**C40 URBAN NATURE DECLARATION  
“Making our Cities Greener and More Resilient”**

***Planned Actions to Deliver Commitments***

**CITY:**

**POINT OF CONTACT:**

**DATE:**

This document provides a high level overview of the actions your city plans to take to meet the commitments in the Urban Nature Declaration. *Once completed, please ensure this template does not exceed 6 pages. For any questions, please contact Rebecca Ilunga at* [*rilunga@c40.org*](mailto:rilunga@c40.org) *for any questions.*

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| ***Declaration Commitment***  ***Within 2 years we commit to:*** | ***Intended Action/Approach to Meet Commitment***  *If available, please include potential milestones and proposed progress metrics. (regulations, policies, programmes, etc.)* |
| Make our nature goals public, develop support and skills building programmes for green jobs, and develop a process for involving vulnerable and marginalized communities in design and implementation and monitoring of our nature targets. |  |
| Conduct a **gap analysis** and mapping of where **new** greening is needed and opportunities for **existing green spaces** to be upgraded to respond to local needs. |  |
| **Significantly accelerate action to address governance barriers** to implementation, and mobilize access to investments and resources that support the Declaration targets; this includes sharing approaches and learnings in recognising funding and governance mechanisms for delivering urban nature solutions. |  |
| ***Declaration Commitment***  ***Within 5 Years we commit to:*** | ***Intended Action/Approach to Meet Commitment***  *If available, please include potential milestones and proposed progress metrics.* |
| **Complete a baseline natural vegetation inventory and undertake natural capital accounting** to raise awareness of the associated value of urban nature with particular emphasis on climate hazard risk reduction. |  |
| **Develop new inclusive governance frameworks, practices and programmes[[1]](#footnote-1)** to mandate or incentivize both the private sector (residents, businesses and institutions) and link cross sectors within public services; to increase and enhance natural solutions in our urban form, buildings and infrastructure design that provide direct human, ecosystem and climate services towards achieving the 2030 target. |  |

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| **Other supportive actions you may want to highlight** | **Examples of intended actions and approaches to deliver these actions**  ***If available, please include potential milestones and proposed progress metrics.*** |
| *e.g: Address equal accessibility of green spaces* |  |

***Example of financial resources available to deliver the commitment (can be for all or one of the main or supportive actions above)***

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***The information below will not be included in the published template but will help C40 identify where support to help cities deliver on declaration commitments is most needed.***

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| **What are the main challenges your city has faced/might face in delivering these commitments? (if any)** |  |

***The information below will not be included in published template for each city but will be used to ensure consistency and develop aggregate numbers to communicate the impact that the declaration will have across signatory cities. Please provide if you have available.***

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| 1. By what year do you plan to meet the Declaration targets? |  |
| 2. Have you set urban nature targets in addition to those set out in this Urban Nature Declaration? |  |
| 3. Do you have existing policy schemes to regulate or incentivise implementation of green/permeable spaces? |  |
| 4. Describe the methodology you have/will use to map green cover / permeable spaces. |  |
| 5. What is your current percentage built -up city surface area[[2]](#footnote-2) cover for a)green spaces[[3]](#footnote-3) and b) permeable spaces[[4]](#footnote-4)? |  |
| 6. Describe the methodology you have/will use to measure accessibility and/or connectivity[[5]](#footnote-5) of green spaces? |  |
| 7. What percentage of your city currently has access to a fit-for purpose[[6]](#footnote-6) green or blue space within 15 minutes[[7]](#footnote-7)? |  |
| 8. Describe the methodology you have/will use for natural capital accounting? |  |
| 9. Is your city evaluating inclusion and equity in the design, implementation or monitoring of their climate actions? |  |

1. Examples include building codes, land use policies, regulatory guidelines, community benefits ordinances and supporting programmes etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This is the contiguous part of a city occupied by buildings and other impervious surfaces. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. While nature‐based interventions in forests can address a range of climate impacts, it is essential that focus is not displaced from other ecosystems which can be crucial for delivering adaptation and mitigation benefits. “Green spaces” contains public green areas for predominantly recreational use, but does not include private gardens within housing areas and cemeteries since these categories are often subject to a number of restrictions (entree fees, opening hours etc.). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The benefits provided by water features have been widely acknowledged, both as ecological services (e.g., carbon sequestration, oxygen production, noise reduction, microclimates, etc.) and as places that are used for recreation and social interaction (e.g., exercise, sport, etc.) [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The definition of “connectivity” is based on movement of fauna - can animals move freely between areas of natural habitats. Fragmentation of natural environments threatens biodiversity as scattered and non-connected natural areas are much less efficient in preserving biodiversity. The areas are considered connected if they are less than 100 m apart and not divided by barriers such as roads, modified rivers, walls, etc. (City Biodiversity Index, 2014, https://www.cbd.int/authorities/doc/Singapore-Index-User-Manual-20140730-en.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Based on the UN-Habitat. 2018. City-wide public space strategies: Guide for local governments, draft report (https://unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2020/07/indicator\_11.7.1\_training\_module\_public\_space.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Based on UN-Habitat public open spaces categorization-this approximates to walking a 1.2km Euclidean distance [↑](#footnote-ref-7)