



# Global Platform for Sustainable Cities

## GPSC Overview

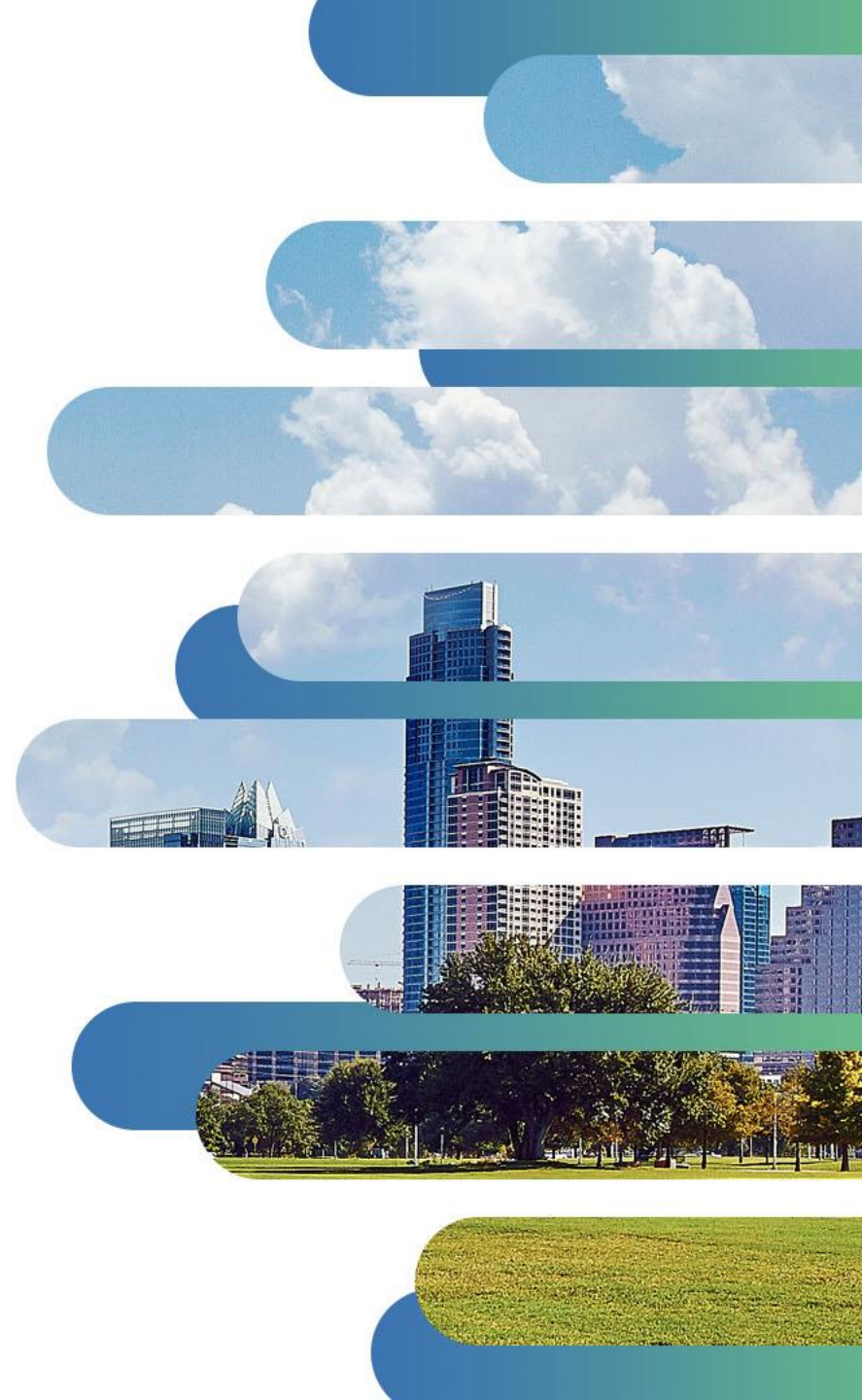
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# Why Sustainable Cities, Now?



**80%**

of global economic activity is generated in, or for, cities

**+2.5 billion**

more people in cities between now and 2050

● 1 billion more in African cities

**2x**

increase in urban land cover in biodiversity hotspots between 2000 and 2030

**90%**

of urban centers are located in, or linked to, coastal areas

**1.2 million km<sup>2</sup>**

of new urban built-up area by 2030

● How will Africa build its cities?

**70%**

of greenhouse gas emissions &

**70%**

of energy consumption is attributable to cities

## Evidence Highlights Urgency for Action

African urbanization pathways offer opportunities to steer towards sustainability.

# GEF: Promoting Integrated Approaches to Tackling Urban Sustainability



**GEF-6**  
**\$150M**

**Participation:** 28 cities across 11 countries

**Established Global Platform for Sustainable Cities (GPSC)**

**Leveraging:** \$2.4 billion in co-financing

**GEF-7**  
**Sustainable Cities Impact Program**

**Scaling up GPSC to reach out to more cities**

- **Multiple Global Environment Benefits:** mitigation, biodiversity, land degradation, chemical and waste management
- **Target areas:** urban planning, low carbon infrastructure, urban resilience and maximizing financing



# GPSC, Cities Program and Participation



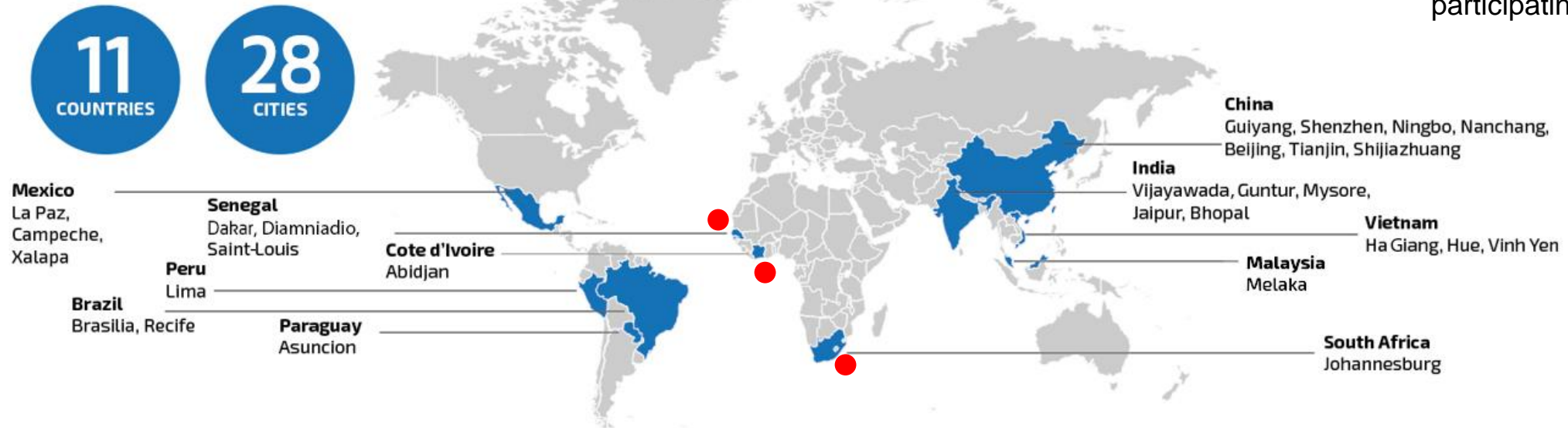
## GPSC Knowledge Platform

Forum for knowledge sharing and building partnerships to achieve urban sustainability

Integrated two tracks financed by GEF

1. City-level projects: \$140m
2. Global platform: \$10m

Phase I (current phase):



Phase II (next phase): Now under preparation, the funding and number of cities in the platform is expected to scale-up in early 2019.

# GPSC Objective



To offer **a knowledge platform for cities** to

- 1** **Share knowledge—learn from each other.**
- 2** **Collaborate, engage, and build partnerships.**
- 3** **Forge a common vision and approach to urban sustainability.**



- California became a knowledge partner during COP22 in Marrakesh

- Five Knowledge Products released
- India launched their National Sustainable Cities Platform
- Urban Sustainability Framework (USF) conference edition released
- GPSC website launched

- Aarhus became 2<sup>nd</sup> Knowledge Partner during World Urban Forum in Kuala Lumpur
- USF 1st Edition launched
- WRI, ICLEI and C40 formed GPSC Resource Team to support implementation
- GPSC City Dashboard established
- UN-Habitat and China Center for Urban Development become Knowledge Partners

# Timeline.

What are we doing today? Engaging with cities in Buenos Aires, Kigali, and Singapore.

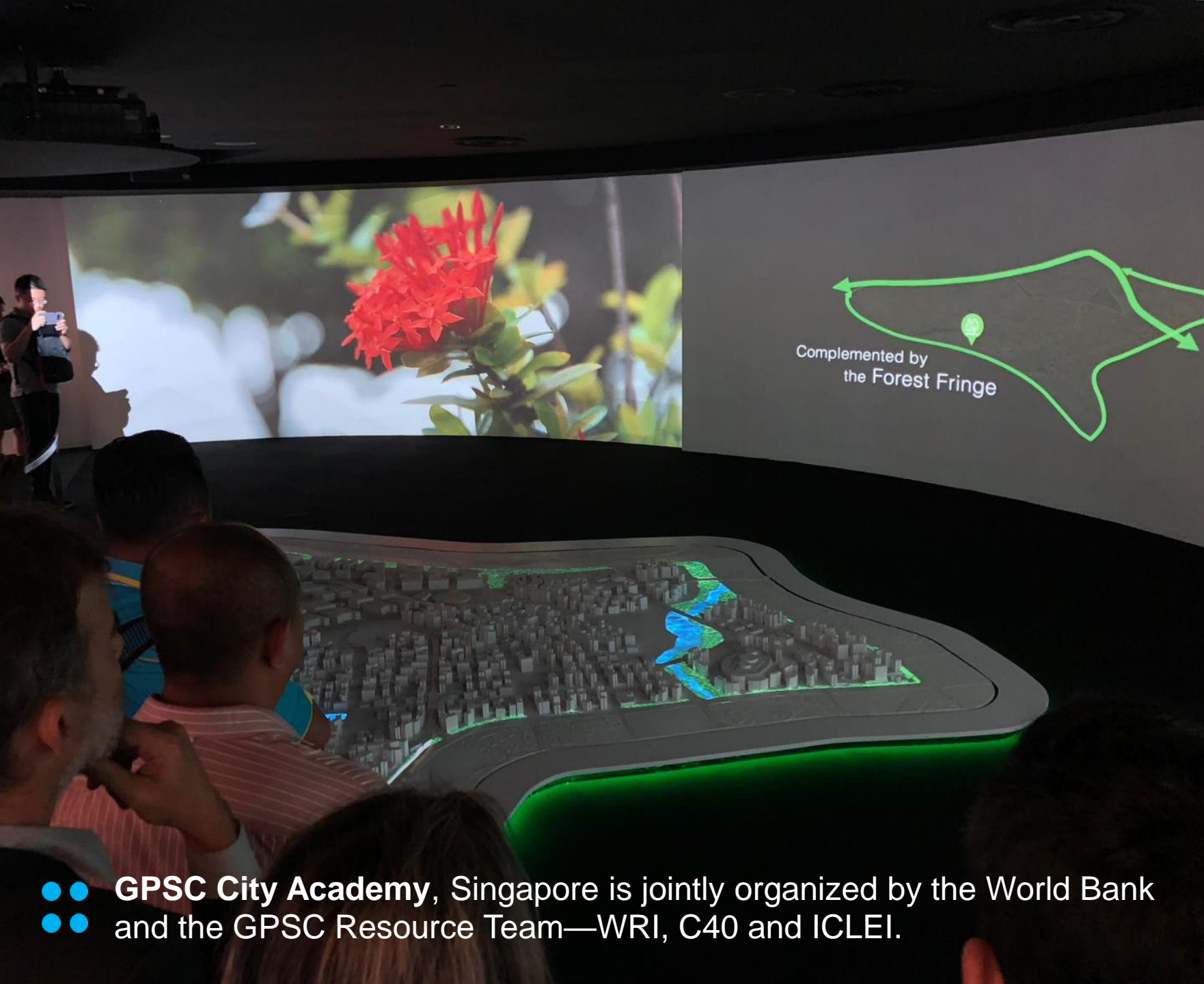
# GPSC Cities Academy Singapore



- GEF's Sustainable Cities' program representatives from **Brazil, China, Cote d'Ivoire, Malaysia, Paraguay, Senegal, and South Africa** are in Singapore to share and learn about urban development, climate change, transit-oriented development.

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- ● GPSC City Academy, Singapore is jointly organized by the World Bank
- ● and the GPSC Resource Team—WRI, C40 and ICLEI.



# A Growing Partnership to Support Cities

## National Platforms:

- Brazil Platform
- India Platform
- China Platform
- Others

## Knowledge Partners:

- Aarhus, Denmark
- California
- China Center for Urban Development
- Cities in Japan
- UN-Habitat

## Overall Coordination Led by the World Bank



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## Resource Team (WRI/ ICLEI/ C40)



## Implementing Agencies



## IFIs:

MDBs: AfDB, AIIB, ADB  
IDB, EBRD, EIB, WB  
Regional Banks: CAF, Islamic Development Bank, AIIB, Nordic Investment Bank  
National Banks: Development Bank of Southern Africa  
IFC: Investment partner

## Partner Organizations:

International: UN-Habitat, City Alliance, etc.  
Regional: Nordic City Initiative

# Planning and Financing Must Go Hand in Hand: Partnership with IFIs



**IFC becomes GPSC  
Investment Partner**



**Exploring partnership with:**

- **Global Infrastructure Facility (GIF)** to help cities with infrastructure project preparation
- **Global Facility for Disaster and Risk Reduction (GFDRR)** to support urban resilience

**IFIs form an urban network to support sustainable urban investment:**





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