe, but national and international leaders are failing to address this urgency through comprehensive action.
- Increasingly frequent natural disasters around the world are already creating devastating impacts for humans and unmanageable costs for cities, towns and regions.
- The climate emergency is happening now in our cities, towns and regions around the world, even as the pandemic also rages on.
- Given the scale of recovery demanded by the pandemic, climate action must be a part of the recovery strategy for all levels of government.

THE FORUM

- This October, urban leaders will gather over three weeks – virtually – to strategize, learn and commit together to respond to the climate emergency in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The forum is co-designed by ICLEI and the City of Bonn, Germany.
- The event takes place 7 - 28 October.
- Over a three-week period, the event will offer a variety of virtual formats to accommodate different topics, time zones, bandwidth limits, and languages.
- The event is free of charge to participate in, thanks to the generous support of our partners
- Integrated climate action approach: Daring Cities brings together resilience, mitigation and climate action to provide a cohesive, integrated response to the current climate crisis, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The three pillars of the content of Daring Cities are:
  Know: Cutting edge research and information on climate change in the urban context and its impacts
  Act: Action-oriented examples on how to address the climate emergency
  Lead: Multilevel implementation case studies highlighting leadership strategy, governance and finance.
WHAT IS A DARING CITY?

A daring city or region has made and implemented bold commitments to climate action or has embedded climate action into the heart of their COVID-19 recovery plan and efforts. A daring city or region can demonstrate exemplary local climate action in tackling the climate emergency, from adaptive and resilience-building measures to efforts to mitigate further contributions to the climate crisis.

Target group
- Urban leaders and decision makers (including from cities, towns and regions), including mayors, councillors and other heads of local and regional governments
- Staff from cities, towns and regions
- National decision-makers on climate and urban development issues
- Researchers and research practitioners
- Business representatives who work with local governments
- Climate financing institutions
- NGO representatives, community organizers and civil society representatives from organizations involved in climate, urban development / urban issues and local government.

Partners
- This event is supported by major contributions from:
  - The Federal City of Bonn
  - The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
  - The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)
  - The Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW)
  - The Foundation for International Dialogue of the Savings Bank in Bonn

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