

UNESCO Cities Platform

URBAN SOLUTIONS

Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience



The UNESCO Cities Platform (UCP) brings together the Organization's 8 city centered or related networks and programmes, comprised of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN), UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC), International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities (ICCAR), World Heritage Cities Programme, Media and Information Literacy Cities (MIL), Megacities Alliance for Water and Climate, Disaster Risk Reduction Programme (DRR) and UNESCO/Netexplo Observatory.

This year, under the global theme of *Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience*, the UNESCO Cities Platform is celebrating World Cities Day by emphasizing the importance of cities as hubs of resilience, sustainability, proactivity and innovation. UNESCO believes it is crucially important that cities and citizens work together to create climate resilient human settlements, especially as COVID-19 has underlined the unpredictable nature of future challenges. With the aim of encouraging cities and inhabitants to adapt with regards to climate resilience, and take proactive actions towards climate transition, the UNESCO Cities Platform, strongly supported by the aforementioned 8 member networks and programmes, has crafted adaptable and practical **Urban Solutions** for climate action, targeting both city policymakers and urban residents.

Solution 1 : Urban Biodiversity



For cities

Identify, preserve and strengthen biodiversity in urban environments, notably taking into account urban-rural symbiotic relationships.



For city dwellers

Create biodiversity spots at home, with the involvement of young people, to cultivate awareness.

Solution 2 : Sustainable Tourism



For cities

Collaborate with local tourism actors, notably operators and professionals, to make cities eco-friendly destinations.



For city dwellers

Opt for sustainable tourism, especially when visiting environmentally vulnerable destinations, such as small islands and coastal regions, particularly in developing countries.

Solution 3 : Culture and Creativity

Proposed by **UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)**



For cities

Establish incentive mechanisms to encourage all actors from the cultural and creative sector to integrate climate resilience and action into their projects and offers.



For city dwellers

Opt for climate-aware cultural and creative amenities, products and services in your daily life.

Solution 4 : Risk Reduction and Preparedness

Proposed by **Disaster Risk Reduction Programme (DRR)**



For cities

Include and mobilize all stakeholders, and particularly local communities, in developing people-centered and place-based policies, mechanisms and tools on safety and risk reduction.



For city dwellers

Make a plan for how your family or household would respond to an emergency, and keep yourself and the people around you informed about potential disaster risks.

Solution 5 : Media and Information Literacy

Proposed by **Media and Information Literacy Cities (MIL)**



For cities

Develop user-friendly and accessible information tools with reliable materials to reinforce media and information literacy on climate issues for citizens.



For city dwellers

Share only fact-based, science-supported climate information on personal social media accounts.

Solution 6 : Education and Lifelong Learning

Proposed by **UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC)**



For cities

Create interactive information points in public spaces across cities to increase educational and learning opportunities for citizens regarding the climate transition.



For city dwellers

Teach children in your household about climate change by involving them in eco-conscious chores and household activities.

Solution 7 : Connectivity and Collaboration

Proposed by **UNESCO/Netexplo Observatory**



For cities

Develop exchange and collaborations on data and technology based climate actions with other cities around the world, notably through existing intercity networks and platforms.



For city dwellers

Create your own daily-life initiatives contributing to climate action with the participation or involvement of other citizens.

Solution 8 : Cultural Heritage for Sustainability

Proposed by **UNESCO World Heritage Cities Programme**



For cities

Promote climate sensitive regeneration, renovation, and repurposing of historic urban centers.



For city dwellers

Opt for eco-friendly traditional materials and techniques when renovating your house.

Solution 9 : Inclusiveness for Climate Justice

Proposed by **International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities (ICCAR)**



For cities

Raise awareness and nurture climate justice especially with the inclusion of youth, Indigenous Peoples, minorities and marginalized populations.



For city dwellers

Stand up and act for climate justice and encourage the people around you to do the same.

Solution 10 : Resilient Water Management

Proposed by **Megacities Alliance for Water and Climate**



For cities

Opt for nature-inspired and technology-enabled systems to support water supply and distribution, wastewater treatment, and to reduce flood risks in cities.



For city dwellers

Commit to reducing your water footprint by adopting easily applicable gestures.

More information: UNESCO.for.cities@unesco.org