



## Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, Latin America and the Caribbean (GCoM-LAC)

### Call for Expression of Interest: National Supporters

The purpose of this Call for Expression of Interest is to provide the GCoM-LAC with potential National Supporters to the initiative. It refers to a voluntary commitment with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) in Latin America and the Caribbean Region.

National Supporters are expected to provide technical assistance to GCoM-LAC signatories, upon request, under the existing GCoM-LAC structure. GCoM-LAC structure may provide financial support when foreseen in Annual National Strategies.

### INTRODUCTION

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy is an international alliance of cities and local governments with a shared long-term vision of promoting and supporting voluntary action to combat climate change and move to a low emission, resilient society.

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy was born from the fusion of the two main initiatives in the context of cities and climate change: the Covenant of Mayors and the Compact of Mayors. This is the largest global coalition of mayors in history: for the first time, cities of all sizes from around the world join forces to fight against climate change, led by a single entity.

The purpose of this coalition is to support cities in establishing voluntary plans to combat climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing mitigation actions. To achieve these goals, the Global Covenant of Mayors in Latin America and the Caribbean (GCoM-LAC) presents a governance structure comprised of actors from diverse sectors, including the founding institutions of the two original initiatives and regional development banks. Local governments, which are the signatories of GCoM, rely on the "National Coordinators": national associations of municipalities, whose role is to mobilize, articulate and guide the municipalities, establishing communication between the Secretariat and the signatories. In addition to the National Coordinators, the signatories are supported throughout the process by city networks.

Signatories of the GCoM commit to prepare and implement **Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP)**, addressing both climate mitigation and adaptation before 2030. The action plan (SECAP) is the key document, which shows how the signatory will reach its vision and target. The plan includes an assessment of the current situation: **Baseline Emission Inventory (BEI)** for the climate mitigation part and a **Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (RVA)** for the adaptation part; clearly identified goals and targets; and the measures planned together with time frames, assigned responsibilities and estimated impacts.

Risk and Vulnerability Assessment<sup>1</sup> serves, along with the Baseline Emission Inventory<sup>2</sup>, as the point of departure for the development of the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan.

By signing the commitment with GCoM, municipalities agree to publicly report their actions to one of the official platforms of the initiative and to achieve, within a period of up to 3 years, in accordance with the requirements of the initiative:

### **First year**

- Prepare the municipal inventory of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG)- Baseline Emission Inventory (BEI);
- Mapping climate threats faced by the city;

### **Second year**

- Define a GHG emission reduction goal;
- Conduct an analysis of climate vulnerabilities faced by the city/municipality - Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (RVA);

### **Third year**

- Develop plans for mitigation and adaptation to climate change in the city - Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP).

To assist municipalities in achieving these goals, the GCoM-LAC counts on "National Supporters": institutions validated by the Secretariat, with technical capacity to participate in the initiative, giving support to municipalities through training and practical tools, essential for the compliance with the commitment assumed.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL SUPPORTERS:**

- Non-profit Organizations with technical scope.
- Should work in different levels of governance.
- Should be able to promote and support commitments of signatories.
- Should have expert knowledge of the regulatory, legislative and financial framework under which they operate (local/regional, national level).
- Should be capable to provide tailored advice to signatories and identify synergies with existing initiatives.

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<sup>1</sup> Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (RVA): is an analysis that determines the nature and extent of risk, by analysing potential hazards and

<sup>2</sup> Baseline Emission Inventory (BEI): quantifies the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted due to energy consumption in the territory of the GCoM signatory. It allows identifying the principal sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and their respective reduction potentials.

Examples: Cities networks, Regional associations, NGOs with technical scope, Network of local authorities, with a technical scope working at national level, etc.

## NATIONAL SUPPORTERS COMMITMENTS

- After receiving confirmation of eligibility, complete and sign the commitment statement sent by the Global GCoM-LAC Secretariat;
- Respect and follow GCoM-LAC Governance Structure and communication flow;
- Promote GCoM-LAC initiative;
- Provide technical support to GCoM-LAC signatories (Municipalities) upon request;
- Support exchanges and share knowledge, experiences, best practices, tools or resources relevant to GCoM-LAC signatories;
- Work in partnership with other GCoM-LAC Secretariat, National Coordinators, Cities Networks and other National Supporters to foster joint action and promote a coordinated approach;
- Participate in GCoM-LAC activities.

## REPORTING

- National Supporters are invited to report yearly, to the GCoM-LAC Secretariat on the activities carried out in the framework of the initiative.
- In case of inaction or insufficient commitment, GCoM-LAC Secretariat reserves the right to suspend the participation of the organisation as National Supporter.

## CONTENTS OF THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

EOI should contain but not be limited to the following:

1. Cover letter;
2. Relevant (brief) information on the history and expertise of the institution;
3. Governance and organizational structure; experience and qualifications of key professional staff of the institution;
4. Previous collaboration with GCoM founding members (EU, C40, ICLEI, UN-Habitat, UCLG);
5. Overall experience of the institution in developing workshops and webinars for technical capacity building in the following themes:
  - a. GHG Emission Inventory in cities - **Baseline Emission Inventory (BEI)**

- b. Risk and Vulnerability Assessment in cities - Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (RVA);
  - c. Mitigation and Adaptation Plans for cities - **Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP)**,
6. Proposal of activities the institution could carry on as “National Supporter” in specific countries, according to its expertise and with clear focus in one or more of the above-mentioned themes.

Expression of Interest must be delivered in electronic format to the email address:

[pga-secretariat@iuc-la.eu](mailto:pga-secretariat@iuc-la.eu)

Please note that this EOI notice does not constitute a solicitation. GCoM-LAC reserves the right to change or cancel this requirement at any time in the Expression of Interest process.

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