



ICLEI OCEANIA MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026

ICLEI Oceania - Local Governments for Sustainability supports local governments across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific to accelerate sustainable urban development and climate action. ICLEI Oceania serves as the regional secretariat for [ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability](#), a global network of more than 2500 local and regional governments across 125+ countries worldwide.

ICLEI is founded on the notion that local governments are at the centre of furthering a just and sustainable world. We encourage sustainability as an integral part of urban development and bring a strong urban component to national and global sustainability policy. ICLEI creates systemic change in urban areas through practical, integrated solutions. We anticipate and respond to complex challenges, from urbanisation and climate change, to ecosystem degradation and inequity, working in cities, towns and regions of all sizes.

5 pathways

At the subnational level, ICLEI drives change along [five interconnected development pathways](#) that cut across sectors and jurisdictional boundaries. This design enables local and regional governments to design solutions in a holistic and integrated way, creating change across entire urban systems. These pathways, outlined below, are part of the [ICLEI São Paulo Strategic Vision 2024 – 2030](#), and guides the work of ICLEI:

- Nature-based
- Zero emission
- Resilient
- Circular
- Equitable

How we do it

Peer exchange and capacity building are at the core of what we do. The structure of the ICLEI network enables us to build connections across the local, regional, national and global levels. We advocate robust national and global sustainability policies that reflect the interests of local and regional governments and their citizens to translate global policy into local action. Through our collective efforts, ICLEI is building a sustainable urban world and elevating the trajectory of what sustainable development can be.

Get involved

ICLEI Oceania welcomes membership of:

- Local and sub-national governments from Australia and New Zealand
- National, sub-national and local governments from Pacific Island Countries
- National or sub-national associations of Councils

ICLEI membership provides many benefits to Councils. Membership fees are managed by the ICLEI Global Secretariat and are based on a combination of local government population size and country Gross National Income (GNI). Please refer to the [ICLEI Oceania website](#) for current membership costs for the region.

Membership benefits

ICLEI provides a platform for local governments to achieve their climate and sustainability goals through:

- Advocacy and knowledge sharing
- Capacity building through local and international programs
- Global connections
- Value for money tailored technical assistance/ consultancy





Network Cities are those who are Non-member Councils participating in certain programs or communities of practice. Programs with costs involved are more expensive as a non-member Network City, so it is worth considering ICLEI membership.

A comparison of benefits for Member vs Network City vs Non-Member Cities is provided at the end of this document.

Advocacy and knowledge sharing

ICLEI Oceania supports its members and those who want to take greater action to work together to learn, share and take collective action connected to regional and global outcomes. It includes:

- Member networking meeting- annual- in person
- Member and Network City meeting- annual- online
- Mayoral / Councillor Roundtables- at least annual eg before ALGA NGA
- Engagement in lead up to United Nations COPs on climate or biodiversity
- Community of Practice network meetings- triannual
- Webinars- members and network cities- quarterly- responsive to programmatic and member needs
- Webinars- public- adhoc- responsive to global, regional and national events, trends and themes
- [ICLEI Oceania newsletter](#)
- [BUZZ newsletter](#)
- Advocacy and collective actions/ campaigns- adhoc

Capacity Building Programs

Free of charge or discounted to our ICLEI Oceania members, our programs use globally proven, locally tailored methodologies to help local governments take action without reinventing the wheel. We offer:

- [Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy \(GCoM\)](#)
- Climate Community of Practice
- [Green Climate Cities](#)
- [CitiesWithNature Action Platform](#)
- CitiesWithNature Community of Practice - including CWN Action Platform support
- CitiesWithNature Coastal online Community of Practice
- [Berlin Urban Nature Pact](#)
- [Journeys for life](#) (free for a limited time in 2025)

More details on the Climate and Nature programs listed above can be found [here](#).

Please note a new suite of Circular Economy programs and advocacy will become available in 2025.

Global connections

ICLEI Oceania helps local governments commit, act and track their locally relevant progress toward global goals to show the momentum for change from communities through global programs such as [CitiesWithNature Action Platform](#) or [Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy \(GCoM\)](#).

ICLEI is the focal point of the [Local Governments and Municipal Authorities \(LGMA\)](#) for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Through ICLEI and the LGMA, local and regional governments have a direct voice to international climate and biodiversity negotiations at United Nations COPs. We offer:

- Funding assistance to attend ICLEI events eg. ICLEI World Congress (subject to availability)
- Engagement in lead up to United Nations COPs on climate or biodiversity eg Councillor roundtables
- Engagement in relevant international meetings such as UN Climate Conference etc and the opportunity for Councils to represent ICLEI at such events (at own cost).





Value for money tailored technical assistance/ consultancy

ICLEI Oceania provides tailored training, facilitated workshops and technical advice to help you on your sustainability journey. As a not-for-profit organisation, our prices are very competitive – quotes can be provided upon request.

- Just transitions and energy sector plans
- Disaster Risk Reduction Self Assessments
- Climate and Energy Plans- create or review
- Town Hall COPs
- Adaptation Plan Localisation in partnership with “The Adaptation Game”
- Food systems/ urban food strategies & action plans- create or review
- Circular development/ circular economy strategies & action plans- create or review
- Create or review Nature and Biodiversity plans- development or updating
- [Wetlands City Accreditation](#) assistance
- Sustainable Development Goals- voluntary local review
- Learning cohorts- to address specific issue or learning need for a group of at least five Councils- open to Members, Network Cities or Non-Members
- Consortium partner/lead - project partner to universities, TAFE and research agencies to help facilitate grants and funding bids for proposals and advocacy around sustainability
- Tailored training, facilitation and capacity building
- Grant application support
- Data collation
- Project consultancy

To get involved

Please contact ICLEI Oceania for further information on one or more of the items listed in this document or to become a member by calling +61 481 815 492 or emailing admin.oceania@iclei.org

More information

[ICLEI Oceania Website](#)

[ICLEI Oceania membership](#)

[Climate and Nature Suite of programs](#)

Benefits Comparison table

The following table compares the benefits for Member vs Network City vs Non-Member Cities.



Offering	Audience	ICLEI Members*	Community of Practice^ Network City°	Program Network City°	Non-member	Relevant ICLEI Pathway™
Advocacy and knowledge sharing						
Member* networking meeting- annual- in person	Officers	✓	Low cost	Low cost	NA	NA
Member* and Network City° meeting- annual- online	Officers Councillors	✓	✓	✓	NA	NA
Mayoral / Councillor Roundtables- at least annual eg before ALGA NGA	Councillors	✓	NA	NA	NA	Themes vary
Community of Practice^ network meetings- triannual	Officers Councillors	NA	✓	NA	NA	Themes vary
Engagement in lead up to UN COPs on Climate or Biodiversity	Snr Officers Councillors	✓	NA	NA	NA	Nature Zero emission
Webinars- members and network cities- quarterly	Officers Councillors	✓	✓ (Thematic)	✓ (Thematic)	NA	Themes vary
Webinars- public- adhoc	Officers	✓	✓	✓	✓	Themes vary
ICLEI Oceania newsletter	Officers Councillors	✓	✓	✓	✓	Themes vary
BUZZ newsletter	Officers Councillors	✓	✓	✓	✓	Nature
Advocacy and collective actions/ campaigns- adhoc	Officers Councillors	✓	✓	✓	✓	Themes vary
Support						
Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) Help Desk	Officers	✓	✓	✓	NA	Zero emission
Technical support for Cities With Nature action platform	Officers	✓	✓ Basic	✓ Basic	NA	Nature
SLACK online workspace- connect and collaborate with colleagues at other councils across the region in focused channels related to ICLEI's 5 pathways/ related programs	Officers	✓	✓ Community of practice specific	✓ Program specific	NA	Channel/ program specific
General support time, information sharing	Officers Councillors	✓	✓ Community of practice specific	✓ Program specific	NA	Themes vary
Globally connected impact						
Funding assistance to attend ICLEI events such as the ICLEI World Congress (subject to availability)	Councillors	✓	NA	NA	NA	Event specific
Engagement in relevant international meetings such as UN Climate Conference etc.	Officers Councillors	✓	✓	✓	NA	Nature Zero emission



Programs						
Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM)	Officers	✓	✓	✓	✓	Zero emission
Climate Community of Practice^	Officers	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	✓	Zero emission
CitiesWithNature Action Platform	Officers	✓	✓	✓	✓	Nature
CitiesWithNature Community of Practice^ - including CitiesWithNature Action Platform support	Officers	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	✓	Nature
CitiesWithNature Coastal online Community of Practice^	Officers	20% discount	✓		NA	Nature Resilient
Berlin Urban Nature Pact	Officers	✓	✓	✓	✓	Nature
Journeys for life (Free- limited offer)	Officers	✓	✓	✓	✓	Nature
Tailored Technical Assistance/ Consultancy						
Just transitions and energy sector plans	Officers	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Zero emission Resilient, Equitable
Disaster Risk Reduction Self Assessments	Officers	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Zero emission Resilient Equitable
Climate and Energy Plans	Officers	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Zero emission Resilient, Equitable
Town Hall COPs	Officers Councillors	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Zero emission Resilient, Equitable
Adaptation Plan Localisation in partnership with The Adaptation Game	Officers	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Zero emission Resilient, Equitable
Food systems/ urban food strategies & action plans	Officers Councillors	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Nature, Circularity Zero emission
Circular development/ circular economy strategies & action plans	Officers Councillors	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Circularity Zero emission
Nature and Biodiversity plans- development or updating	Officers	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Nature
Wetlands City Application	Officers	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Nature
Sustainable Development Goals- voluntary local review	Officers Councillors	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Nature, Circularity Zero emission Equitable, Resilient
Learning cohorts- to address specific issue or learning need for a group of at least 5 councils- can be members, network cities or non-members	Officers	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Project specific



Tailored training, facilitation and capacity building	As relevant	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Project specific
Grant application support	Officers	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Grant specific
Data collation	Officers	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Project specific
Project consultancy	Officers	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Project specific
Any new fee for service programs	As relevant	20% discount	10% discount	10% discount	Standard consultancy rate	Program specific

✓ Included

* Costs for membership vary according to population size of LGA and Country GNI. See ICLEI Oceania website for current rates

^ Community of Practice. Cost to participate in a Community of Practice eg Climate, Coastal, Nature is \$999 ext gst member/ \$1199 ex gst non- members per calendar year.

° Network Cities are not ICLEI members but are participating in a fee for service ICLEI Community of Practice or ICLEI program and receive limited benefits

™ ICLEI 5 Development Pathways are zero emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development

