



Global Platform for Sustainable Cities (GPSC) and Urban Nature Program

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What is the GPSC?

Sustainable Cities Integrated Program

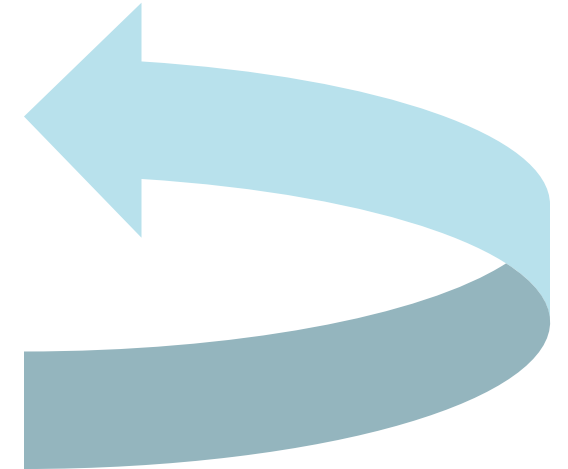
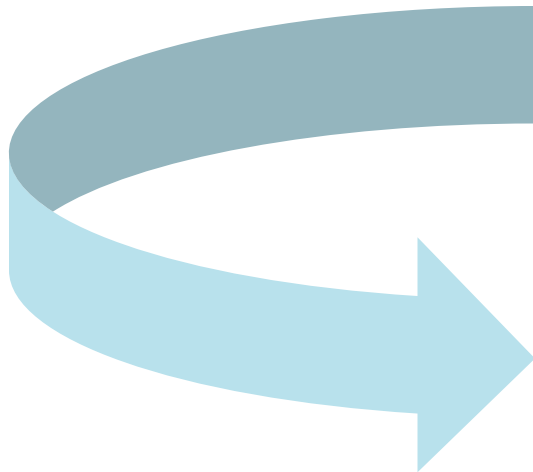
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Global Platform

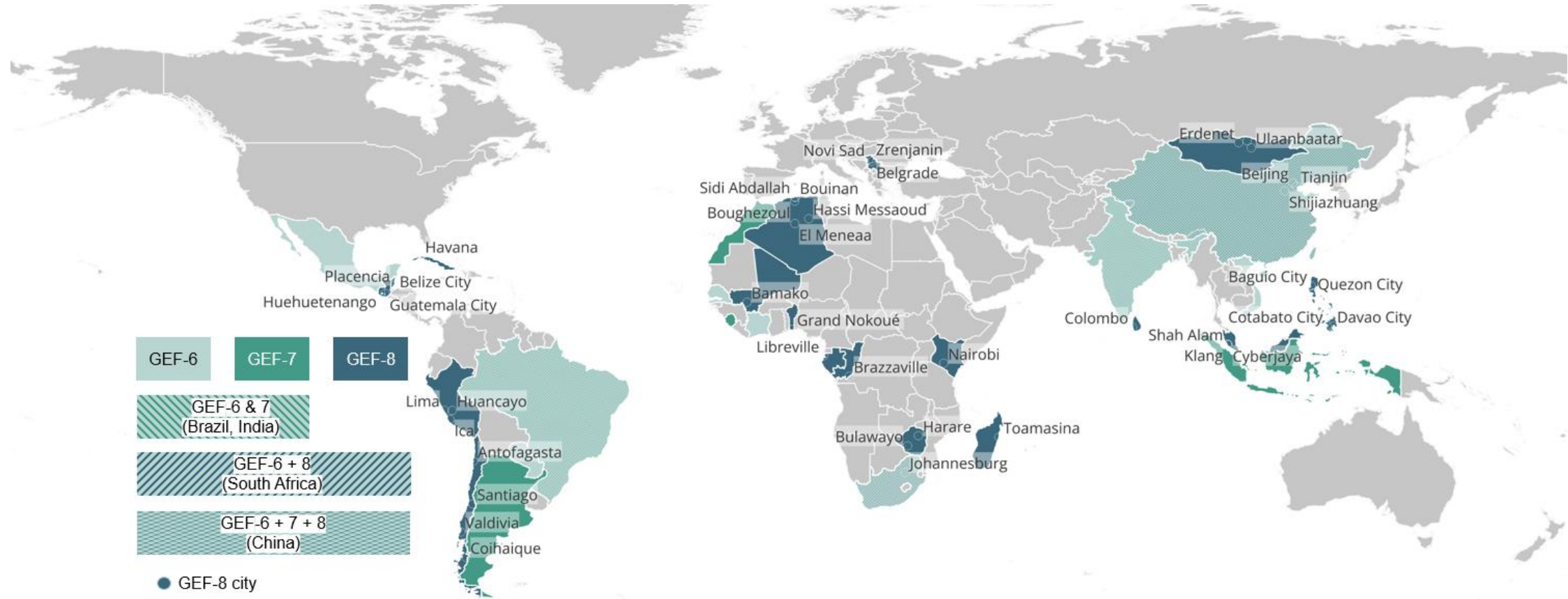
A knowledge platform to bring together cities, UN agencies, financial institutions, think tanks, city networks, and experts

City Projects

With funding support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF)



GEF - Sustainable Cities (GEF6-7-8)



90+ cities

covering multiple sectors,
promoting vertical and
horizontal integrations

10+ agencies

Broad partnerships

Support Cities:

Implement

integrated urban planning and policies

Invest in nature-positive, climate-resilient, and carbon-neutral urban development



GEF-8 Country Participation and Implementing Agencies (2024 to 2030)

9 Agencies



UNITED NATIONS
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

20 Countries

Mixed with mega and small cities representing areas of the world with the most urbanization pressure. Many are located in the world's 36 biodiversity hotspots

Africa

Benin
Congo
Gabon
Kenya
Madagascar
Mali
South Africa
Zimbabwe

Asia

China
Malaysia
Mongolia
Philippines
Sri Lanka

Latin America and Caribbean

Belize
Chile
Cuba
Guatemala
Peru

Europe

Serbia

Middle East and North Africa

Algeria

Global Platform: Bringing Cities Together to Maximize Impact

Focal Areas: Advancing policy integration across multiple areas

Nature-Positive and Resilient Urban Development

Decarbonized Built Environment

Circular Economy

Land Use Planning and Urban Strategy/Policies

**Inclusiveness
Gender**

**Financing
Private Sector Engagement**

GPSC's Three Thematic Pillars

Nature-Positive and Resilient Urban Development

- Urban ecological planning
- Nature-based Solutions
- Urban biodiversity
- Green/blue infrastructure
- Urban cooling

Urban Nature Program is integrated under this pillar

Decarbonized Built Environment

- Low carbon planning/strategy
- Transit-oriented development
- Affordable housing and green buildings
- Urban regeneration
- Greening industry zones and urban services

Circular Economy

- Value chain for municipal solid waste management
- Plastic value chain management
- Wastewater management
- Recycle industry and services
- Urban food waste

Main activities delivered through three layers

Global Meetings

- **Biennial event to bring together experts, cities and practitioners** (similar to *Transforming Transportation*)
- **Organized in collaboration with WRI, ICLEI, and C40**

Three Thematic Pillars

- **Knowledge products (e.g., Flagship reports, tools, good practice notes)**
- **Global networks of cities, experts, MDBs, and partner organizations to raise ambition and advance the agenda**
- **Deep dive learnings**
- **Targeted technical support**

Regional Knowledge Hubs

- **Regional knowledge hubs for project implementation support**
- **Hubs (virtual) will be in Asia, Africa, LAC and ECA**
- **Organized in collaboration with external partners and WB's initiatives**

GPSC Key Partners

Lead Partners



WORLD
RESOURCES
INSTITUTE

I.C.L.E.I
Local
Governments
for Sustainability

C4O
CITIES



Financial Institution Partners



European Bank
for Reconstruction and Development



Private Sector Partners



International
Finance Corporation
WORLD BANK GROUP



World Business
Council
for Sustainable
Development



Domestic City Network Partners

National Cities Platforms, National Think Tanks - e.g.
CONCITO

City Knowledge Partners



World Bank Affiliates

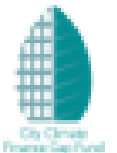


GLOBAL PROGRAM ON
NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS
FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE



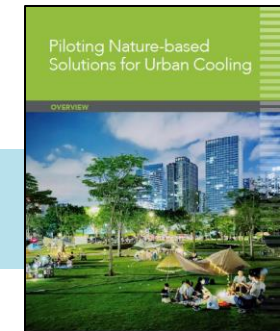
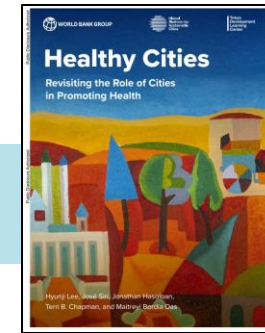
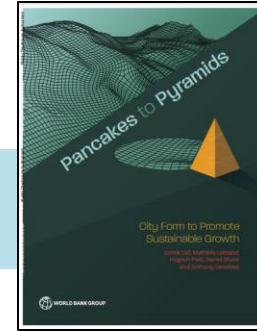
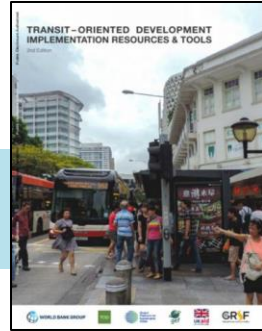
GFDRR
Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery

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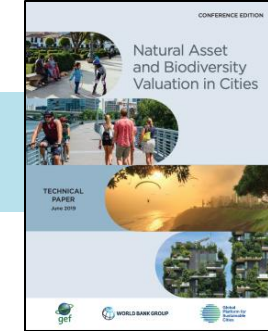
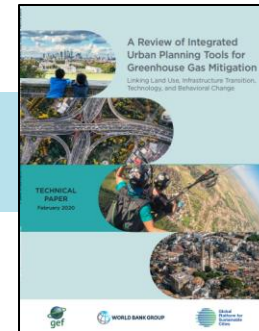
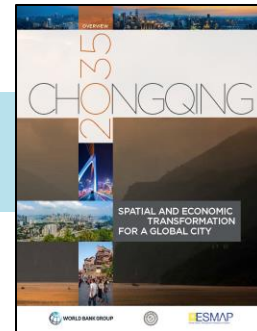


GPSC Key Knowledge Products (examples)

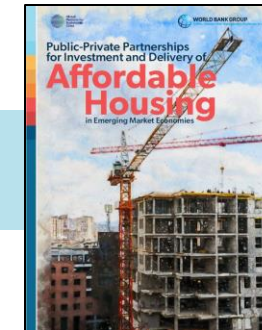
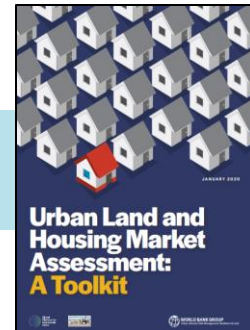
Integrated Urban Planning and Management



Sustainability Indicators and Tools

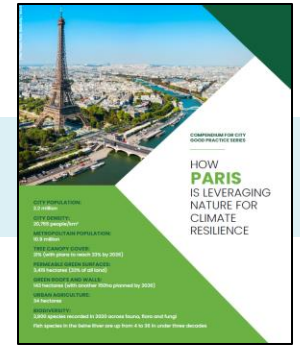
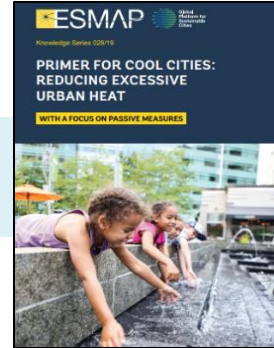
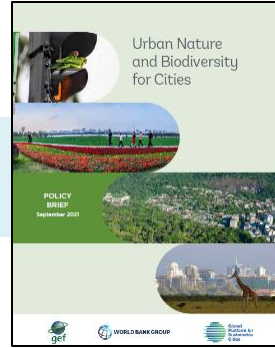
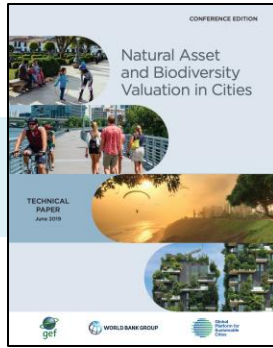


Municipal Finance



GPSC Urban Nature Knowledge Products and Learning Activities

Reports



Workshops Deep-dive training



Biodiversity experts meeting in Washington DC



Urban biodiversity deep-dive in Paris



Urban Heat deep-dive in Singapore

Webinars



11-part series / 1,000+ participants across 90 countries



Urban Nature Program
Integrated into GPSC in partnership with
Cities and Organizations

Urban Nature Programme

Unlock Financing and Accelerating Nature-Positive Urban Development

In support of:

- Global Biodiversity Framework
- Paris Climate Agreement
- UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

Lighthouse cities act as champions of urban nature and drive engagement globally

UPSTREAM:
POLICY SUPPORT

MIDSTREAM:
PROJECT PREPARATION SUPPORT

DOWNSTREAM:
INVESTMENT

Implemented by



With the support of



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Urban Nature Program



UPSTREAM: POLICY SUPPORT

- Serve as a forum for coordination and information exchange of various initiatives
- Support cities for policy engagement
- Support peer-to-peer learning
- Engage global expertise

MIDSTREAM: PROJECT PREPARATION SUPPORT

- Provide targeted and bankable project preparation support by engaging a network of international and domestic financial institutions and private sector investors.

DOWNSTREAM: INVESTMENT

- Support MDBs and financial institutions to mobilize investment in nature-positive development

Upstream

Policy Support/Engagement

- **Aim:** Strengthen cities' capacity for policy development and planning on ecology, urban biodiversity, and green infrastructure and raise ambition.
- **Modality of delivery:** Connect the existing networks to carry out joint activities and pair partner organizations with their supported cities

Activities

- **Deep-dive learning and webinar series for cities:** learning and sharing good practices
- **Targeted support to Lighthouse cities:** Collaborating with partners to provide technical support on policy and planning
- **Expert group meetings:** identifying knowledge and capacity gap and advising on actions
- **Joint new knowledge products:** delivering cutting-edge tools, flagship reports, and guidance notes to serve as a thought leadership

Midstream and Downstream

Project preparation support and investment

- **Aim:** Influencing the portfolio development of the financial institutions and supporting selected Lighthouse Cities in the project design for investment
- **Modality of delivery:**
 - Expert support for project design that enhances nature-based solutions and green urban infrastructure
 - Developing green/blue infrastructure investment framework
 - Engaging financial institutions (MDBs, regional and domestic financial institutions) and supporting new asset/product development
 - Facilitating private sector engagement at the national level

Program Ecosystem



Program Operational Model

Output

UPSTREAM: POLICY SUPPORT

- Coordination
- Working group meetings
- Knowledge products and tools
- Deep-dive learning and webinar series

MIDSTREAM: PROJECT PREPARATION SUPPORT

- Support project design
- Green urban infrastructure investment framework

DOWNSTREAM: INVESTMENT

- Portfolio development for GEF/MDBs/IFIs
- Innovative financial mechanisms

Led by

Financial Institutions

Experts

Private Sector Partners

City Networks

International organizations

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Experts

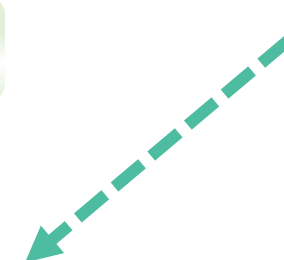
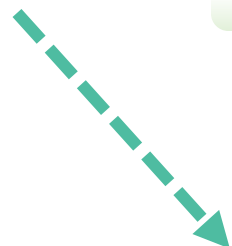
Experts

Financial Institutions

Private Sector Partners

International organizations

Lighthouse Cities
Mayors' Leadership Forum



We want to hear from you:

How can the Urban Nature Program
be shaped to support cities
in pursuing nature-positive and resilient urban
development?



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