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C40 Cities Membership

C40 is a network of mayors of nearly 100 world-leading cities collaborating to confront the climate crisis. Cities in the C40 network earn membership through action; membership operates on performance-based requirements, not fees. Our **Leadership Standards**, as outlined in the 2025-2030 C40 Cities Business Plan, set the minimum requirements for all member cities and safeguard the integrity of C40 as a network of climate leaders.

Cities in the network are grouped into targeted membership categories – **Leading Cities** and **Observer Cities** – enabling C40 to represent approximately 920mn people living and working in the wider city from diverse global contexts, and approximately 23% of the global economy. Every city's compliance in the C40 network is reviewed annually as per the C40 Leadership Standards; cities that do not meet the requirements for 12 consecutive months are categorised as Inactive. Learn more about the membership categories:

Leading Cities	
Cities that show exceptional climate leadership at the global level.	
Cities: Abidjan; Accra; Addis Ababa; Ahmedabad; Amman; Amsterdam; Athens; Auckland; Austin; Bangkok; Barcelona; Bengaluru; Berlin; Bogotá; Boston; Buenos Aires; Cape Town; Casablanca; Chengdu; Chennai; Chicago; Ciudad de México; Copenhagen; Curitiba; Dakar; Dalian; Dar es Salaam; Delhi NCT; Dhaka; Dubai; Durban (eThekweni); Ekurhuleni; Fortaleza; Freetown; Fuzhou; Guadalajara; Guangzhou; Hangzhou; Hanoi; Heidelberg; Hong Kong, China; Ho Chi Minh City; Istanbul; Jakarta; Johannesburg; Karachi; Kuala Lumpur; Lagos; Lima; Lisbon; London; Los Angeles; Madrid; Medellín; Melbourne; Miami; Milan; Montréal; Mumbai; Nairobi; Nanjing; New Orleans; New York City; Oslo; Paris; Philadelphia; Phoenix; Portland; Qingdao; Quezon City; Quito; Rio de Janeiro; Rome; Rotterdam; Salvador; San Francisco; São Paulo; Seattle; Seoul; Shenzhen; Stockholm; Sydney; Tel Aviv-Yafo; Tokyo; Toronto; Tshwane; Vancouver; Warsaw; Washington, DC; Wuhan; Yokohama; Zhenjiang.	
Observer	Inactive
Cities that are eligible for 'Leading Cities' status based on their climate leadership,	Member cities that do not meet the requirements of the C40 Leadership

but require further approval to participate in those categories due to local regulatory or procedural reasons.

Cities:

Beijing; Shanghai; Singapore.

Standards for 12 consecutive months are categorised as temporarily Inactive. C40 works with Inactive cities to encourage renewed engagement and support participation. Where cities persistently fail to comply with the C40 Leadership Standards, their membership is reviewed and revoked as appropriate.

Cities:

Houston; Santiago.