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Role of cities around the globe in advancing sustainable and green development: planning, acting, leading, tracking

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Introducing ICLEI

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) is a global network of more than 1,750 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development.

Active in 100+ countries, we influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development.

Our Members and team of experts work together through peer exchange, partnerships and capacity building to create **systemic change for urban sustainability**.

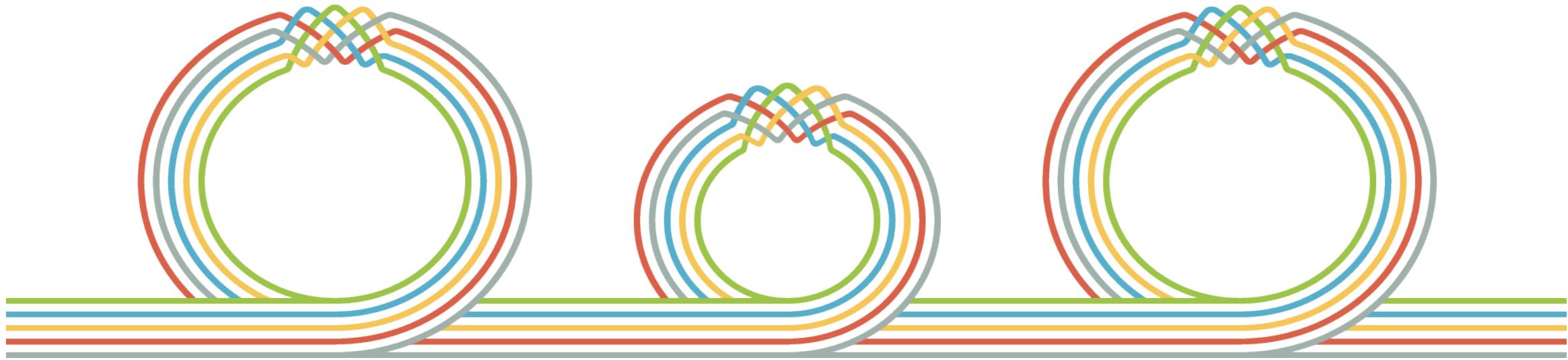
ICLEI around the world: 23 offices



Five Pathways



Beyond a single city



Urban systems are part of a broader **CITY-REGION TERRITORY**.
Local and regional governments and their urban systems are **INTERCONNECTED**.
We address city-to-city and rural-urban linkages to create a **MULTIPLIER EFFECT**.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Current topics: urban-national (i)

- Sound national policies that establish an **enabling framework** for local action (NDCs, NAPs, SDGs, ...), understanding the urban perspective
- Relevant roles and mandates allocated appropriately – **subsidiarity, decentralization**
- **Leadership, learning and sharing**
- **Good governance** (incl. financial) – robust and transparent systems, structures and approaches
- **Multilevel governance** – cooperation and coordination across all levels of government
- **Access to finance** – accelerating sustainable and green development

Sectors and themes



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| Energy | Buildings | Mobility |
| Water | Waste | ICT |
| Food | AFOLU | Biodiversity |
| Air quality | Integrated MRV | Procurement |



Current topics: urban-national (ii)

- **Urban systems thinking**
- Understanding **processes, structures, policy options and action areas**
- **Integrated urban development plan**
 - an operational plan with oversight on implementation
 - Example: Bogor (Indonesia) 5 year development plan
- **Urban – peri-urban - rural cooperation:** energy-food-water nexus points, circular economy
- **Monitoring and reporting:** track impact, identify challenges / problem areas and areas of excellence

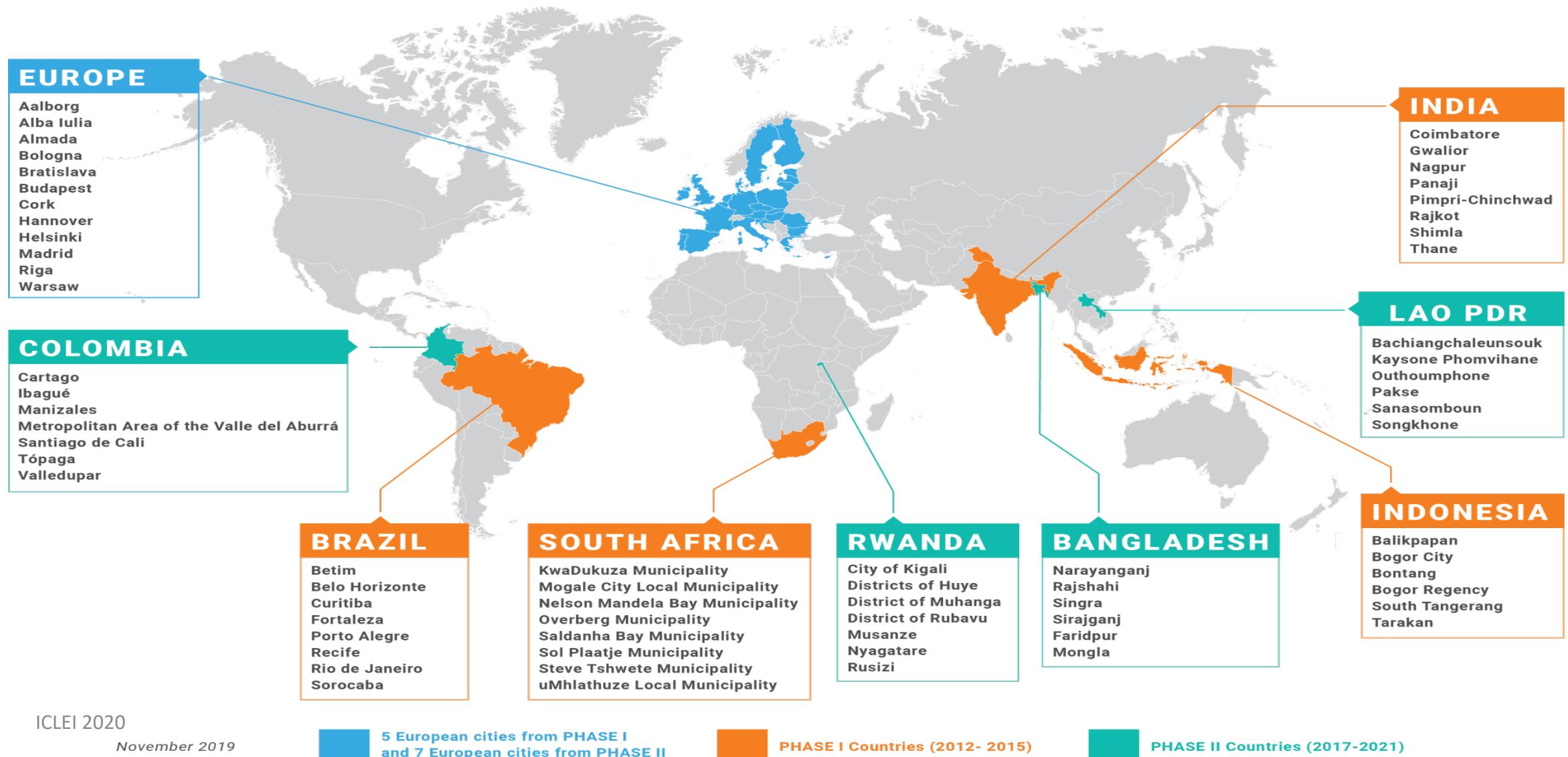
Green urban planning, implementation

- **Hot topic: circular economy – example of Turku**
 - Turku aims to be **carbon neutral by 2029** and **climate positive** from then onwards.
 - Integrating circular economy principles systematically in local **policy-making and governance mechanisms**.
 - Addressing **economic, environmental and societal impacts**.
 - Enabling **cross-sectoral collaboration** among local actors and with neighboring local governments.
 - Developing **monitoring frameworks** that are sector-specific and also allow identification of synergies between different material flows.



Mayor Minna Arve at COP25 in Madrid, sharing Turku's efforts to link the circular economy with its carbon neutrality goals as part of the Circular Turku project

68 Project Cities in 8 Global South Countries and EU



South-South City peer-to-peer exchange: Lao to Indonesia, 21-28 April 2019



Mayor of Pakse City, Lao PDR (middle), donning a recycled paper hat, poses with the people from Nana's Village of Bogor Regency, Indonesia, garbed in colorful outfits made from recycled plastic and tetra packs.



Vice Mayor of Kaysone Phomvihane, Lao PDR, and Mayor of Pakse City (1st and 2nd from left) are taught by women community leaders from Nana's Village how to make eco-bricks from water bottles and single-use plastic.

Sharing and learning: North-South

European study tour 2019, 17-24 June 2019



Smart and integrated neighbourhoods

Energy efficiency and cultural heritage

Participatory processes and co-creation

Nature-based solutions

Public-private partnerships

Urban regeneration

Water and waste management

Access to finance – major challenge

Connecting local projects (early stage concepts up to pre-feasibility phase) with potential investors and offers of support

6 projects from Urban-LEDS II participating cities (KwaDukuza, South Africa; Fortaleza, Brazil; Balikpapan and Bogor Regency, Indonesia; Ibagué, Colombia; and Nagpur, India) connected to financing institutions and potential investors (Adaptation Fund, AIIIB, bettervest, EIB, DG DEVCO, GIZ, UNCD)



Left: Mayor of Bogor City, Indonesia, presents at the high-level panel during Finance Forum, Resilient Cities 2019. **Middle:** Representatives from cities of Fortaleza and Recife, Brazil, interacting with EIB experts at TAP Market Place in Bonn. **Right:** City of Balikpapan, Indonesia interacts with prospective funders at TAP Market Place 2019
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