Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy Board Terms of Reference

The Global Covenant of Mayors Board sets the strategic direction and provides local and regionally specific perspectives – ensuring the alliance is city-led. The Board is currently co-chaired by Former New York City Mayor and the UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change Michael R. Bloomberg, European Commission Vice President Maroš Šefčovič, and GCoM Vice-Chair Christiana Figueres.

In addition to the Co-Chairs and the Vice-Chair, the Board also consists of nine Mayors representing regions and city networks:

- Mayor Anne Hidalgo, Paris, France
- Mayor Nanda Jichkar, Nagpur, India (completing term Dec 2019)
- Mayor Bill Peduto, Pittsburgh, USA
- Mayor Tri Rismaharini, Surabaya, Indonesia
- Mayor Mohamed Sefiani, Chefchaouen, Morocco
- Mayor Mohammed Adjei Sowah, Accra, Ghana
- Mayor Jorge Muñoz Wells, Lima, Peru
- Mayor Park Won-Soon, Seoul, South Korea
- Mayor Eckart Würzner, Heidelberg, Germany

And three ex-officio Board members:

- Amanda Eichel, Executive Director, GCoM Global Secretariat
- Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, UN-HABITAT
- Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC

General Responsibilities

Each member of the Board will work to advance the work of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) by providing mission-based leadership and strategic steering. While day-to-day operations are led by the Global Covenant’s Secretariat, the Board-Secretariat relationship is a partnership, and the involvement of the Board is both critical and expected.

Term of Office:

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<th>Term Length</th>
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<td>Term Limits</td>
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<td>Contingency</td>
<td>Approval of Board Co-Chairs</td>
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1 This document applies to Mayors and Local Government Official members of the Board only, key responsibilities for non-Mayoral/observer members of the Board provided separately.
Specific Responsibilities:

- Provides leadership and oversight to the GCoM
  - Works as a trusted advisor to the Board Co-Chairs, the Vice-Chair and the Executive Director of the Secretariat
  - Approves GCoM annual priorities as part of an annual workplan
  - Represents GCoM to stakeholders, and in appropriate meetings, forums and media interviews, acting as an ambassador for the organization
  - Provides strategic oversight and guidance on key GCoM initiatives (Data4Cities, Innovate4Cities, Invest4Cities) and support efforts of Technical Working Groups, as needed
  - Reviews outcomes and metrics created by GCoM for evaluating its impact, and measures its performance and effectiveness using those metrics; reviews agenda and supporting materials prior to Board and committee meetings
  - Secure input on strategic direction and resourcing priorities of GCoM
  - Ensure that there is follow-up to the Board's strategic guidance

- Act as a regional mobilizer in your role as a Board Mayor and a GCoM regional representative
  - Mobilize other Mayors in your region to support and speak out on key issues being championed by GCoM
  - Recruit new signatories to the GCoM
  - Provide periodical support to other committed GCoM Mayors within their region

- Supports the work of resource development:
  - GCoM Board Members will consider the Global Covenant a philanthropic priority and will work within their capacity to identify and raise resources from multilateral and national institutions to fulfill the GCoM’s mission
  - Participate in two meetings per year, as scheduled and determined by the Board Co-Chairs, the Vice-Chair and the Director of the Secretariat

Qualifications:

- A sitting mayor or equivalent from a city that is committed to the GCoM
- Able to serve a full GCoM Board Term of Office (two years)
- Free from conflicts of interest or issues that could tarnish the reputation of GCoM, its partners or its funders
- Experienced in delivering local climate action commensurate with the three pillars of GCoM (mitigation, adaptation, and energy access) and recognized as a regional or global leader/influencer in those regards
- Willing and able to act as an enthusiastic, vocal and proactive ambassador within and across regions to expand the influence of the initiative
- Committed to consistent communications throughout the term with the GCoM secretariat and designated Strategic Advisory Committee member—either global network or regional lead partner
- Committed to participating in and preparing for two Board meetings per year

Service on the GCoM Board is without remuneration, except for administrative support, reasonable travel, and accommodation costs directly in relation to Board Members’ duties.