

Dear cities committed to the GCoM,

In recent weeks, many of us have struggled to redefine our daily lives and change many tasks at hand to navigate this global pandemic. The cities remain, as always, on the front line. We, their partners in climate impact and response, support them and stand ready to support their efforts now and in the months ahead as they seek to rebuild their economies, infrastructure and response systems.

As such, 2020 is turning into an extraordinary year. If we cannot predict all the changes that will inevitably result from this crisis, we can recognize and be prepared to provide superior resources and more support than anticipated, while exploring ways to share the many lessons learned from this experience. This year, the focus of the city reports will focus on recovery.

**For cities reporting under the [CDP and ICLEI Unified Reporting System](#)**, we will have greater flexibility from the traditional annual reporting requirement and explore how to make more data, resources and other support tools available as you seek to align with the Green Pacts and other climate, economic stimulus and recovery policies that are advancing in many parts of the world.

For cities wishing to comply with GCoM 2020 reporting requirements, please note that the Unified Reporting System will remain open until the end of 2020 and your responses will be used to award the obtained badges, which will be displayed on the GCoM website in the [profile of your city](#). Cities that cannot report during 2020 will have the opportunity to report again in 2021.

**For cities reporting under the [EU MyCovenant](#)**, the platform and its support tools remain open 365 days a year, 24/7, and will also include updates for signatories related to recovery to COVID-19. If you face any potential difficulties or delays related to reporting, please inform the Helpdesk by communicating through the online option on the platform, which remains permanently open for updates and a solution will be found.

Green policies and measures remain key drivers for employment and economic growth and will be an essential part of the global recovery effort. As such, it is important, to the possible extent, that investment choices made in the future do not compromise those green policies and measures, and in particular the objectives of the Paris Agreement and global efforts towards climate neutral and resilient cities.

We will follow directly with more details on the resources and guidance that will be developed to support your efforts on the road to recovery. In the meantime, we remain your committed partners in the effort to make your communities safe and sustainable, now and for future generations.

Sincerely,

