

CITIES AS GLOBAL CHANGEMAKERS LEADING THE TRANSITION TO THE GREEN ECONOMY

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Cities are engines of growth and innovation.

- More than half of the world's population live in cities.
- 85% of global GDP.
- Cities represent 70% of global CO2 emissions.



But cities are also affected by climate change.

- 70% of C40 cities report that they are already experiencing the effects of climate change.
- Cities experience other impacts, such as pollution and rising inequality.





“As mayors, we all face similar challenges and have to innovate to solve them, often in the same ways.

Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo

A photograph of Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris, speaking at a podium. She is wearing a black top and has dark hair. The podium is white with a blue and white logo that reads "C40 FORUM CITIES PARIS 2015". There are two microphones in front of her. The background is a green wall.

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“Copenhagen is committed to sharing our solutions and experiences within climate adaptation, CO2 reduction and green business with other cities and learning from successful solutions developed elsewhere.”

Lord Mayor of Copenhagen, Frank Jensen

Cities are taking the Lead

**C40 IS WORKING TO TURN
THE PARIS AGREEMENT
FROM ASPIRATION TO
ACTION**



DEADLINE 2020

The first significant roadmap for turning the aspirations of the Paris Agreement into action



What we are aiming for - every city needs to be Carbon Neutral by 2050



Cities are critical to delivering the Paris Agreement



Cities are already collaborating and cutting emissions

10,000 C40 climate actions since 2009. 30+ C40 cities have gone past peak emissions.



The potential for C40 action is greater than anything yet delivered

There is vast potential for more city action on climate change; two-thirds (27,000) actions in the CAM database have yet to be attempted. 2,300 priority actions for cities that would save 450 MtCO₂e



Urban policy decisions determine a third of the global carbon budget

Cities can avoid locking in 45 Gt CO₂ by 2030, this is 8 times the current annual emissions of the US

City sectors with greatest GHG emission reductions potential



Buildings and Energy Supply



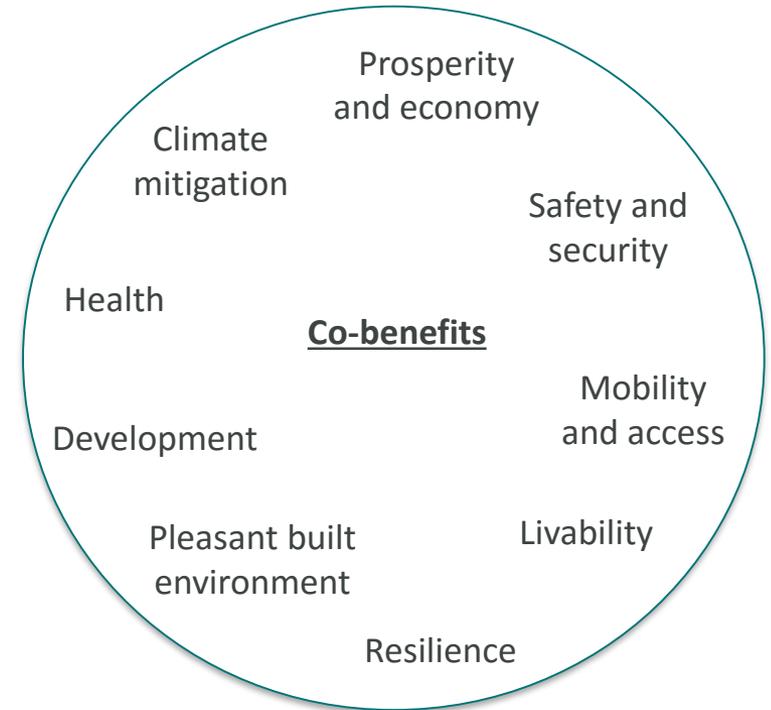
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