

CITIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

Global

THEMATIC SCOPE

Cities and Climate Change

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

Central government, local authorities, urban poor, women and youth

PARTNERS

- MFA representative,
- CCCI Advisory Committee,
- City networks,
- Private institutional investors
- Public financial institutions
- International NGOs

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Problem statement: In 2015, Norwegian support to CCCI enabled UN-Habitat to provide continuous support to cities in addressing the climate challenge, and to play a central role in ensuring that urban climate change issues were addressed in global climate negotiations. On the normative level, UN-Habitat continued to increase entry points for involvement of local authorities, including engaging in the UNFCCC intergovernmental processes and in several climate change initiatives relevant to urban development. The multi-stakeholder process on the ‘Guiding Principles for City Climate Action Planning’ that started in Oslo in early 2015 resulted in the launching at the UN Climate Change Conference COP-21 in Paris in December 2015 and endorsement by more than 45 partners from 25 countries. Operationally, UN-Habitat continued to advise member states on addressing urban issues in national climate change policies and in preparation of their INDC’s, with the most recent outcome in Myanmar. CCCI continued its support to cities in addressing climate change in CCCI cities in Africa and Asia-Pacific.

2016 will be an important year for determining how the world prepares for the implementation of the recently adopted global agreements (Post 2015 & Paris Agreement), and Habitat III will offer the opportunity to view these global agreements through an urban lens. As a logical progression from the 2015 activities, we propose to move from assessment and advocacy to planning and climate action.

Goals and Objectives: The objective of the present proposal is to:

- Support advocacy and involvement of cities in international processes, i.e. UNFCCC and other global climate initiatives relevant to urban development
- Support vertical integration of urban climate action and support implementation of national climate change policies, plans and strategies
- Support cities address their climate challenges, resulting in increased urban climate resilience and reduced emissions from cities

UN-HABITAT ROLE

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 **MAIN OUTPUTS**

- Provide normative inputs on urban climate change issues into UNFCCC, Habitat III and Post2015 processes
- Actively support Least Developed Countries in addressing urban climate change issues at the national level and plan implementing the INDC in a vertically integrated manner.
- Participate in results-oriented multi-stakeholder Initiatives addressing climate change in urban areas, that help to 'raise the level of ambition' of Parties to the UNFCCC.
- Demand-driven support to existing CCCI cities in climate action planning; and respond to demand for expansion of CCCI activities into new regions

 **MAIN RESULTS / IMPACT**

- Increased urban climate resilience and reduced emissions from cities
- Support implementation of national climate change policies, plans and strategies
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 **PROGRAMME DURATION**

2 years

 **TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET**

2016 – US\$ 800.000
2017 – US\$ 1.0 million