



## **Applying the SDGs locally to promote regional vitalization**

*7th International Forum on the "FutureCity" Initiative*

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# My speech today



1. An introduction to ICLEI
2. The Sustainable Development Goals and local governments
  - a) What cities and towns need
  - b) How ICLEI helps communities to implement the SDGs



# ICLEI Global Operations

- ICLEI works with **1500** cities and towns in **86** countries across all continents – local governments of all sizes, as well as regional governments
- ICLEI supports its Members with **300+ staff** through **17** offices and **10** thematic **Agendas**



# ICLEI Offices around the World



# ICLEI's 10 Urban Agendas



Sustainable City



Smart City



Low-carbon City



EcoMobile City



Resource-efficient and  
Productive City



Happy, Healthy and Inclusive  
Communities



Resilient City



Sustainable Local  
Economy and Procurement



BiodiverCity



Sustainable City-Region  
Cooperation

# ICLEI in Japan

- 20 Member cities, towns, prefectures
  - 7 of which are FutureCities / Eco-Model Cities



# Japanese local governments on a global stage



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## COP22: Marrakesh

### Cities, Climate and SDGs @ Japan Pavilion

Members:  
City of Yokohama, Tokyo Metropolitan Government



## ICLEI World Congress 2015

Members: Cities of Kitakyushu, Kyoto, Sapporo, Toyama,  
Yokohama and Tokyo Metropolitan  
Government

# The SDGs – A Call to Action



1. How are cities currently engaging with the SDGs?
2. What are the barriers to increased/intensified participation?
3. What can ICLEI do?



# What could help cities?

- Move away from jargon; the SDGs (and international processes at-large) can be perceived as being technical and abstract
- Importance of public awareness of the SDGs
- Locally relevant indicators, since much of the implementation will be carried out by local governments
- Strategic partnerships with universities and NGOs to support data analysis and evidence-based target setting
- Public input and support in planning local SDG activities so as to validate priorities and implementation plans

# What does ICLEI do?



- Acts as a multiplier/amplifier by promoting good practice
- Collaborates with and leverages the great work done by partners
- Provides materials to help with local government “awareness raising”
- Promotes campaigns to increase commitment to the SDGs
- Advocates for local governments in national and international processes

# Seoul

- Hosted International Forum on Urban Policy for the Sustainable Development Goals
- Catalysts behind the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform
- Harmonized municipal Sustainable Development Master Plan with the SDGs
- Creating own SDGs
- Sharing their experiences with 25 other South Korean municipalities

# Seoul's own SDGs

<p>Mitigation of Relative Poverty</p>	<p>Sustainable Food and Urban Agriculture</p>	<p>Seoul Citizen's Welfare Standard</p>	<p>Promotion of Lifelong Learning</p>	<p>Women's Special City Seoul</p>	<p>Healthy Water Cycle City</p>
<p>One Less Nuclear Power Plant</p>	<p>Economic Democratization and Creative Economy</p>	<p>Upgrade of Infrastructure</p>	<p>Improvement of Social Equity</p>	<p>Urban Regeneration and Balanced Development</p>	<p>Sustainable Sharing Economy</p>
<p>Promise of Seoul : Taking Actions against Climate Change</p>	<p>Ecological Han River</p>	<p>Biodiverse City</p>	<p>Establishment of Inclusive Institution</p>	<p>Multi-stakeholder Partnerships and Governance</p>	<p>Seoul SDGs</p>

# SDG-related Initiatives of Various European Cities



- Malmö: hosted Sustainable City Development Conference
- Freiburg: approved modification of the 60 Freiburger Sustainability Goals
- Bonn: commissioned ICLEI to write SDG Briefing Sheet series
- Ghent: 1 of 8 SDG Ambassadors selected by the Belgian Government
- Valencia: creation of High Level Advisory Council and an Interdepartmental Commission for the 2030 Agenda

# New York City

- launched 'Global Vision | Urban Action' in December 2015



# Baltimore

- mapped SDG targets to existing city development plans





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- **Cities and Regions Pavilion:**  
2 weeks program
- **Cities and Regions Dialogues:** High Level Events in and outside the Conference Zones
- **Climate Summit of Local and Regional Leaders:** 12 November 2017  
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### Key four themes of the Summit

- Multilevel governance to achieve Nationally Determined Contributions
- Holistic approaches to sustainable development
- Community and business engagement
- Partnerships for action in Africa, Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States



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