

## CLIMATE ACTION



UrbanShift Climate Action will provide tailored support to cities to address the climate crisis at the local level. This support will consist of an online course on integrated climate action planning; a 3-day workshop, one in each UrbanShift region (Africa, Asia, Latin America); and guidance on how to commit to ambitious climate action through declarations, initiatives, and leadership of mayors.



### Target audience

- City officials
- Technical experts
- Key climate stakeholders
- Local decision-makers

### Our offer

- Tailored technical support and training for climate action, considering the socio-economic context of participating cities
- Online course content available in multiple languages
- Guidance for decision-makers on impactful climate action aligned with global standards

### Benefits

- Access to a global movement of cities leading ambitious climate action
- Opportunities to learn from other cities and their inspiring climate initiatives
- Opportunities to exchange knowledge and network with city officials in the regional workshops
- Possibilities for accelerated climate action through integrated planning

### How to get involved

- Complete online course on integrated climate action planning through the City Academy
- Participate in a 3-day workshop on climate action
- Sign ambitious declarations endorsed by UrbanShift, participate in global initiatives, and comply with global reporting standards\*  
*\*UrbanShift cities that have already developed climate action plans and/or signed declarations will be requested to share their experiences and learnings with fellow cities*

**2021 - 24**

**Cities participate in climate declarations and commitments**

**2022 - 24**

**Regional workshops in Africa, Asia, and Latin America**

**2023 - 24**

**Open enrolment for online course**

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# GEOSPATIAL ANALYSIS



The UrbanShift team will work with selected cities to identify and provide a set of critical spatial data layers, with the goal of strengthening the capacity of urban actors and improving data governance and decision-making. These spatial layers will be compiled using open-source global data and serve as an input for the UrbanShift Labs.



## Target audience

- City officials
- Technical experts
- Urban planners
- National officials
- NGOs & funders

## Our offer

- Datasets, indicators & replicable analysis methods relevant to your city
- Baseline measurements of indicators for core UrbanShift goals
- A suite of key geospatial data layers
- Geospatial analysis on selected themes
- Capacity-building workshops and technical assistance on data governance

## Benefits

- Cities will receive a tailored suite of global data to complement and fill gaps in locally available datasets
- The provided analyses will help focus attention on key urban problems and highlight promising solutions
- Guidance on data governance will enable cities to improve municipal & regional coordination on data collection, sharing and management

## How to get involved

- Complete data needs survey
- Engage with UrbanShift regional coordinators
- Correspond with our geospatial data team to hone analyses and participate in capacity-building exercises
- Share relevant data needs or data sets for inclusion in capacity-building and governance training, to be implemented through the UrbanShift Labs and City Academy courses

2021

*Methodology for  
baseline indicators &  
key geospatial layers*

2022

*Data governance  
curriculum developed &  
delivered as part of City  
Academy courses*

2024

*Thematic analyses  
developed, coinciding  
with UrbanShift Labs*

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# URBANSHIFT LABS



UrbanShift Labs are interactive 2-4 day workshops that illustrate the importance of integrated, evidence-based city planning approaches and demonstrate an alternative to siloed decision-making. The UrbanShift team will work with the focal point in each participating city to understand the city's strategic needs and identify the most appropriate type of Lab to implement. There will be 9 Labs in total, including virtual and in-person.



## Target audience

- City officials
- Urban planners

## Types of Labs

- **Best practices:** Suitable for cities without a clearly defined project; organized around a specific topic
- **Planning analysis:** Suitable for cities in the process of conceptualizing a project; designed to support project planning
- **Project review:** Suitable for cities with a project in early stages of development; intended to create space for exchange between stakeholders and decision-makers

## Benefits

- The Labs will provide cities with the tools to implement sustainable, resilient, and equitable urban planning
- Cities will learn how to leverage interdependencies, improve resource efficiency, and accelerate decision-making
- The Labs can help shape policy, catalyze projects, and produce a range of positive outcomes in participating cities

## How to get involved

- Select a city focal point to engage with our team
- Select a Lab type and topic
- Provide baseline information related to your city's strategic initiatives and priorities
- Participate in a virtual or in-person Lab
- Conduct brief presentations to Lab attendees
- Participate in a site visit to a specific location
- Participate in a post-Lab debrief

## 2022 - 2024

*Engagement with city*

*Preparation of agenda, list of attendees & learning materials*

*Lab takes place (Virtual: 2-4 days; in-person: 2 days)*

*Post-Lab debrief and summary report*

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# CITY ACADEMY



The UrbanShift City Academy provides training opportunities for city-level decision-makers and practitioners, consisting of 8 courses focused on key integrated planning themes. The courses will be available online for self-paced learning and will also be used for in-person trainings in each of the 9 UrbanShift countries. These 2-3 day trainings will combine presentations and interactive exercises with the sharing of best practices.



## Target audience

- City technical officials
- Local decision-makers
- Urban planners
- Community stakeholders
- Academics & students
- Financial institutions

## Courses offered

- Strategic Urban Planning
- Data Governance
- Nature-based Solutions
- Circular Economy
- Finance
- Integrated & Sustainable Neighbourhood Design
- Integrated Climate Action Planning
- Managing Urban Growth in the Global South

## Benefits

- Cities will enjoy access to state-of-the-art knowledge on a variety of topics related to integrated planning
- Cities will gain exposure to international experts and connect with other cities working on similar issues
- Cities will gain on-the-ground experience through peer exchanges
- Course content will be available in multiple languages

## How to get involved

- Identify staff to attend and prepare for trainings
- Allocate staff time to complete select online courses
- Share local experiences and case studies that could be valuable for other participants
- **For hosting cities:** Identify a project or initiative to be featured in the accompanying peer exchange, talk through the experience, and provide access to key decision-makers

2022

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*In-person trainings*

*Online course platform launched; in-person trainings*

*In-person trainings*

*In-person trainings*

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# FINANCE ACADEMIES



The UrbanShift Finance Academies are intensive 3-day workshops that bring city officials together with leading financial and technical experts to address a financing challenge within a specified region and sector. The academies will support city officials in shaping climate projects that align with the priorities of the private sector and address local infrastructure needs. There will be 9 Finance Academies, including virtual and in-person.



## Target audience

- Technical officials
- Finance officials

## Our offer

- Improved understanding of how to access finance through capacity strengthening
- Improved bankability of infrastructure projects, from concept to design and implementation
- Accelerated adoption of urban finance best practices
- Engagement with public and private sector investors and other relevant stakeholders

## Benefits

- An improved ability to fund, finance, and deliver climate projects as a local government
- Opportunities to build relationships with financial institutions, the private sector, and other cities
- Increased knowledge on city climate finance and climate mainstreaming in city budgets
- Cities that participate actively in the Finance Academies may apply for **light-touch technical assistance support on finance** for climate-related urban infrastructure

## How to get involved

- Nominate two officials (technical and financial) to attend in-person events (multiple for virtual events)
- Complete a pre-academy survey
- Participate in pre-academy interviews
- Attend 2-3 Finance Academies on different topics in your region (*participation subject to evaluation of pre-academy survey*)
- Participate in post-event sessions

2021

2022 - 23

2023- 24

2024 - 25

Finance Academy  
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Finance Academy  
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# URBANSHIFT FORUMS



UrbanShift Forums are the flagship events of the program, bringing together senior political and technical representatives from participating cities and countries, as well as international organizations and the private sector, to exchange knowledge on different urban development challenges. A total of 3 Forums will take place, one in each UrbanShift region (Asia, Africa, and Latin America).



## Target audience

- Senior city officials
- National officials
- Technical staff
- International organizations
- Financial institutions

## Activities

- **City Academies:** Knowledge and capacity-strengthening on pre-identified topics of regional priority
- **Peer exchanges:** Peer-to-peer exchange with leading cities in the region
- **Advocacy:** Bringing cities' commitments, policies, and actions to the spotlight
- **High-level investment roundtables:** Exposure to innovative finance solutions
- **City-Business Hub:** Engagement with businesses around key sectors and introduction to cutting-edge solutions, products, and services

## Benefits

- Opportunities to expand knowledge of regional urban challenges and replicable solutions
- Motivation to boost climate commitments at the local and national level
- Opportunities to explore financing for projects and present ideas to a curated audience of investors

## How to get involved

- **Host city:** Collaborate with UrbanShift team to organize the Forum and appoint officials to participate in the event
- **Participating cities:** Share examples of urban challenges and best practices and help shape the Forums' theme and outputs

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UrbanShift Forums in Asia, Africa, and Latin America

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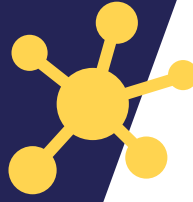


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## CITY- BUSINESS HUB



The City-Business Hub will be a half-day event for cities and businesses to connect and discuss strategies that promote innovation and accelerate climate action. The event will take place during the UrbanShift Forums and consist of panels, keynotes, and roundtables showcasing the power of city-business collaboration to achieve climate and sustainability outcomes.



### Target audience

- Businesses
- City officials
- International climate organizations

### Activities

- Keynote speeches and panel discussions from city, business, and other climate leaders
- City-business partnership showcase with stalls and posters highlighting collaboration examples from around the world
- Deep-dive roundtable discussions between senior city and business leaders
- Award ceremony to acknowledge city-business partnerships that have advanced climate action

### Benefits

- Opportunity to network with other cities and businesses, exchange ideas, and build relationships
- Opportunity to learn from leaders in city-business collaboration and develop new climate action projects

### How to get involved

- Complete pre-event survey
- Nominate and send 1-2 representatives to actively participate in all City-Business Hub activities
- Produce a poster or 5-minute presentation showcasing examples of a city-business collaboration in your city

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*City-Business Hub at UrbanShift Forum in Asia, Africa, and Latin America*

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# NATIONAL DIALOGUES



The UrbanShift National Dialogues aim to stimulate communication and enhance coordination between different levels of government and across relevant departments. The UrbanShift team will organize 2 National Dialogues in each of the 9 participating countries, with the goal of improving multilevel governance and addressing specific urban challenges and opportunities. These 1-day events will be modeled on the Talanoa Dialogue approach and conducted in the national language.



## Target audience

- Senior city & national government officials
- Local & national policy makers
- Local & municipal officials

## Our offer

- Facilitated discussions between local and national governments on previously identified priority topics
- Strategic minister-mayoral roundtables, followed by technical conversations with a view to co-develop an implementation roadmap for sustainable urban development in the country
- Recommendations for policy reform (5-year roadmaps)
- Documentation of progress on roadmaps, adapting and revising the plans as needed
- A summary report on lessons learned and recommendations for multilevel governance to advance sustainable urban development

## Benefits

- Constructive, enabling discussions on national policies for sustainable urban planning, financing, as well as capacity gaps
- Enhanced multilevel governance through expected national commitments and a 5-year roadmap
- Opportunities to network and build relationships with other cities and national government representatives

## How to get involved

- Collaborate with UrbanShift team to host the National Dialogue
- Develop the event agenda with the regional coordinator
- Appoint relevant officials and policy makers to participate in the event, prioritizing gender parity

**2022 - 2023**

**2023 - 2024**

*Dialogue 1*

*Dialogue 2*

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