

# Global Platform for Sustainable Cities

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## World Bank-led partnership turning sustainability into opportunity for cities and their residents.

The GPSC helps cities design and deliver solutions that:

*Reduce emissions and protect biodiversity*

*Build resilience to climate and urban risks*

*Create jobs and economic opportunities*

*Make cities more livable and inclusive*

GPSC supports the delivery of the GEF Sustainable Cities Program, structured around two tracks:



Since 2016, the GEF Sustainable Cities Program has supported more than 100 cities in 33 countries in adopting integrated approaches for urban sustainability solutions that deliver global environmental benefits.



A bird's-eye view of Beira Lake and the Colombo skyline. Photo: Jakub Specjalski.

## What Does GPSC Do?

- › **Drive Action**—We help cities plan and deliver projects that reduce emissions, enhance resilience, and create new economic opportunities.
- › **Provide Knowledge and Tools**—We translate global expertise into diagnostics, toolkits, and reports that cities can apply to drive sustainability and job creation.
- › **Connect Cities and Partners**—Through forums, academies, and peer learning, we help cities to share experiences, scale impact, and embed sustainability into their development.
- › **Mobilize Finance**—We build pipelines for urban climate and biodiversity funding, mobilize investments in resilient, low-carbon solutions, and link cities to private sector and multilateral development bank financing.

## Our Approach

The GPSC focuses on three interconnected topics: nature-positive and resilient urban development, the decarbonization of built environments, and the circular economy. We also emphasize land use planning and urban strategy, inclusiveness and gender, and engaging the private sector in financing.

Nature-Positive  
and Resilient Urban  
Development

Decarbonized Built  
Environments

Circular Economy

Land Use Planning and Urban Strategy/Policies

Inclusiveness and Gender

Financing and Private Sector Engagement



Aerial view of Lagoa do Taquaral (Portugal Park) in Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil. Photo: Pedro Truffi.

## Our Network

GPSC connects cities with global expertise, innovation, financing, and peer learning, while fostering collaboration through its growing network of Lighthouse Cities. Examples include:



Bogotá transmilenio bus station. Photo: Arturo Rosenow.

**Bogotá** Showcasing how green transport investments in zero-emission buses can help cut air pollution and create green jobs.

**Guangzhou** Demonstrating how wetlands restoration can build resilience and boost employment in ecological services.



Aerial view of cityscape in Guangzhou. Photo: wonry.



Panoramic view of Paris and the Seine river. Photo: Givaga.

**Paris** Showing how urban nature and sustainable design can boost health, resilience, and the local economy.

## Looking Ahead

In the coming years, GPSC will expand to support many more cities around the world, linking knowledge directly to city projects and financing. We seek additional partners to continue scaling our platform, strengthening our investment pipeline, and unlocking new pathways for sustainable urban development and job creation. The GPSC welcomes new partners to join this effort — please reach out at [gpsc@worldbankgroup.org](mailto:gpsc@worldbankgroup.org) to explore collaboration opportunities.



Ramón Castilla Park, Environmental Reserve Zone, Lince, Lima, Peru. Photo: Miki Fernandez.

## Sustainable Cities Integrated Program Countries

GPSC supports the following countries to implement projects under the 2025–2032 phase of the GEF Sustainable Cities Integrated Program.

<p><b>Algeria</b> \$3.2M GEF Grant. \$100M Co-financing <i>Supported by FAO</i></p>	<p><b>Peru</b> \$13M GEF Grant. \$109.9M Co-financing <i>Supported by IUCN and IDB</i></p>	<p><b>Kenya</b> \$5.1M GEF Grant. \$35.7M Co-financing <i>Supported by UNEP</i></p>
<p><b>Benin</b> \$7.8M GEF Grant. \$166M Co-financing <i>Supported by BOAD</i></p>	<p><b>Serbia</b> \$7.7M GEF Grant. \$133.5M Co-financing <i>Supported by UNDP</i></p>	<p><b>Malaysia</b> \$4.9M GEF Grant. \$15.2M Co-financing <i>Supported by UNIDO</i></p>
<p><b>China</b> \$12.5M GEF Grant. \$120M Co-financing <i>Supported by UNIDO</i></p>	<p><b>Sri Lanka</b> \$5.2M GEF Grant. \$12.9M Co-financing <i>Supported by UNEP</i></p>	<p><b>Mongolia</b> \$7.9M GEF Grant. \$70M Co-financing <i>Supported by UNDP</i></p>
<p><b>Cuba</b> \$8.4M GEF Grant. \$32.5M Co-financing <i>Supported by UNDP</i></p>	<p><b>Belize</b> \$4.1M GEF Grant. \$7.7M Co-financing <i>Supported by World Bank</i></p>	<p><b>Philippines</b> \$13M GEF Grant. \$92.9M Co-financing <i>Supported by UNDP</i></p>
<p><b>Guatemala</b> \$4.2M GEF Grant. \$35.1M Co-financing <i>Supported by IUCN</i></p>	<p><b>Chile</b> \$5.2M GEF Grant. \$33M Co-financing <i>Supported by FAO</i></p>	<p><b>South Africa</b> \$7.8M GEF Grant. \$18M Co-financing <i>Supported by DBSA</i></p>
<p><b>Madagascar</b> \$11.2M GEF Grant. \$54.2M Co-financing <i>Supported by UNIDO</i></p>	<p><b>Congo</b> \$7.1M GEF Grant. \$75M Co-financing <i>Supported by World Bank</i></p>	<p><b>Zimbabwe</b> \$3.8M GEF Grant. \$14M Co-financing <i>Supported by FAO</i></p>
<p><b>Mali</b> \$5.2M GEF Grant. \$35.5M Co-financing <i>Supported by UNDP</i></p>	<p><b>Gabon</b> \$8.8M GEF Grant. \$127.8M Co-financing <i>Supported by UNDP</i></p>	



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