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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 10452	Umoja WBS: SB-015924
SMA IPMR ID: 43818	Grant ID: S1-32GFL-000643
Project Short Title: SCIP-GP (rebranded UrbanShift)	
Project Title: Sustainable Cities Impact Program Global Platform (SCIP-GP)	
Duration months planned:	60
Duration months age:	44
Project Type:	Full Sized Project (FSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	10391
Project Scope:	Global
Region:	
Countries:	
GEF Focal Area(s):	Climate Change Mitigation
GEF financing amount:	\$ 16,213,761.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 24,320,834.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2020-08-20
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2020-10-16
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2020-10-19
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2021-09-21
Date of First Disbursement:	2020-11-18
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	\$ 7,791,360.00 ¹
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 10,254,375.00

¹ A disbursement to WRI was done the 25th of July for an amount of USD 2,148,260 and there is a transfer in process of the remaining USD 1,824,025.

Midterm undertaken?:	Yes
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	2024-07-31
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2025-10-31
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	2022-01-24
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2026-04-30
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2026-10-31

1.2 Project Description

The WRI executed project, co-executed with ICLEI, C40 and the UNEP Cities unit, has the following objective: cities pursue integrated urban planning and implementation and increase their ambitions, to deliver impactful sustainable development outcomes with global environmental benefits (GEBs). The project is structured around the following components:

- Component 1. Support to sustainable integrated urban planning, policy reform, investments; and innovative financing and scaling-up
- Component 2. Global platform for knowledge management, exchange and program coordination
- Component 3. Advocacy, awareness raising and partnerships.
- Component 4: Governance, monitoring and evaluation.

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Climate Change Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency (ies)	World Resources Institute (lead); C40; ICLEI; UNEP cities unit
names of Other Project Partners	Elsa Lefevre
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Asher Lessels
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Tania Daccarett
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Fatma Twahir
UNEP Support Assistants	Jiya Dhillon
Manager/Representative	John-Rob Pool
Project Manager	Bruno Incau
Finance Manager	Diana Chavez
Communications Lead, if relevant	Eillie Anzilotti

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Thematic: Climate action subprogramme
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	
PoW Indicator(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate : (i) Number of national, subnational and private-sector actors that adopt climate change mitigation and/or adaptation and disaster risk reduction strategies and policies with UNEP support. Climate: (ii) Amounts provided and mobilized in \$ per year in relation to the continued existing collective mobilization goal of the \$100 billion commitment through to 2025 with UNEP support.
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	N/A
Link to relevant SDG Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning 13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning

2.2. GEF Core and Sub Indicators

GEF core or sub indicators targeted by the project as defined at CEO Endorsement/Approval, as well as results

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
4- Area of landscapes under improved practices (excluding protected areas)		4000	4000	A revised methodology for the core impact targets, which better reflects actual implementation of the Global Platform project, has been submitted for consideration.
6.2- Greenhouse gas emission mitigated outside the AFOLU sector		4,400,000	4,400,000	A revised methodology for the core impact targets, which better reflects actual implementation of

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	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
				the Global Platform project, has been submitted for consideration.
11.1- Male		654000	654000	A revised methodology for the core impact targets, which better reflects actual implementation of the Global Platform project, has been submitted for consideration.
11.2- Female		654000	654000	To date 11,012 people (5,520 men (50.1%) and 5,467 women (49.6%)) have directly benefited from the Global Platform project, having participated in UrbanShift's deep and light touch technical assistance activities, advocacy events and opportunities, and the online city academy courses.

2.3. Implementation Status and Risks

	PIR#	Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)
FY 2024	3rd PIR	S	S	M
FY 2023	2nd PIR	S	S	M
FY 2022	1st PIR	S	S	M
FY 2021				
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Summary of status

Rating towards outcomes: The overall rating is **Satisfactory**. The impact from the suite of capacity building, multi-level governance and coordination, multistakeholder engagement activities and climate commitments from the Global Platform takes years to mature. However, these activities are underpinned by a plethora of deep and impactful activities. The project is progressing well and largely ahead of schedule as it relates to completion of outputs and activities. The project has adjusted fairly well to unexpected circumstances. Knowledge generation and sharing is a key strength of the program. Initial evidence shows that events are successful – as reported by immediate post-event satisfaction surveys – and anecdotal evidence confirms that participants have been eager to participate in face-to-face opportunities, to share experiences and to learn from peers. The impact surveys conducted a few months after events have shown that participants value content received and have applied it in some cases. More details can be found in Section 3.1. The UrbanShift brand is well-known and increasingly well respected in the integrated urban development field.

Rating towards outputs: Aligned with progress reported in section 4.2.

We consider the project is advancing in a **Satisfactory** manner towards its outputs. UrbanShift has continued implementation at a steady pace, now that COVID-19 restrictions no longer impact country project implementation and that all of the Child Projects are fully operational. Progress in the different regions has been dependent on the response, capacity and national context of local child projects. At this stage, the project is more advanced in Latin America where most Global Platform activities are

complete, followed by Africa, and then followed by Asia, where a number of activities remain to be completed. The UrbanShift Global Platform team is fully staffed and operational, and methodologies and processes to conduct all types of activities have been created, which has allowed the team to accelerate implementation.

From July 2023 to June 2024, the Global Platform hosted/delivered:

- **Geospatial** methodology, maps, and dashboard for 23 cities in the program
- **Capacity Building:** Four City Academies were held, in San José (July 2023), in Delhi (September 2023), in Marrakech (February 2024), and in Belém (April 2024); three Urban Planning Labs were conducted in Ushuaia (August 2023), Florianópolis (October 2023), and Marrakech (June 2024); two regional Forums were held in India in September 2023 and in Brazil in April 2024; two Peer Exchanges were held, in Medellín, Mumbai, and Accra and Kumasi; and the UrbanShift online city academy courses on 8 topics were launched during the Asia Forum. We hosted four webinars.
- **Finance:** Thirteen additional investments projects have been identified; four additional Finance Academies (in São Paulo in August, Beijing in September and San José in October) were conducted; two additional projects have been identified for UrbanShift light-touch technical assistance, an additional TAP call, adding four more screened projects to the pipeline or presented to Project Preparation Facilities (PPFs).
- **Climate Action:** Two National (multilevel) Dialogues were conducted (Indonesia and Brazil); 5 cities have been identified as climate leaders. Two cities signed the call for action to halt and reverse nature loss and one additional city is working on its climate action plan (Fes)
- **Communications:** The UrbanShift website is functioning well, with periodic updates on content, including blogs, reports on events, and technical content. The project communicates with stakeholders periodically through newsletters and uses social media to amplify the impact of events. New videos of global platform services were developed. The project published its second Annual Report in November 2023.
- **Advocacy:** Two high level events and two side events were organized by the team. The team has been able to work with multiple partners and in various settings to share key messages from the program, and inviting Mayors and National Governments, and various partners to share ideas with international community.
- **Governance:** The second virtual Steering Committee Meeting was held in November 2023. The second annual report features progress on local project activities. The fourth PEG meeting was held in May 2024.

Overall risk rating: The overall risk rating has been set as **Moderate**. Some of the risks that were identified at CEO Endorsement as Moderate have remained the same, while a few risks have been downgraded to Low. There are risks that need mitigation measures and close monitoring (refer to table 3.2), largely linked to the number of risks that are out of control of the Global Platform, related to country adoption of recommended actions, leadership and administration changes and political support for the project.

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 24,320,834
Actual to date:	18,735,803
Progress	<p>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</p> <p>All co-executing agencies have contributed in-kind co-finance as per CEO Endorsement requirements, including co-hosting events and co-sponsoring the development and hosting of training materials and capacity building events. The second co-financing report (with a cumulative co-finance total of \$ 6,047,538 through 31 May 2024) has been submitted.</p> <p>All main co-executing agencies (WRI, C40, ICLEI and UNEP) have contributed in-kind co-finance as per CEO Endorsement commitments, including co-hosting events and co-drafting training materials. The co-finance contribution as per June 2024, has been submitted to UNEP and is as follows:</p> <p>WRI: 3,310,552 USD (2023-24); 7,726,477 USD (Total) C40: 522,578 USD (2023-24); 5,330,390 USD (Total) ICLEI: 1,939,583 USD (2023-24); 4,528,222 (Total) UNEP: 274,824 USD (2023-24); 1,150,713 (Total)</p>

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2023-11-16
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	<p>Stakeholder engagement has been strong during the reporting period. The Global Platform hosted at least 240 new meetings with UrbanShift countries between July 2023 and June 2024, which does not include less formal or opportunistic meetings with other partners, interested parties, etc. Hence, this is a conservative metric for stakeholder engagement of the project.</p> <p>The Global Platform's (GP) stakeholder engagement activities leverage existing global initiatives (such as SURGE and CHAMP), knowledge, expertise and activities from diverse range of partners to strengthen the work of the GP; to build operational partnerships around common areas of geographical and thematic work; and expand the outreach and capabilities of UrbanShift through these partnerships with additional cities and city practitioners.</p>

	<p>Almost 200 Global Platform meetings with UrbanShift country focal points through the end of June 2024 have taken place. Stakeholder engagement is further bolstered by the UrbanShift initiative’s online presence, through its website, newsletters, and social media. For example, the newsletter reaches more than 6,700 subscribers which allows for the UrbanShift GP to communicate updates on programme related activities and invitations to open events, such as webinars. Our advocacy events and webinars also help to reach a wider audience, bringing our engagement with external actors into the tens of thousands. We have been intentional about engaging with academic institutions during the reporting period, to help institutionalize our project learnings and ensure the long-term sustainability of project efforts beyond the GEF-funded project. Institutions engaged include the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Marrakech.</p> <p>We also held our second virtual Steering Committee Meeting in November 2023, which was an opportunity to engage with almost all of the project’s stakeholders – at both the global and child project levels – and is an important mechanism to ensure buy in and leadership from the various institutions involved in implementing the project, and coordination, cooperation and improved communication to enhance project delivery.</p> <p>The third Partnership Engagement Group (PEG) meeting was held in May 2024, during which participants from PEG member organizations were able to access updates about UrbanShift’s plans for the remainder of the year and explore opportunities for deeper collaboration through the upcoming UrbanShift activities.</p>
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2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	Yes
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	<p>Gender equity remains an UrbanShift priority, as demonstrated by a number of actions over the reporting period. Firstly, the UrbanShift Annual report has an entire section dedicated to our approach and importance placed on gender and social equity. Second, the team has made a concerted effort to prioritize the invitation of women for training opportunities and speaking roles, as indicated in our participants tracker [9 key activities delivered by UrbanShift during the reporting period gathered 762 participants, 410 being women (54%), and from the 134 panelists, 71 were women (53%)]. The team has flagged gender parity of participants and panelists at UrbanShift activities and events as a continued priority for the program moving forward. We will complete our first gender action report before the end of 2024.</p> <p>On 17 October 2023, during the World Forum on Urban Forests Side Event - UrbanShift: Leveraging urban biodiversity & forests to create</p>

	<p>inclusive and equitable cities (17 October 2023), the speakers shared best practices regarding how urban planning can effectively integrate urban forests and biodiversity to foster the creation of healthy, inclusive, and equitable urban environments. 57% of the speakers were female.</p> <p>On 22 November 2023, we hosted a webinar on Unlocking Africa's urban potential: improving informal settlements through sustainable planning. It shed light on the complexities of urban growth in Africa, with a particular emphasis on informal settlements through experiences of two cities: Freetown, Sierra Leone & Durban, South Africa. The webinar had 148 participants (of which 60% were female).</p> <p>On 19 April, 2024, the Accommodating Urban Growth City Academy in Belem, Brazil had a full morning of sessions with approximately 30 city officials from 10 countries to discuss “Planning with Informal Settlements”, “Building Resilient Cities with Informal Settlements”, and “Planning with Urban Sprawl”. The discussions were mostly centered on integrating slums into public policy making, by providing climate resilient solutions to the most vulnerable city inhabitants. Speakers included the current Executive Director of UN Habitat, Ana Claudia Rossbach, the vice Minister of Urbanism for Paraguay, Jorge Bosch, as well as a community leader from Alajuelita, Maribell Gomez, who was given space in the agenda to share the reality of low-income dwellers in Costa Rica. These sessions were highly impactful and resulted in a 5/5 satisfaction results from all 26 participants that filled the evaluation survey of the city academy.</p> <p>One of the new resources added to the Knowledge Library is “Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Change Adaptation”, which specifically highlights gender and offers contextual information, tools, and recommendations to help plan, design, and implement NBS for adaptation that advance gender equality and social inclusion while enhancing resilience, biodiversity, and ecosystem integrity.</p>
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2.7. ESSM

Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)	Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage? No If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN? N/A
New social and/or environmental risks	Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period? No If yes, describe the new risks or changes? N/A
Complaints and grievances	Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?

related to social and/or environmental impacts	No If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken? N/A
Environmental and social safeguards management	As mentioned in the previous PIR, the global project environmental, social and economic review note indicated that it was a low-risk project, but special attention should be given to potentially affected marginalized and vulnerable populations. This is considered by the project team as per guidance in the project communication strategy and gender action plan.

2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	<p>Knowledge Management (KM) is a central component of the UrbanShift Global Platform, and central to achieve the GP's outcomes that cities undertake integrated urban planning through increased capacity and learning. The GP curates and produces learning materials and trainings for local government officials to improve strategic planning and cross-sectoral integration to achieve multiple benefits, all of which are hosted on the Knowledge Platform.</p> <p>We published eight online courses that form the online City Academy (Climate Action Planning, Nature-Based Solutions, Urban Finance, Circular Economy, Urban Growth in the Global South, Sustainable Neighborhoods, Integrated Urban Planning, Urban Biodiversity), in September 2023 at the Asia Forum. To date, 3281 registrations for these courses have been recorded. Besides online courses, the team has hosted and produced content for City Academies, webinars, advocacy events, blogs, and the library of knowledge. The publications during the reporting period include the 2022-2023 UrbanShift Annual Report, Public-Private collaboration to accelerate sustainable urban development: A guide for global South cities, and the 2023 TAP Annual Report</p>
Main learning during the period	As evidenced from post event surveys (from capacity building activities), it is apparent that participants at City Academies, Finance Academies, Labs, and Peer Exchanges enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to learn directly from colleagues and technical experts navigating similar challenges. Further, interactive and participatory experiences are key to allow for participants learning and deep engagement with the content. The production of online courses was a time intensive and expensive endeavor which needs to be budgeted and staffed appropriately, including for the translation of the content to multiple languages.

2.9. Stories

Stories to be shared	<p>The Urban Cable Cars in Medellín Peer Exchange demonstrated the interest of Freetown to learn from and replicate Medellín's Cable Car system, to connect low income communities on the outskirts of the city with economic opportunities in the city center.</p> <p>Cities appreciate user-oriented access to data, such as through the Geospatial Data Dashboard, as assessed by a number of UrbanShift cities.</p> <p>Cities like San José are already exploring innovative partnerships with the private sector to address environmental challenges, as demonstrated by this project in Costa Rica, which the San José City Academy participants had the opportunity to visit.</p> <p>Santiago (Chile) is developing a "pocket parks" program, directly inspired by what Mexico City shared during the Adaptation Finance Academy October 2022.</p>
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3 Performance

3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

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Cities pursue integrated urban planning and implementation and increase their ambitions, to deliver impactful sustainable development outcomes with global environmental benefits (GEBs)	Indicator A: GHG emissions reduced from additional commitments from cities (measured in tCO2e)	0		4,400,000	0	To be determined based on revised impacts methodology.	S
	Sustainable and integrated urban policies and plans improve management of areas of landscape that benefit biodiversity and sustainable use (measured in Hectares)	0		4,000	0	To be determined based on revised impacts methodology.	S
Outcome 1: Key urban actors demonstrate improved capacity to undertake sustainable integrated planning and investments	Indicator 1.1: # of cities that have undertaken sustainable integrated planning based on capacity built through their participation in the SCIP GP	0		9	8	8 cities and 10 projects to date. In addition to the four cities (Cartago, Heredia, Freetown, and Mendoza) and 5 projects reported on previously, an additional four cities have undertaken five projects related to sustainable integrated planning as a direct result of their involvement in the UrbanShift program. Chennai launched its Climate Action Plan in 2022 and Freetown launched its Climate Action Plan in February 2023 (both not reported previously), having received support to structure their plans from UrbanShift and C40. Teresina launched its first climate action plan in October 2023 (see this news article), with the support of UrbanShift. The city of Kenema, in Sierra Leone, received extensive support from UrbanShift in the second half of 2023 to develop a proposal for the Gap Fund to receive	HS

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						<p>technical assistance to develop a Climate Risk Assessment, which is one of the foundational blocks of an integrated climate action plan. This came as a demand from the Integrated Climate Action Planning City Academy training in Kigali in May 2022. Kigali has taken recommendations from the Geospatial Planning Lab, held in June 2023, into account when planning for the development of new proposed development areas, given the high climate risks that the analysis from the Lab showed. Further conversations are planned for Q1 2024 to concretely identify the actions taken by Kigali and the attribution to UrbanShift.</p>	
	<p>Indicator 1.2: # of cities that have accessed finance opportunities through the SCIP Global Platform</p>	0		9	4	<p>To date, four cities have accessed finance opportunities from their involvement in UrbanShift initiatives such as the Transformative Actions Program and the Finance Academies. In addition to the projects in Buenos Aires and Kigali that have been reported previously, these are the two additional cities and projects from this reporting period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With ICLEI's support, the project "Retrofit of Muhanga Community Centers" applied to the Gap Fund and is now going through the selection process. The project from Muhanga was supported with its application to the EU-funded Smart Energy Solutions for Africa (SESA). If successful, the project will get technical assistance for its pre-feasibility study, supported with procurement and connected with investors. The project in Muhanga was introduced and shortlisted in the Call for Applications for the African Water Facility. If this application is successful, it will 	S

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						<p>receive support from the AfDB.</p> <p>2. In collaboration with the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI), the “Establishing integrated municipal solid waste management facilities in DKI Jakarta” project was selected and presented to PowerTrust with the goal to explore carbon credit potentials. Discussions continue. The project in Jakarta has been selected as a participant in the AdaptFin project to provide a tailored pilot training on adaptation finance.</p> <p>3. In addition to the “Resilient Food Systems” project in Kigali that was reported on previously, two additional projects in Kigali have come through the TAP pipeline and been introduced and connected with the Lincoln Institute (a TAP Partner) to support the projects to raise capital by utilizing a land value capture approach.</p>	
	Indicator 1.3: # of cities with gendersensitive integrated urban solutions, influenced by SCIP GP	0		3	0	We are not aware of any cities that have developed gender-sensitive integrated solutions through UrbanShift support, but we will continue to prioritize the importance of a gender-response approach (see Section 2.3 “Gender” above) and build this into our capacity building activities. During the 2024 Annual Report process, we will specifically survey our cities on gender-responsive solutions and how their projects are paying specific attention to gender-related outcomes, for inclusion in future reporting.	S
	Indicator 1.4: # of countries that agree to implement their roadmap for multilevel	0		4	0	The National-Local Dialogues are the main activity UrbanShift uses to support this indicator. Overall, progress on this output has been delayed due to delays	S

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	government collaboration					in child projects launch, resulting in slow readiness to engage at the policy level. Between late 2022 and the end of 2023, we have hosted NLDs in seven countries (2 during this reporting period), and we have plans to host the remaining ones and some of the second-round NLD meetings (for example in China and Argentina) in late 2024. After the first-round NLDs, roadmaps are developed in collaboration with in-country stakeholders highlighting policy priorities for the countries to reflect on and consider going forward. The second-round NLDs serve as an opportunity to assess progress towards implementing the recommendations in the roadmaps, which will help us understand how the countries are integrating multi-level governance approaches into their integrated urban development projects.	
Outcome 2: Key urban actors and experts, in addition to those targeted in outcome 1, are using cutting edge knowledge and best practices on sustainable integrated urban planning and investments from a global sustainable cities platform	Indicator 2.1: # urban practitioners that used the knowledge acquired from the materials from the SCIP website to improve sustainable integrated planning and investment (gender disaggregated)	0	40	100		The online city academy courses, which were launched in September 2023. Between launch and the end of 2023, 3,243 people have registered to take one or more courses. We will report the number of people who have completed the courses in the next report.	HS
	Indicator 2.2: # of best practices and lessons learnt that cities have been shared through the SCIP GP	0	15	50	36	Cumulative progress of the most relevant best practices and lessons learned: 36/50 In addition to the 27 lessons learned and best practices highlighted in the previous reports, the following nine most relevant lessons learned were shared during this reporting period: 1. Mumbai's experience in implementing low-carbon transport options, for the benefits of Kigali and	HS

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						<p>other cities during the Peer Exchange on Zero Emission Busses (Peer Exchange on Zero-Emission Buses, July 2023).</p> <p>2. Barranquilla’s experience in revitalizing public spaces using nature-based solutions and its innovative mechanism to finance tree planting, for cities from Brazil, Argentina, Costa Rica and others during the Peer Exchange on nature-based solutions (Peer-to-peer Exchange on Urban Nature-based Solutions, July 2023).</p> <p>3. San José’s efforts to transform a dump site into a community green space in the La Guapil area, which was highlighted for more than 20 cities in LAC during the San José City Academy (San José City Academy, July 2023).</p> <p>4. San José’s “Plastics Barrier” on the Virilla River, which collects plastic waste from the river and diverts it to a circular economy system that produces low-cost building material (San José City Academy, July 2023).</p> <p>5. Accra/Kumasi’s experience in developing a waste-to-energy facility to promote sustainable energy solutions, and showcase the cooperation between municipalities, national government, research institutes and local SMEs in Ghana, during the Sustainable Energy Solutions Peer Exchange (Global Peer Exchange on Sustainable Energy Solutions, October 2023).</p> <p>6. Delhi’s Integrated Command and Control Centre that showcased how multiple urban services are integrated and managed by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) from a single location and how the</p>	

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						<p>data can be used to better manage the city for improved service delivery and enhanced planning (Asia Forum, September 2023).</p> <p>7. Marrakech’s “Palmeraie de Marrakech” and Wastewater Treatment Plant that showcased how the city integrates greenspace management and conservation into its development priorities, and how the city treats municipal wastewater for re-use as irrigation for the city’s greenspaces.</p> <p>8. Campo Grande and Marranguape (Brazil) shared their lessons from the WRI Brasil Nature-based Solutions Accelerator during the UrbanShift Latin America Forum, regarding how they matured their projects to access additional finance for implementation from external investors.</p> <p>9. Belem’s efforts to develop a sustainable bioeconomy district and protect native biodiversity, as highlighted during the site visits organized as part of the UrbanShift Latin America Forum in April 2024.</p>	
Outcome 3: Policy makers and key urban actors promote sustainable integrated urban planning and investments	Indicator 3.1: # of resolutions and/or commitments made by policy makers, cities and key urban actors influenced by the SCIP GP that lead to Global Environmental Benefits	0	3	15	9	<p>9/15 achieved to date. In addition to the three resolutions and commitments highlighted in the previous report, six additional commitments were made during this reporting period:</p> <p>1. São Paulo committed to C40’s Urban Nature Declaration in August 2023. By doing so, the city committed to have at least 40% of green spaces in the total built-up city surface area. The city made the announcement at the UrbanShift Brazil Adaptation Finance Academy in São Paolo</p> <p>2. Freetown committed to the Subnational</p>	S

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						<p>Cooling Pledge at the UNEA-6 Cities and Regions Summit, in Nairobi, Kenya, February 2024.</p> <p>3. Belém committed to C40's Urban Nature Accelerator during UrbanShift's Latin America Regional Forum.</p> <p>4. Teresina committed to the Subnational Cooling Pledge during Teresina Climate Conference in May 2024.</p> <p>5. Teresina signed onto the Circular Cities Declaration of Latin America and the Caribbean during the Teresina Climate Conference in May 2024.</p> <p>6. Brazil's association of cities announced its resolution on CHAMP on 17 June 2024. Mayors pledged their support for CHAMP and called for agility in structuring Multilevel Climate Governance in Brazil. The letter also reaffirmed their commitment to acting jointly with state and federal governments in the execution and implementation of the climate agreements assumed by Brazil at international level.</p>	
Outcome 4: Global Platform and Child Projects coordinate and complement each other	Indicator 4.1: % of recommendations by Steering Committee Meeting addressed	0	100%	100%	100%	100% to date. Virtual Steering Committee Meeting was held on 16 November 2023.	HS

3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs (Implementation Progress)

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1 : Support to sustainable integrated urban planning, policy reform, investments; and innovative financing and scaling-up	Output 1.1: Child project teams receive strategic support to design and implement the national projects (describe 5	2025-04-30	85	89	The Global Platform team delivered 18 events in the second half of 2023 and another six during the first half of 2024, all of which were made available to and attended by various cohorts of child project teams. We continue to engage frequently with the Country Project teams (including with Implementing Agencies, Executing Agencies and with city focal points) in an effort to align global platform offers with country project implementation schedules and priorities. Between July 2023 and June 2024, we hosted more than 100 meetings with Child Project teams. Overall, engagement and coordination that supports capacity building through UrbanShift is at an all-time high.	
	Deliverable 1.1.1: Methodology for undertaking the Light- touch City Assessments (ICLEI)		100	100		HS
	Deliverable 1.1.2: 24 Light-touch City Assessments with gender considerations integrated in their analysis (12 ICLEI, 9 WRI, 3 C40)		100	100		HS
	Deliverable 1.1.3: Methodology for completing ISUDAs (ICLEI)		100	100		HS
	Deliverable 1.1.4: Regional/Country Coordinators recruited covering all 23 cities 1 for Indonesia (ICLEI) 1 for China (ICLEI) 1 for India (ICLEI) 1 for LAC (Brazil, Argentina, Costa Rica) (WRI) 1 for Africa (Sierra Leone, Morocco, Rwanda) (C40)	2021-02-28	100	100		MS
	Deliverable 1.1.5: Communications protocols agreed with each Implementing Agency (UNEP/WRI)	2021-04-30	100	100		MS
	Deliverable 1.1.6: 23 initial project ISUDAs including quantitative and	2022-01-31	100	100		S

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	program framework indicators and gender considerations in their analysis of the city (12 ICLEI, 9 WRI, 3 C40)					
	Deliverable 1.1.7: 23 final project ISUDAs with outcome impact analysis (12 ICLEI, 9 WRI, 3 C40)	2025-04-30	40	40	Integration of the outcomes and impact of the global platform project into the ISUDAs is an ongoing process, which is expected to be complete by the end of project in 2025. The global platform harvests lessons and outcomes from our activities to inform these final ISUDAs, which will be developed into the ISUDA aggregated analysis report. New proposed completion date: 30 September 2025.	MS
	Deliverable 1.1.8: Geo- spatial base map methodology (WRI)	2021-04-30	100	100		HS
	Deliverable 1.1.9: 23 sets of maps for each SCIP participating city (WRI)	2023-06-30	100	100		MS
	Deliverable 1.1.10: 23 city level summary reports with detailed project and program impact analysis based on quantitative and qualitative data collection. This information will also be used for the final report and evaluation of the project (ICLEI)	2025-04-30	50	50	The city level summary reports, also known as "synopsis reports", will complement the final project ISUDA reports, and as such will be developed on the same timeline. The draft synopsis reports have already been drafted and will be reviewed by the local governments and respective implementing agencies before publication. The local government stakeholders will decide if they would like these reports to be publicly published. New proposed completion date: 30 September 2025.	MS
	Output 1.2: Key urban actors are trained through regional city academies grouped around identified topics, regions and languages	2025-02-28	17% (2 out of 9 city academies, no forums)	67% (6 of 9 city academies completed, 2 of 3 Forums)	During the reporting period, we have built the capacity of more than 1,212 urban actors (53% male, 47% female) through our deep technical assistance activities including City Academies and	HS

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				complete)	Forums. We have completed six City Academies (Kigali, May 2022, Buenos Aires, October 2022, San José, July 2023, Delhi, September 2023, Marrakech, February 2024, and Belém, April 2024). We have incorporated feedback from post-event surveys into subsequent capacity building activities to improve the learning journey and fulfilment for participants. The second regional UrbanShift Forum (held in Belém in April 2024) was a resounding success, bringing together 271 participants from nine countries in the region. Representatives from GEF-8 countries from other regions (such as Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Kenya and Sri Lanka) also participated in the Forum.	
	Deliverable 1.2.1: Plan for the organization and deployment of the 3 SCIP Forums, including a detailed roadmap on how to select the structure (WRI, ICLEI, C40)	2021-10-31	100%	100%		S
	Deliverable 1.2.2: 3 SCIP Forums (WRI will lead in Latin America, C40 in Africa and ICLEI in Asia)	2024-10-31	20%	66%	The Latin America Forum was held in Belém, Brazil, from April 15-19, 2024. The event was organized by UrbanShift (led by WRI), the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Brazil (MCTI), the GEF 7 project, CITInova, and the City of Belém. A total of 297 people participated, 174 of whom (59%) were women. 87 cities (Abaetetuba, Acará, Algiers, Altamira, Ananindeua, Antananarivo, Antofagasta, Asunción, Atibaia, Atlanta, Bamako, Barcarena, Beijing, Belém, Belgrade, Belize, Belo Horizonte, Biguaçu, Bogotá, Bonn, Boston, Brasília, Brazzaville, Buenos Aires, Campinas, Campo	S

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					<p>Grande, Castanhal, Copenhagen, Cuenca, Curitiba, Curridabat, Cyberjaya, Delhi, Dubai, Edinburgh, Florianópolis, Fortaleza, Geneva, Guatemala City, Harare, Huehuetenango, Libreville, Jersey City, Johannesburg, Kathmandu, Kraków, Havana, Lima, London, Manaus, Manila, Maranguape, Mérida, Mexico City, Niterói, Oakland, Panama City, Paris, Petrópolis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Porto Alegre, Portoviejo, Quezon City, Quito, Recife, Rio de Janeiro, Rosario, Saint-Jean-de-Luz, Salto, Salvador, San José, Santiago, Santo André, São Luís, São Paulo, Teresina, The Hague, Valdivia, Viana, Votorantim, Washington, D.C., Zrenjanin.) from 36 countries (Germany, Algeria, Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Gabon, Germany, Guatemala, India, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, México, Nepal, Netherlands, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Serbia, South Africa, Switzerland, UAE, UK, United States, and Zimbabwe) from GEF-6, -7 and -8 attended. Key members and institutions such as UNEP Brazil, UNDP, the World Economic Forum (WEF), GIZ, the Lincoln Institute, CDP, FAO, UN-Habitat, and the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) were involved in the agenda. The Forum featured a range of activities including: a technical workshop led by MCTI/CITinova; the City-Business Hub, the City-Business Climate Alliance Workshop; the</p>	

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					<p>Investors Round Table on Urban Adaptation, and the Accommodating Urban Growth course led by C40; the courses on Accessing Urban Climate Finance and Circular Economy led by ICLEI; three site visits to Combu Island (focusing on local bioeconomy chains), the Garças Mangrove (on urban biodiversity), and the Docas Station (on urban regeneration), led by WRI and the City of Belém; and a high-level technical panel on urban finance and opening ceremony led by WRI. The event opened with a ceremony attended by local authorities, including the Minister of Cities and the Vice Mayor of Belém. During the Forum, the city announced its participation in the C40 Urban Nature Accelerator, committing to expanding and preserving green areas in Belém.</p> <p>The UrbanShift Asia Forum was held from 25-28 September 2023 in Delhi, India. The event was organized by UrbanShift (led by ICLEI) in collaboration with the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), the Government of India, and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA). The High-Level Session on Day 1 was attended by 271 delegates from nine countries and 25 cities from GEF-6, -7 and -8 cycles (Philippines – Makati; Sri Lanka – Colombo; Vietnam – Thua Thien Hue; Jordan – Great Amman; India – Pondicherry, Chennai, Guwahati, Itanagar, Jammu, Pune, Surat, Patna, Vijayawada; Indonesia – Jakarta,</p>	

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					Semarang, Balikpapan, Palembang, Bitung; Nepal – Kathmandu, Dhulikhel; Malaysia – Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT); China – Chengdu, Beijing, Chongqing, Shenzhen). On Days 2 and 3, the City Academy trainings on Accessing Climate Finance and Accommodating Urban Growth were delivered. On Day 4 of the Forum, a site visit was arranged to the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC). The Africa Forum, organized by UrbanShift and led by C40, will take place from 17-21 February 2025, so this activity will not be complete by October 2024. New proposed completion date: 30 June 2025.	
	Deliverable 1.2.3: Plan for the organization and deployment of the 9 City Academies regional trainings, including a detailed roadmap on how to select the content for each City Academy as well as to identify additional cities to join the training, and link the peer-to-peer exchanges (3 WRI (LAC), 3 ICLEI (Asia), 3 C40 (Africa))	2021-10-31	100%	100%		S
	Deliverable 1.2.4: 9 City Academies (one in each SCIP participating country) with 50% of women as panelists and presenters, with 3 City Academies held back-to- back with the 3 SCIP Forums (3 WRI (LAC), 3 ICLEI (Asia), 3 C40 (Africa))	2025-01-31	22%	67%	The Belém City Academy took place during the UrbanShift Latin America Forum in April 2024. 134 participants from 46 cities in seventeen countries participated in three parallel city academy courses, namely: Accessing Urban Climate Finance, Accommodating Urban Growth and Circular Economy. The Marrakech City Academy took place in February 2024 with 75 participants from 25 cities	S

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					<p>across seven countries in Africa. The City Academy was led by C40 and delivered in collaboration with the Government of Morocco, the City of Marrakech and the United Nations Development Programme, and UrbanShift partners: WRI and ICLEI. The themes of Urban Biodiversity and Climate Finance were offered at the City Academy. The Delhi City Academy took place during the UrbanShift Asia Forum in Delhi from 26-27 September 2023. 125 participants attended two courses: Accessing Urban Climate Finance and Accommodating Urban Growth. There were 46 speakers, of which 50% were women.</p> <p>The Costa Rica City Academy took place in San José from 4-7 July 2023. It was organized by WRI in collaboration with the Transitioning to an Urban Green Economy (TEVU) project, with support from the Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS), Costa Rican Ministry of Environment and Energy (MINAE), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Over the 3 days, 57 participants (30% male, 70% female), representing 30 cities from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Costa Rica participated. Two courses were offered: 'Nature-Based Solutions' and 'Integrated Climate Action Planning'. There were 10 speakers, of which 60% were women. As</p>	

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					we will still have to complete the Africa City Academy (which will take place in Nairobi for logistics reasons) and the China City Academy in 2025, this activity will not be complete by January 2025. New proposed completion date: 30 September 2025.	
	Deliverable 1.2.5: Survey methodology to capture how capacity building activities from the SCIP global platform have been applied and improved sustainable integrated planning (WRI)	2021-10-31	100%	100%		S
	Output 1.3: City officials receive technical assistance on integrated urban solutions	2025-03-31	22	67%	The Labs completed to date have offered insights into how to tailor the remaining labs more effectively to the needs of the country projects and interests of the city stakeholders, and how to enhance delivery so as to promote tangible insights and concrete next steps.	S
	Deliverable 1.3.1: Methodology to run the SCIP Labs and to select participating cities in SCIP countries (WRI)	2021-04-30	100%	100%		S
	Deliverable 1.3.2: 9 SCIP Labs on integrated planning and data with corresponding follow up activities, one per SCIP country, with focus city (or cities) to be determined during implementation (WRI)	2025-01-31	22% (3 out of 9 labs)	67% (6 of 9 Labs complete)	In addition to the three UrbanShift Labs delivered until June 2023: in San José, Costa Rica, in Freetown, Sierra Leone, and in Kigali, Rwanda, three additional Labs were delivered between July 2023 – June 2024. 1. The Marrakech Lab explored how to prioritize greenspace expansion and monitor biodiversity using geospatial data, analysis and indicators, under the framework of the Marrakech Ville Durable (the GEF funded country project) project. 28 local representatives and practitioners attended the event, representing 11	S

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					<p>local institutions (of which 32% were women).</p> <p>2. The Ushuaia Lab explored geospatial analysis and territorial data to evaluate risk and future demands, and discussed best practices on Urban Growth Management, Energy Efficiency and Bioclimatic Urban Design. 48 local representatives and practitioners attended the event, representing 24 local institutions (of which 56% were women).</p> <p>3. The Florianopolis Lab explored data from the territory, analyzing key climate hazards and the regional development of the Metropolitan Region of Florianopolis to understand how planning instruments can integrate climate measures and promote coordination between cities. The event brought together 60 participants from 3 metropolitan regions of Brazil (Florianopolis, Belém and Teresina), representing over 15 cities, as well as the Ministries of Cities and of Science, Technology, and Innovation, the State Civil Defense and other departments of the municipality of Florianopolis.</p> <p>One more Lab (India) is planned in 2024. The last two Labs (Indonesia and China) will be held in 2025. New proposed completion date: 31 July 2025.</p>	
	Deliverable 1.3.3: SCIP Labs lessons learned report as part of the Knowledge Management strategy (WRI)	2025-03-31	15%	20%	The lessons learned report has been postponed until late 2025 to allow for adequate time to	S

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					collate the lessons learned from all the UrbanShift Labs. The activity reports from each lab will be used as inputs for the lessons learned report. We still need to complete Labs in India, Indonesia, and China, of which two will be in 2025. We have developed an outline for the report and submitted a publication plan for approval by WRI's Research department. New proposed completion date: 30 September 2025.	
	Output 1.4. Key urbanactors participate in peerexchanges, matchingcities by interest, withknowledge providersfrom City-BasedOrganizations (CBO's)network	2025-07-31	20	78%	During this year, four additional peer exchanges were organized, all as "study tours" attached to a City Academy. They have proven to be powerful tools to promote exchange, cooperation and to build capacity of city officials. The global platform will continue to invest in such peer exchange activities, tailoring them carefully to the needs and interests of the UrbanShift cities.	S
	Deliverable 1.4.1: 1 cluster of cities report: Identification of demand (topics) and providers (city hosts) based of needs assessments and request from participating cities & identification of areas of expertise in the cities participating in the program, to act as hosts (9 WRI, 12 ICLEI, 3 C40)	2021-11-31	100%	100%		S
	Deliverable 1.4.2: 9 Peer exchanges in conjunction with City Academies (3 WRI, 3 ICLEI, 3 C40)	2025-02-28	22% (2 out of 9)	67% (6 of 9 study tours complete)	Four study tours (the UrbanShift name for peer exchanges that take place alongside City Academies) have been hosted during this period: 1. The study tour in San José on 6 July 2023, to the Virilla River during the Costa Rica City Academy demonstrates an innovative partnership that is advancing a simple and effective solution to clearing plastic waste from waterways and	S

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					<p>turning it into a key element of a circular economy.</p> <p>2. The Study tour in New Delhi on 28 September 2023, to the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) during the Asia Forum’s City Academy showcased how multiple services are managed by New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) from a single location and how the data can be used to manage the city, as part of the Smart Cities Mission.</p> <p>3. In February 2024, UrbanShift delivered a study tour during the Marrakech City Academy. Aligned with the City Academy courses of (1) Urban Biodiversity and (2) Accessing Climate Finance, this study tour was split into two stops (1) Palmeraie of Marrakech and (2) a world-class Wastewater Treatment Plant of Marrakech. These site visits illustrated two urban sustainability projects focused on pollution and wastewater management, conservation of urban biodiversity, peri-urban green areas and adaptation to climate change.</p> <p>4. During the UrbanShift Latin America Forum, participants had the opportunity to participate in three study tours, exploring projects led by the city of Belém that align with the forum's themes. The projects visited were: (i) Combu Island (71 people): Here, ecotourism and family-led businesses are integrating the island into the urban economy and promoting the value</p>	

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					<p>of the standing forest through the development of the local bioeconomy; (ii) Garças Mangrove (27 people): This urban green space has regenerated a degraded area and serves as an urban refuge for local biodiversity, especially birds; (iii) Docas Station (26 people): This region has been the focus of urban regeneration projects, reviving the local economy and activating urban amenities. As we plan to host the last two City Academies in 2025 (Sierra Leone – which will be in Nairobi for logistics reasons, and China) this activity will not be complete by January 2025.</p> <p>New proposed completion date: 30 September 2025.</p>	
	<p>Deliverable 1.4.3: 6 additional peer exchanges to showcase innovative and integrated approaches in non-SCIP cities, utilizing network opportunities provided by CBOs including 1 peer exchange that demonstrates how cities integrate gender in urban planning (2 WRI, 2 ICLEI, 2 C40)</p>	2025-07-31	17% (1 out of 6)	66% (4 of 6 peer-to-peer exchanges complete)	<p>Three peer-to-peer exchanges were hosted during this reporting period. They are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mumbai peer-to-peer exchange on zero emission buses was hosted from 11-14 July 2023, in Mumbai, India. 13 representatives from Kigali, Durban, and Mauritius learned from Mumbai's robust experience in planning, procuring, financing, and implementing low-carbon transport options and gathered takeaways to bring back to their cities. Barranquilla peer-to-peer exchange on urban nature-based solutions was hosted from 25-27 July 2023, in Barranquilla, Colombia. 31 representatives from Costa Rica, Argentina, Brazil and Colombia convened to learn from 	S

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					<p>Barranquilla's experience of implementing successful urban nature-based solutions projects.</p> <p>3. Ghana peer-to-peer exchange on sustainable energy solutions was hosted by ICLEI from 10-13 October 2023, in Accra and Kumasi, Ghana. 22 representatives participated in the event of which 7 were from the public sector representing the cities of Pune (India), Accra (Ghana) and Alba Iulia (Romania).</p> <p>We had planned to host a peer-to-peer exchange for Asian cities on the sidelines of the ICLEI World Congress in Sao Paulo in June 2024, but due to logistical reasons this event had to be cancelled.</p>	
	<p>Output 1.5. Cities receive support to access finance opportunities through existing project preparation facilities, Regional Development Banks (RDB) and International Financial Institutions (IFIs) cities initiatives, and SCIP Global Platform sponsored matchmaking opportunities</p>	2025-10-31	35	74%	<p>Access to finance for integrated urban development projects continues to be of utmost interest and importance to UrbanShift cities. As a result, the global platform continues to bring its strengths to bear to expose cities to finance opportunities, build their capacity, and to promote knowledge and exchange through our technical assistance activities, Finance Academies, and the TAP pipeline. The global platform team is engaging a wide range of financial partners for these activities, including, but not limited to: Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF), the Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance (CCFLA), the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) Gap Fund, the</p>	S

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					African Development Bank (AfDB), the Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES), the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the World Bank. We have made significant progress since the last reporting period.	
	Deliverable 1.5.1: 3 Finance Modules (ICLEI)				This deliverable is not relevant, as it is already captured by deliverable 2.2.2. This line was incorrectly added to final work plan during CEO Endorsement adoption and will be removed in the upcoming revision.	
	Deliverable 1.5.2: Identification of 18 integrated investment projects (C40 with support from WRI and ICLEI's regional coordinators)	2021-10-31	26% (5 out of 19)	100%	Through ongoing close engagement with UrbanShift cities and our capacity building offer on finance (particularly finance academies and investors roundtables), 18 investment ideas have been identified to date. Of these, 5 were previously reported, and 13 have been identified during this reporting period. The investment ideas range from energy to resilience to adaptation. The investment ideas identified in Latin America have been presented at the latest Investors Roundtable at the UrbanShift Forum in Belém. A handful of these investment ideas are being discussed with financiers to turn them from investment ideas into concrete projects that generate benefits for people and the planet. Regional and country coordinators will continue monitoring the progress of these investment ideas and identify new ones as they arise	MS
	Deliverable 1.5.3: 9 Finance Academies delivered during City Academies (C40)	2025-07-31	33% (3 out of 9)	67% (6 of 9 Finance)	Three Finance Academies were held during the reporting period:	MS

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				Academies complete)	<p>1. Adaptation Finance Academy for Brazilian Cities from 23-25 August 2023 in Sao Paulo. This Finance Academy was focused on financing adaptation and brought together senior-level city officials together with financiers to discuss bottlenecks, challenges, and potential solutions. This C40 UrbanShift Finance Academy was held in collaboration with WRI Brasil, GCoM, Gap Fund, and the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF). Thanks to the relationship developed and built at the Finance Academy, Curitiba is in conversation with IADB and Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES) to secure a \$730 million investment on a water-related project.</p> <p>2. China Climate Finance Academy was held in Beijing from 05-07 September 2023 with the participation from seven Chinese cities. It was held on the margins of the 2023 China International Trade Services Fair. The main session on urban climate investment was attended by over 80 participants. The French Development Agency, the Asian Development Bank, the New Development Bank, China International Capital Corporation, and Industrial Bank and many others were also in attendance. Participants rated the event with 100% satisfaction.</p> <p>3. Latin America Clean Transport Finance Academy was held from 17-19 October 2023 in</p>	

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					<p>Costa Rica. UrbanShift cities and cities from other networks attended the Finance Academy. The focus was on financing and procuring zero-emissions buses and freight with clean transport being a priority in the region. Some of the sessions were held in parallel to accommodate different levels of capacities across such a diverse group of cities and to cater to a large number of participants. The Finance Academy was held in collaboration with the Zero Emission Rapid-Deployment Accelerator (ZEBRA), Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI) E-bus Mission, and with support from Bloomberg Philanthropies.</p> <p>We are planning three more Finance Academies in 2024: in Indonesia (July 2024), India (October 2024), and Accra (November 2024). New proposed completion date: 30 January 2025.</p>	
	Deliverable 1.5.4: 2 open calls for proposals for light-touch technical assistance (C40)	2024-05-31	100%	100%		MS
	Deliverable 1.5.5: 9 project proposals have received light touch technical assistance support via open calls (C40)	2025-01-31	5%	33% (3 of 9)	<p>The following light-touch technical assistance (LTTA) projects are underway:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Freetown’s small-scale solar energy deployment as a revenue collection incentive mechanism. Local consultants have been hired and they are working closely with the city and the C40 team to deliver this work. Buenos Aires’ LTTA entitled “Strengthening access to climate adaptation financing in the City of Buenos Aires” has started. 	MS

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					<p>There was significant delay in starting the LTTA because of a change of governance due to elections and a new mayoral team, but the project is now well underway.</p> <p>3. Chengdu’s LTTA on “Guidelines for Optimizing and Upgrading the Screening Criteria for Projects of Financial Institutions Addressing Climate Change” is currently underway and will be completed by Dec 2024. It is being delivered in collaboration with the C40 China Team.</p> <p>Three additional LTTA projects will commence soon:</p> <p>1. Following discussions with the UrbanShift Regional Coordinator, a slightly different approach will be used to support cities in Costa Rica, which has kickstarted in January 2024. The Scope of Works has been developed with the Clsta Rica country project (TEVU) and the RFP is currently open.</p> <p>2. Durban’s LTTA request on “Study on small-scale approach to composting and/or digestion of organics for the city of eThekweni” has been scoped out with the city. The RFP has been drafted and will be published soon. The delay is due to political instability linked to elections in South Africa. This LTTA will be delivered in collaboration with C40-GCoM joint programme.</p> <p>3. The approach for LTTA for a Brazilian</p>	

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					<p>city is currently being discussed with MCTI. Mendoza had submitted a proposal for LTTA, however, it was not successful because of the scope and other limiting factors. Following a targeted outreach by the C40 team to the Gap Fund, it is now confirmed that Mendoza is receiving early-stage support from the Gap Fund. Since the LTTAs offer follow the engagement and relationship building at in-person finance academies, additional time is needed to complete this deliverable as the last Finance Academy will be taking place towards the end of 2024.</p> <p>New proposed completion date: 30 June 2025.</p>	
	<p>Deliverable 1.5.6: 3 Investments profile briefs for financial institutions to be presented at investment roundtables (C40)</p>	2024-10-31	30%	67%	<p>The investor brief, a co-financed activity by Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI), for the Indian Zero-Emission Bus market was completed ahead of the UrbanShift Asia Forum in September 2023. The brief was used to structure the discussion at the Investor Roundtable and was presented by the C40 team during the event. An investor brief on adaptation has been developed to accompany the discussion at the Investor Roundtable at the LAC Forum in April 2024. The guide was based on project pipeline research, financial landscape, and existing city profiles. The guide was shared with the participating financial institutions in the lead up to the Forum. The final Investor Brief will accompany the Investor Roundtable event at the</p>	MS

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					Africa Forum, which will be held in Feb 2025. New proposed completion date: 31 July 2025.	
	Deliverable 1.5.7: 3 High-level Investor Roundtables (C40)	2024-10-31	15%	67%	The first High-level Investor Roundtable took place during the Asia Forum in September 2023. The exchange with investors and cities was on clean transportation: buses and freight. The Investor Roundtable was attended by city representatives, the French Development Agency, KfW Development Bank, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, and many others. The second investor roundtable was held during the LAC Forum in April 2024. Presenting at the event were 12 cities from across UrbanShift, C40 and GCoM networks: Barcarena, Belo Horizonte, Campo Grande, Curitiba, Florianópolis, Fortaleza, Maranguape, Quito, Rio De Janeiro, Salvador, São Paulo and Teresina. Alongside these cities were leading public financial institutions and investment facilities including KfW, IFC, Inter-American Development Bank, Global Environment Facility, the French Development Agency (AFD) Brazil, BNDES (Brazilian Development Bank), CAF, CAIXA, FonPlata, New Development Bank (NDB), GAP Fund and C40 Cities Finance Facility. Early, impactful results include advanced conversations and due diligence between five cities and regional financial institutions for project development support and potential financing for their adaptation projects. The last Investor Roundtable	MS

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					will be held during the Africa Forum in February 2025. New proposed completion date: 31 July 2025.	
	Deliverable 1.5.8: 4 annual TAP calls to collect projects seeking finance from SCIP cities (ICLEI)	2025-01-31	75% (3 out of 4)	100	Since the project's start, four TAP annual calls have opened (in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024). This reporting period included the 2023 TAP call, which closed 15 December 2023, and the 2024 TAP call, which opened for applications on 1 March and closes on 31 October 2024. All the calls have been published on the official TAP website, where the online application form is available in multiple languages. Applicants are further supported by a helpdesk which is managed by ICLEI. Each year prior to the call a webinar is held, and project mobilization is facilitated by ICLEI, its partners and through social media and other communications channels. The 2024 TAP webinar was held on March 1st.	MS
	Deliverable 1.5.9: 24 TAP projects screened and recommendations for improvement (ICLEI)	2025-01-31	37% (9 out of 24)	67% (16 of 24)	Between 2021 and 2023, 18 TAP applications have been received from UrbanShift cities. Of these, 16 were eligible infrastructure projects, which have been screened and provided with recommendations for improvement. Out of the 16 eligible projects, 7 projects have been approved into the TAP pipeline, receiving the TAP seal of approval, while the 9 remaining have been provided with recommendations for improvement and advised to resubmit their revised concepts. See the 2023 TAP Annual	MS

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					<p>Report for further details. In the 2023 cycle, 7 applications from UrbanShift cities were received. These were screened and provided with recommendations on how to improve their project concept. Three applications received in 2023 came from Indian cities (Surat, Pune and Puducherry) following successful mobilization during the UrbanShift Asia Forum in September 2023. Four applications from African cities (Kenema, Koidu, Dakar, Bo City) followed the UrbanShift Africa City Academy in Marrakech in February 2024. The UrbanShift team has been following up with other potential applicants who attended the Asia Forum and the Africa City Academy, and those who signaled an interest to submit applications. The 2024 TAP call was promoted at the UrbanShift LAC Forum in Belém in April 2024. The UrbanShift team has been following up with cities which attended and showed interest in submitting TAP applications. To encourage additional applications, the team will promote the TAP opportunity during upcoming City and Finance Academies.</p> <p>As the 2024 TAP application will be open until late 2024, we would like to extend the timeline for this activity into mid-2025, to finalize project screening and make recommendations.</p> <p>New proposed completion date: 30 September</p>	

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					2025.	
	Deliverable 1.5.10: 4 annual reports that include results from SCIP cities projects submitted via TAP (ICLEI)	2025-10-31	50% (2 out of 4)	75% (3 out of 4)	Two annual reports have been prepared and submitted, for the 2021, 2022 and 2023 TAP cycles. The 2024 TAP annual report will be prepared and published in Q2 2025.	MS
	Deliverable 1.5.11: 4 annual finance newsletters on upcoming opportunities for cities to access PPF and urban finance opportunities (ICLEI)	2025-01-31	25% (1 out of 4)	50% (2 out of 4)	Two finance newsletters have been published: the first in August 2022 and the second in August 2023. A third newsletter will be published in Q3 2024 and the last newsletter in Q3 2025. New proposed completion date: 30 September 2025.	MS
	Deliverable 1.5.12: 3 TAP approved project received technical support from ICLEI's finance specialists (ICLEI)	2025-09-30	100%	100%	Completed and reported on in previous reporting period.	HS
	Deliverable 1.5.13: 12 TAP projects presented to Project Preparation Facilities, TAP partners providing further services and/or to potential investors (public and private) (ICLEI)	2025-09-30	58% (7 out of 12)	58% (7 of 12)	Of the 16 applications received from UrbanShift cities in the 2021-2023 TAP cycles, 7 have been approved into the TAP pipeline and presented to partners, project preparation facilities and other financiers to access additional technical support and finance. They are: 1. The project "Mobility plan for the future" from Buenos Aires which pitched its concept at the 2022 ICLEI Daring Cities Conference in October 2022, the "Live pitch workshop: Transformative actions projects (TAP) in action - exploring climate infrastructure projects" and managed to access to technical assistance from the Gap Fund. 2. The project "Retrofit of Muhanga	MS

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					<p>Community Centres” which applied to the Gap Fund. It was rejected from the Gap Fund but has also submitted an application to the EU-Funded Smart Energy Solutions for Africa. If successful, the project will get technical assistance for its pre-feasibility study, supported with procurement and connected with investors. It was also introduced and shortlisted in the Call for Applications for the African Water Facility. If this application is successful, it will receive support from the AfDB.</p> <p>3. The project “Resilient food systems”, Kigali, was presented to the Resilience Initiative Africa and the Global Alliance for Future of Food and to the Lincoln Institute to explore the potential of land value capture to raise capital for the project.</p> <p>4. The project “Inclusive Public Spaces for a healthy and resilient Kigali” submitted a proposal with support from ICLEI and SWECO the G-STIC Climate Action Programme, which would provide additional technical assistance.</p> <p>5. The project “Enhancing environmental protection through School Project Competition” in Kigali was introduced to the Lincoln Institute to explore the potential for land value capture to raise capital for the project.</p> <p>6. The project “Establishing integrated municipal solid waste management facilities in DKI Jakarta” was selected and presented to</p>	

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					PowerTrust with the goal to explore the potential of carbon credits to generate finance. 7. The project from Bo City, "Sustainable Forest management through reforestation of reserve areas and community best management practices" pitched their project in the UrbanShift Marrakech City Academy to jury members representing different PPFs, such as the Gap Fund, UNCDF's IMIF and UN-Habitat's CIF. The applicants also participated in a session where the Gap Fund technical assistance was presented to them.	
	Output 1.6. National governments and cities receive support to take policy and political leadership to unlock action on sustainable and integrated urban planning	2025-08-31	15	60%	Overall, progress on this output has been delayed due to delays in child projects launch, resulting in slow readiness to engage at the policy level. From late 2022 onward, seven first National-Local Dialogues have been hosted (China, Costa Rica, Argentina, India, Indonesia, Rwanda and Brazil), five roadmap processes have been delivered (China, India, Rwanda, Costa Rica and Argentina) and five UrbanShift countries (Brazil, Costa Rica, Sierra Leone, Morocco and Rwanda) endorsed the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships for Climate Action (CHAMP) at COP28.	MS
	Deliverable 1.6.1: 9 preparatory plans for each National Dialogue in agreement with the relevant Implementing Agency for each child project with a clear outline of the National Dialogue structure, agenda, participants and expected outcomes (ICLEI)	2023-02-28	100% (0 out of 9)		Completed and reported on in previous reporting period.	S

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	Deliverable 1.6.2: 9 country factsheets on national urban policy (ICLEI)	2022-07-31	100% (9 out of 9)	100% (9 out of 9)	Completed and reported on in previous reporting period.	S
	Deliverable 1.6.3: 9 recommended roadmaps for multi-level government collaboration (plus updated roadmaps) (ICLEI)	2023-04-30	33% (3 out of 9)	55% (5 out of 9)	Roadmaps with policy recommendations and suggestions for enhanced multi-level governance and coordination have been developed for China, Argentina, Costa Rica, India, and Rwanda, following their first national-local dialogues.	MS
	Deliverable 1.6.4: At least 4 national commitments to sustainable urban development (ICLEI)	2025-09-30	0%	100% (4 of 4)	Five UrbanShift countries (Brazil, Costa Rica, Sierra Leone, Morocco and Rwanda) signed onto the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships for Climate Action (CHAMP) at COP28. Localized advocacy and capacity building activities through UrbanShift directly supported four of these countries (Brazil, Costa Rica, Morocco and Rwanda) to do so. This creates a conducive environment to accelerate subnational climate action going forward with national commitments. The second National-Local Dialogues will aim to build on and support these CHAMP pledges.	S
	Deliverable 1.6.5: 18 National Dialogues of which 6 include attendance and participation from women's organizations, NGOs, or child project gender focal points, female urban decisionmakers (ICLEI)	2025-04-30	28% (5 out of 18)	38% (7 of 18 National Dialogues complete)	In addition to the five National-Local Dialogues that we have already completed (and reported on previously) we hosted two additional National-Local Dialogues during this reporting period. They are: 1. The first National-Local Dialogue in Indonesia, held in Jakarta on 29 August 2023. 99 (52% female and 48% male) delegates participated in the dialogue. 2. The first National-Local Dialogue in	MS

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					Brazil, held in Florianopolis on 20 November 2023 had 23 (52% female and 48% male) participants in the event. Overall, the delivery of the first cluster of National-Local Dialogues is accelerating, with the roadmaps to be reviewed during the second cluster of dialogues in each country. New proposed completion date: 30 September 2025.	
	Deliverable 1.6.6: 1 report on lessons learned on multi-level collaboration (ICLEI)	2025-08-31	0	0	The lessons learned report will be compiled toward the end of the project and based on the outcomes of the national-local dialogues and the evolution of multilevel governance and multilevel action.	MS
2 Global Platform for knowledge management, exchange and program coordination	Output 2.1: Existing knowledge is curated, and a menu of sustainable urban development and integrated planning solutions is available to key urban actors and experts.	2024-07-31	80	60%	Overall, progress on this output has been delayed due to delays in child projects launch, resulting in slow readiness to engage at the policy level. From late 2022 onward, seven first National-Local Dialogues have been hosted (China, Costa Rica, Argentina, India, Indonesia, Rwanda and Brazil), five roadmap processes have been delivered (China, India, Rwanda, Costa Rica and Argentina) and five UrbanShift countries (Brazil, Costa Rica, Sierra Leone, Morocco and Rwanda) endorsed the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships for Climate Action (CHAMP) at COP28.	MS
	Deliverable 2.1.1: Library of Knowledge on the GP website with innovative solutions organized by the 8 themes of the city academies and others including 1 section focused on gender and urban	2021-04-30	100%	100%	The UrbanShift Resource Library currently includes 73 unique resources. During the reporting period, an additional 13 resources were	MS

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	sustainability (see Output 2.2) (WRI organizes and leads, with inputs from ICLEI, C40 and UNEP Cities)				added. One of these new resources “ Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Change Adaptation” – specifically highlights gender and offers contextual information, tools, and recommendations to help plan, design, and implement NBS for adaptation that advance gender equality and social inclusion while enhancing resilience, biodiversity, and ecosystem integrity.	
	Deliverable 2.1.2: 20 webinars (4 per year) (WRI leads and provides the platform, 5 webinars each for WRI, ICLEI, C40 and UNEP Cities)	2025-08-31	45% (9 out of 20)	60% (12 out of 20)	<p>UrbanShift has completed 3 webinars during the reporting period.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On 22 August 2023, ICLEI hosted a webinar on advancing more efficient and sustainable solutions with regional policy and design experts. The webinar had 101 participants (of which 49% were female). Find recordings of the webinar in English, Mandarin Chinese and Bahasa Indonesia. 2. On 22 November 2023, C40 hosted a webinar on Unlocking Africa's urban potential: improving informal settlements through sustainable planning. It shed light on the complexities of urban growth in Africa, with a particular emphasis on informal settlements through experiences of two cities: Freetown, Sierra Leone & Durban, South Africa. The webinar had 148 participants (of which 60% were female). The webinar was offered in French and English. 3. On 12 December 2023, WRI hosted a 	MS

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					<p>webinar titled Towards clean air for all in Latin American cities: the importance of an integrated approach that explored how Latin American cities are using data to understand air quality challenges and incorporate mitigation strategies into larger planning efforts. The webinar had 292 participants (of which 47% were female). The webinar was offered in Spanish, English and Portuguese.</p> <p>We are planning to host 4 webinars during the second half of 2024, ranging in topic from heat in cities, to multilevel governance and finance, and city-business collaboration.</p>	
	Output 2.2: New knowledge is generated and made available to key urban actors and experts responding to local demands and identified gaps, including case studies.	2022-05-30	50	100%	All UrbanShift City Academy module outlines have been reviewed, internal and external comments have been addressed and final versions cleared. The City Academy courses were launched at the Asia Forum in September 2023.	MS
	Deliverable 2.2.1: Methodology, process and quality review for designing and developing each module (WRI)	2021-01-31	100%	100%	Completed in previous reporting period.	HS
	Deliverable 2.2.2: 8 modules of content [6 thematic + 2 labs] to be used in City Academy face-to-face trainings and on the website in English and translated to Spanish, French, Portuguese, Chinese, and Indonesian Bahasa	2023-01-31	75%	100%	The UrbanShift Online City Academy was launched at the Asia Forum on 25 September 2023. The Global Platform has put together a robust, self-paced curriculum for each of the 8 topics: Green and Thriving Neighborhoods, Circular Economy, Integrated Climate Action Planning, Climate Finance, Accommodating Urban Growth, Integrated Urban Planning, Nature Based Solutions and Urban Biodiversity. The courses	MS

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					consist of peer-reviewed knowledge, research and case studies presented in an interactive learning format. The courses are available in six languages: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Bahasa Indonesia and Mandarin and can be accessed on the Online City Academy webpage. By the end of June 2024, 3,243 people had registered for the courses. Registrations were highest after the initial launch, but subsequent pushes (i.e. the February newsletter and the UrbanShift Latin America Forum) have also driven registrations. The team is prioritizing publicizing the resources during virtual and in-person engagements. Feedback on the courses has been strong, with users publicly sharing on social media that the courses are well-researched, robust, and provide a strong foundational knowledge for the subjects.	
	Output 2.3: Globalconvening space withwebsite is created andmade available for citiesto exchange knowledge	2025-10-31	50	80%	The UrbanShift website is functional, and frequently updated with UrbanShift events, resources, blogs and data products. The website is maintained and an exit strategy is under discussion.	MS
	Deliverable 2.3.1: 1 full functioning SCIP website with regularly updated content, and features listed in CEO Endorsement document (WRI)	2021-05-30	100%	100%	Completed in previous reporting period.	HS
	Deliverable 2.3.2: Website maintenance (WRI)	2025-10-31	50%	75%	The UrbanShift website is maintained on an ongoing basis. We recently increased the capacity of the Weglot translation tool on the website, demonstrating that the volume of content on the	MS

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					UrbanShift site has exceeded original expectations.	
	Deliverable 2.3.3: Website exit strategy for continuity and sustainability (WRI)	2025-06-30	0%	25%	We had only planned to work on this in April 2025, but the question of continuity of the website has come up sooner than expected. During the Belém Forum we began discussions with the GEF about the potential to continue the UrbanShift brand independently from the GEF funding cycles. Given their positive response, UNEP has begun leading discussions with WRI, C40 and ICLEI about the next iteration of UrbanShift, its structure, ambitions, governance model, target countries and cities, activities, and potential donors. These discussions are in early stage and will have bearing on the website strategy beyond the term of the GEF-funded project. The team will speed up the process based on initial recommendations from the Mid-Term Evaluation report.	MS
3 Advocacy, Awareness Raising and Partnerships	Output 3.1: Mayors or equivalent participating and new cities receives support to set science-based targets and prepare climate action plans	2025-10-31	20	64%	Several cities have received climate action support through city academies, finance academies, peer-to-peer exchanges, light-touch technical assistance and online training. Since the launch of the online course on Integrated Climate Action Planning until 30 June 2024, there have been 794 enrollments from people all over the world. More specifically, some cities received direct support to increase their climate ambition, such as Teresina (Brazil) that delivered a climate week in May 2024 and committed to the global	MS

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					Subnational Cooling Pledge, and Fes (Morocco) that received technical assistance on the peer review of its climate action plan	
	Deliverable 3.1.1: 9 climate leader cities (assumption 3 per region) (C40 leads with support from WRI and ICLEI regional coordinators)	2024-10-31	55% (5 out of 9)	>100% (11 of 9 climate leader cities identified)	No further updates from the latest report as the target has already been met. 11 cities have been actively involved as climate leader cities, after (1) hosting and/or actively participating in UrbanShift events, (2) sharing best practices on climate-related action and actively participating in UrbanShift events, and (3) having Mayoral engagement or equivalent in UrbanShift events (at least two out of these three criteria): Freetown, Marrakesh, Kigali (Africa), Buenos Aires, San José, Teresina, Florianopolis, Barranquilla (Latin America), Jakarta, Mumbai, Beijing (Asia).	MS
	Deliverable 3.1.2: 9 resolutions, declarations and/or commitments to increase climate action targets/science-based targets signed at high-level SCIP hosted events (assumption 1 commitment per country, 3 cities per region) (C40)	2024-04-30	22% (2 of 9)	89% (8 of 9)	In addition to [1] Race to Zero, [2] the Mayoral call for increased investment to halt biodiversity loss, [3] the city of Sao Paulo's commitment to C40's Urban Nature Accelerator, [4] and UrbanShift's advocacy efforts to reduce plastic pollution (Key Messages to the Second Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution (INC-2), there were four further activities to increase climate action targets in UrbanShift related events and cities: 1. Freetown committed to the Subnational Cooling Pledge at the UNEA-6 Cities and Regions Summit, in Nairobi, Kenya, February 2024 (5/9) 2. Belém committed to C40's Urban	MS

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					<p>Nature Accelerator during UrbanShift’s Latin America Regional Forum (6/9)</p> <p>3. Teresina committed to the Subnational Cooling Pledge during Teresina Climate Conference in May 2024 (7/9)</p> <p>4. Teresina signed onto the Circular Cities Declaration of Latin America and the Caribbean during the Teresina Climate Conference in May 2024.</p> <p>In the pipeline, the city of Dar Es Salaam is being engaged to join C40’s Urban Nature Accelerator, as a result of their participation at the City Academy in Marrakesh in February 2024 (8/9). Furthermore, we will explore additional commitments at the Africa Forum in February 2025.</p> <p>Footnote: even though some of these commitments didn’t happen at SCIP event, UrbanShift attribution was clear.</p> <p>New proposed completion date: 30 June 2025.</p>	
	Deliverable 3.1.3: 6 cities working towards a climate action plan aligned with Paris Agreement targets and are gender-sensitive (assumption 2 per region) (C40)	2025-10-31	33% (2 out of 6)	83% (5 of 6 cities working on climate action plans)	By 30 June 2024, 5 cities have received support from UrbanShift in developing their climate action plans (Freetown, Chennai, Teresina, Kenema, and Fes). Specifically, in Q1/Q2 2024, the city of Fes, Morocco received technical support for its climate action plan review through a request from the Gap Fund. A thorough peer review was conducted and communicated to the	MS

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					<p>World Bank team. Several suggestions were provided to make the CAP more ambitious and Paris-Aligned. The support was appreciated by the World Bank team due to its thorough review and detailed comments. Due to this support from UrbanShift, the city of Fes is one step closer to developing a CAP that is ambitious enough and aligned with the Paris Agreement. The C40 team is currently supporting the City of Ekurhuleni, South Africa to compile a CAP. The team seeks to build on existing inventories, risk assessments, etc. to create a comprehensive evidence-based CAP. This will be completed by the end of 2024. Whilst we are not adhering to the assumption of two cities per region, we have discussed the benefits of providing assistance to cities that are ready, willing and able to receive our support, in the spirit of completing our deliverables. The rationale for this adjusted approach will be made clear during the forthcoming project amendment.</p>	
	<p>Deliverable 3.1.4: 1 communication and engagement package on climate action and science-based targets for cities (C40)</p>	<p>2025-04-30</p>	<p>10%</p>	<p>25%</p>	<p>The concept note of this deliverable has been developed and reviewed by UrbanShift partners. Several planning meetings were conducted with delivery partners, such as the C40 Urban Planning and Design the C40 Sustainable Investment teams. There are three outputs that this package will deliver:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate Action Guide for Urban Planners: user-friendly report 2. Sustainable Investment Roadmap: 	<p>MS</p>

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					<p>interactive scrollytelling microwebsite</p> <p>3. Move the Money in Cities campaign: video interviews with finance experts</p> <p>The rationale for this package is to amplify the impact of existing initiatives instead of creating new initiatives that might duplicate efforts. This will be done in partnership with ongoing global initiatives, such as We Don't Have Time, the world's largest media platform for climate action, and another initiative that has a strong engagement in the Global South.</p>	
	Deliverable 3.1.5: At least 15 new cities reporting on the CDP-ICLEI unified reporting system to track climate action activities performed by them (ICLEI)	2025-10-31	26% (4 out of 15)	33% (5 out of 15)	Prior to UrbanShift, 22 GEF-7 and GEF-6 cities have been using the CDP-ICLEI Track to track their climate action activities. By June 2024, 5 more cities have started reporting using CDP-ICLEI Track. These cities are Melaka (2021), Surat (2022), Ushuaia (2022), Hue (2022), and Mar del Plata (2023).	MS
	Deliverable 3.1.6: 3 online training sessions (1 per region) to selected cities on how to use the CDP-ICLEI reporting system (ICLEI)	2024-11-30	66% (2 out of 3)	67% (2 of 3 online training sessions complete)	Two training webinars were offered in all 5 project languages and in all regions on 8 September 2022, on how to use the CDP-ICLEI Track for climate change mitigation and adaptation planning activities in cities. Recordings of the webinars are available on the UrbanShift website, here. Regional focused webinars are being planned for Q3 2024 in collaboration with CDP. New proposed completion date: 31 October 2024.	MS
	Output 3.2: Awareness of policy makers and key urban actors is	2025-09-30	66	96%	The global platform advocacy component has	MS

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	raised, and action is promoted at a global level on the importance of cities in the achievement of MEA goals				continued to progress well during this reporting period. We are on track or have exceeded our targets.	
	Deliverable 3.2.1: A 5- year advocacy plan (UNEP Cities)	2021-01-31	100%	100%	Completed in previous reporting period.	HS
	Deliverable 3.2.2: 5 detailed workplans for each GP year with the planned events presented in the EMT meetings (UNEP Cities)	2025-01-31	60% (3 out of 5)	80% (4 out of 5)	The 2021, 2022 and 2023 and 2024 advocacy plans are completed.	MS
	Deliverable 3.2.3: 5 high level events within the project lifetime including 30% of presentations by female urban decisionmakers (UNEP Cities)	2025-03-31	60% (3 out of 5)	100% (5 out of 5)	Two high-level events were organized during the reporting period: 1. GEF Assembly High-Level Roundtable and Side event (24 August 2023): Convened by the GEF in collaboration with UNEP-led UrbanShift (GEF-7) and the World Bank's Global Platform for Sustainable Cities (GEF-6), the high-level Roundtable explored ways in which cities can take decisive action and use integrated and nature-based solutions to promote greener and low carbon development and foster a healthier relationship of cities with surrounding ecosystems. It gathered high-level representatives from San José, Recife, Asuncion, Asian Development Bank, BOAD, EBRD, FARO, US State Department, the GEF Secretariat, the World Bank and the UrbanShift Global Platform partners, WRI, ICLEI, C40 and UNEP. 65% of the speakers were female. In addition, UrbanShift organized a side event on 22 August 2023. It explored innovative solutions and approaches that can play a pivotal role in overcoming barriers to the use of nature-based solutions, while promoting inclusivity, gender equality, and youth	MS

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					<p>engagement. It engaged participants in a discussion to explore and envision innovative solutions for integrating nature into cities. 75% of the speakers were female. For more information, see this UrbanShift blog. Attendance was estimated at about 100 participants for both events but no details on attendance were gathered.</p> <p>2. The Third Edition of the UNEA-6 Cities and Regions Summit (23 February 2024) convened by UNEP, in collaboration with partners such as UN-Habitat, C40 and WRI. The event was held as an associated event to the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), and discussed various ways to strengthen multi-level governance and urban financing to support effective and inclusive multilateral actions to address the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. The Summit brought together more than 80 attendees in person and 475 attendees online and in person, including national and subnational leaders, subnational officials, and representatives from city networks, international organizations, civil society, and the private sector. 246 participants were female and 220 participants were male. 52% of the speakers were female. The agenda and the outcomes are available at this link. In addition, ICLEI on behalf of UrbanShift, mobilized the Mayor of Niteroi,</p>	

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					Axel Schmidt Graef, to participate in the CHAMP endorsers roundtable at Daring Cities 2024 on June 4th 2024. The Mayor highlighted the importance of consulting with subnational governments, creating inclusive processes for NDC enhancement, and prioritizing subnational projects in climate-related investments. Additionally the Mayor also participated in the Dialogue on multilevel partnerships for enhanced NDCs with the COP28 and COP29 High-Level Champions on June 5th, 2024 at SB60 highlighting the Brazilian Minister of Environment's recent announcement of an emergency climate plan focused on cities, highlighting the urgency and proactive measures being taken.	
	Deliverable 3.2.4: 10 side events including 30% of presentations by female urban decisionmakers (UNEP Cities)	2025-06-30	100% (10 out of 10)	>100% (12 of 10 side events complete)	In addition to the 10 side events previously reported on, two side events were organized during this reporting period: 1. World Forum on Urban Forests Side Event - UrbanShift: Leveraging urban biodiversity & forests to create inclusive and equitable cities (17 October 2023). This session convened city representatives, urban development practitioners, and forestry experts who operate at the intersection of integrated urban planning, nature, green infrastructure, and food and agriculture systems. The speakers shared best practices regarding how urban planning can effectively integrate urban forests and biodiversity to foster the creation of healthy,	MS

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					<p>inclusive, and equitable urban environments. 57% of the speakers were female. Attendance was estimated at about 50 participants but no details on attendance were gathered.</p> <p>2. UrbanShift's COP28 side event and associated activities (8 December 2023). The event was organized in the UNEP Pavilion and was well attended. By focusing on core elements such as resilient urban planning, multi-level governance, integration to international processes, and access to international climate finance, this session explored how to unlock some of the barriers that cities are facing. It showcased concrete examples from Indonesia, Morocco, and Brazil. The 2023 UrbanShift Annual Report was launched during the event. 50% of the speakers were female. Attendance was estimated at about 50 participants but no details on attendance were gathered. In addition, UrbanShift contributed to the organization of several events at COP28, providing inputs to the agenda & outcome documents and inviting UrbanShift speakers. These events are: Local Leaders Action Summit, UN Habitat Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change; One UN Event: UN raising ambition and delivery on the ground: multilevel climate action for local resilience. These events were an opportunity to showcase results from UrbanShift and amplify our advocacy message on the importance of multi-level governance for</p>	

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					climate action.	
	Deliverable 3.2.5: 5 regional events including 30% of presentations by female urban decisionmakers (UNEP Cities)	2025-09-30	>100% (6/5)	>100% (6/5)	The UrbanShift Asia Forum in September 2023 and the UrbanShift LAC Forum in April 2024 were opportunities for disseminating the advocacy messages through regional gathering. Multi-level governance and financing were key elements on the agenda of both forums. Given that the two Forums are already reported under other Outputs, they are not counted under this deliverable.	MS
	Output 3.3: Private sector networks and cities are mobilized to forge city- business partnerships	2024-10-31	15	75%	C40 organized the second UrbanShift City-Business Hub in Belém and delivered a CBCA Workshop on Sustainable Tourism in Belém in April 2024, launched the guide in Portuguese and Spanish, and delivered a CBCA Workshop for African Cities in Cape Town building on public-private collaboration in Global South cities in Feb 2024, , and continued supporting UrbanShift cities through the City-Business Climate Alliance programme. The first City Business Collaborator Accelerator (CiBiX) workshop was held in China.	MS
	Deliverable 3.3.1: 3 City- Business Marketplaces in collaboration with the CBCA partners (WBCSD and CDP) (C40)	2024-10-31	20%	67% (2 of 3)	C40 organized the second UrbanShift City-Business Hub as part of the Latin America Forum in April 2024, working with CDP, Sistema B, Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs, the World Economic Forum, and many other partners to develop the agenda and invite speakers and guests. This panel focused event brought speakers from more than 10 businesses, and 6 cities, to convene and discuss the opportunities in	MS

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					<p>public-private collaboration across priority topic areas. Alongside the Hub, the C40 team also organized a City-Business Climate Alliance (CBCA) workshop focused on how cities and businesses can collaborate on sustainable tourism. In terms of gender representation, we had a good balance with 14 female and 15 male speakers across both events. There were also more female participants than male participants.</p> <p>This activity will be completed during the Africa Forum, planned for Q1/2 2025. New proposed completion date: 31 July 2025.</p>	
	Deliverable 3.3.2: 1 publication on private sector and cities collaboration that considers gender issues (best practices case study) (C40)	2023-10-31	50%	100%	<p>During the Latin America Forum, we launched the guide on public-private collaboration to accelerate sustainable urban development in Global South cities in Portuguese and Spanish. The workshop was attended by 100 people, including representatives from 12 cities. Since the launch of the guide, there has been very positive feedback from a multitude of stakeholders, and it has formed the basis for many CBCA UrbanShift workshop activities such as the workshop held in Cape Town on the margins of the African Green Economy Summit (deliverable 3.3.3) and the Sustainable Tourism workshop at the Belém Forum.</p>	MS
	Deliverable 3.3.3: 6 applications from SCIP cities to join the CBCA (C40)	2023-11-30	17% (1 out of 6)	>100% (7 of 6)	<p>In February 2024 the C40 team delivered a CBCA Workshop for African Cities on the sidelines of the African Green Economy Summit in Cape</p>	MS

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					Town. The city officials in attendance were representing climate or economic development from Johannesburg, Cape Town, Freetown, Tshwane, Durban, and Accra. Following the workshop, all cities agreed to join the CBCA Forum and maintain regular updates and support from C40 on business engagement. C40 will also seek to formally bring Pune, Surat, and Chennai into the Forum network to ensure they receive these updates and support. We continue to offer coaching and guidance to Buenos Aires, following the launch of their CBCA in October 2022	
	Deliverable 3.3.4: 3 CiBiX workshops (ICLEI)	2023-10-31	10%	33% (1 of 3)	The first CiBiX workshop took place in Chengdu, China on 28, May 2024. During the interactive ideator workshop, representatives from Chengdu Development and Reform Commission, Bureau of Ecology and Environment, and Foreign Affairs Office, together with the business representatives, discussed the challenges faced by the city in the area of green and low-carbon development. New proposed completion date: 31 August 2025.	MS
	Output 3.4: The SCIP Global Platform partnership vision on integrated sustainable urban planning is communicated to policy makers and key urban actors	2025-10-31	50	85%	Various communication components are advancing as planned, including blogs, newsletters, support for all UrbanShift events, videos, and annual reports.	MS
	Deliverable 3.4.1: 1 SCIP gender-sensitive communications and social media strategy updated as needed (WRI)	2021-04-30	100%	100%	Completed in previous reporting period.	HS
	Deliverable 3.4.2: 1 branding package for trainings, events and	2021-01-31	100%	100%	Completed in previous reporting period.	HS

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	activities (WRI)					
	Deliverable 3.4.3: 1 Media strategy for each SCIP event [SCIP Forum, Regional City Academies, Peer Exchanges] (WRI)	2025-02-28	50%	75%	We produce visual assets, event pages, social media and/or email marketing plans for all UrbanShift events, which can be found on the UrbanShift events webpage. New proposed completion date: 31 October 2025 (to align with completion of UrbanShift activities).	MS
	Deliverable 3.4.4: 15 blogs on lessons learned/best practices from SCIP and other	2025-06-30	>100% (17 of 15 blogs published)	>100% (27 of 15 blogs published)	During this reporting period we published 8 blogs: 1. How Data and Integrated Planning Approaches Can Help Cities Fight Air Pollution. Key takeaways from a WRI-led webinar on air quality in Latin American cities. Published December 21, 2023. 2. Looking Back on 2023 and Ahead To 2024: Supporting Integrated Urban Planning to Tackle the Climate, Nature and Pollution Crises. A comprehensive reflection on UrbanShift's previous year of activities, and a thematic overview of the year ahead. Published January 24, 2024. 3. Local Climate Action at the Forefront: How the Unea-6 Cities & Regions Summit Elevated the Needs and Potential of Subnational Governments. Reflections from the UNEP-led summit on multi-level governance. Published March 11, 2024. 4. Can You Build an investment-ready Climate Project? Takeaways from the ICLEI-led course on Accessing Urban Climate Finance during the UrbanShift Latin America Forum.	MS

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					<p>Published May 7, 2024.</p> <p>5. Laying The Foundation for the Green, Resilient Cities of the Future in Latin America. Comprehensive overview of the UrbanShift Latin America Forum and key thematic takeaways. Published May 9, 2024.</p> <p>6. Circular Cities at the Forefront: Insights from UrbanShift’s Latin America Forum. Key takeaways from the ICLEI-led course on Circular Economy at the UrbanShift Latin America Forum. Published May 14, 2024.</p> <p>7. How An Urban Bioeconomy Can Promote Healthy Ecosystems and Spur Sustainable Economic Prosperity. Reflections on the potential of an urban bioeconomy, highlighted during the City-Business Hub session during the UrbanShift Latin America Forum. Published May 22, 2024.</p> <p>8. Navigating Urban Biodiversity and Finance: Insights from UrbanShift’s Marrakech City Academy. Highlighting main lessons and takeaways from the two City Academy courses offered in Marrakech. Published June 6, 2024.</p>	
	Deliverable 3.4.5: 3 videos for SCIP forums (WRI)	2024-10-31	66% (2 out of 3)	>100% (5 of 3 videos produced)	In place of developing videos only for the UrbanShift Forums, we have developed a 2-minute video describing the offer of the UrbanShift global platform, as a “sequel” to the launch video. This adjustment will be reflected in the next work plan revision. In 2024, we also created and published three videos that debuted	MS

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					at the UrbanShift Latin America Forum (available with Spanish, Portuguese, and English subtitles). These videos highlight the actions and experiences of the UrbanShift network in Latin America, and span the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflecting on the UrbanShift City Academy Transforming Cities with UrbanShift How UrbanShift Supports Integrated Urban Planning In total, 6 people were interviewed in the videos, 5 of whom were female project leaders/focal points, and one male.	
	Deliverable 3.4.6: 16 Quarterly newsletters starting Year 2 (WRI)	2025-10-31	38% (6 out of 16)	62% (10 of 16)	We published 2 newsletters during this reporting period: February 2024 and May 2024. We have more than 6,700 newsletter subscribers, and the subscription rate has increased by 15% during the reporting period. The average open rate for emails sent is 31% (higher than the rule of thumb for industry which is estimated between 17-28%). All newsletters are also available on the UrbanShift website in six languages: Newsletters UrbanShift (shiftcities.org).	MS
	Deliverable 3.4.7: 5 external-facing annual reports (WRI)	2025-10-31	40% (2 out of 5)	60% (3 of 5)	The second UrbanShift Annual Report was published on 8 December 2023, and launched during the UrbanShift side event at COP28 'Reinventing cities: Unlocking action for a resilient urban future'. The Annual Report showcases UrbanShift's milestones over the year 2022-2023 and features stories, photographs and quotes	MS

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					describing progress on the child projects and the global platform activities. The third Annual Report is under development and will be published in Q4 2024, potentially during a global event (TBC).	
4 Output 3.4: The SCIP Global Platform partnership vision on integrated sustainable urban planning is communicated to policy makers and key urban actors	Output 4.1: M&E systems and project coordination are applied by the project teams and governance bodies	2025-10-31	50	72%	UrbanShift is holding regular meetings between implementing partners, PEG members, and Steering Committee members, and continuing the efforts to monitor and report progress, both internally and externally.	MS
	Deliverable 4.1.1: Template and guide for collecting all child project annual progress in subsequent years for contributing to the GP annual monitoring report (WRI)	2022-01-31	85%	100%	A template has been developed and used for two consecutive years for Annual Report inputs from the country child projects.	MS
	Deliverable 4.1.2: 10 monitoring plans, coming from each child project results frameworks (4 WRI, 3 ICLEI, 3 C40)	2022-01-31	100%		Completed in previous reporting period.	
	Deliverable 4.1.3: Interactive section on the GP website for hosting the template and collecting child project indicators, baselines, targets and progress (WRI)	2022-01-31	100%	100%	The website includes a geospatial baseline indicators portal as part of the Data Hub and child project pages and summaries. However, it is not interactive per this deliverable. Instead, the Global Platform will collect information about child project progress through the required semi-annual reporting mechanisms mentioned above (Deliverable 4.1.1). The deliverable will be revised in the upcoming workplan revision.	MS
	Deliverable 4.1.4: 5 annual monitoring reports, 2 printed reports (year one and year five) to be folded in the GP annual report (WRI with UNEP)	2025-10-31	40%	60% (3 of 5)	The M&E report for 2023 is included in the latest Annual Report. It details M&E planning progress for each child project, alongside a few examples of progress towards outcomes and impacts from	MS

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					a selection of the country projects. The new M&E section for the 2024 Annual Report has been outlined and relevant questions have been added to the Annual Report questionnaires.	
	Deliverable 4.1.5: 3 face-to-face SC meetings back-to-back with the SCIP Forums and associated meeting reports (WRI with UNEP)	2024-10-31	0%	0%	These will be replaced by virtual meetings, to be held annually, to be considered in the upcoming workplan revision. We have not held face-to-face SC meetings and agreed not to hold a SC meeting at the Asia Forum (due to time zone constraints with bringing people together virtually from around the world). These planned in-person meetings have been replaced by virtual meetings, to be held annually, and to be considered in the upcoming workplan revision. We have hosted two "coffee chats" for UrbanShift country project Implementing Agencies – one in January and one in June 2024 – which arose as a recommendation for enhanced engagement between global and country projects from the steering committee meetings. This deliverable will be revised during the next project amendment. We will plan to host a virtual final SC meeting in 2025. New proposed completion date: 30 September 2025.	MS
	Deliverable 4.1.6: 2 virtual meetings of SC and associated meeting reports (WRI with UNEP) + Principals meetings	2025-06-30	50%	100%	The second virtual SC meeting took place on 16 November 2023, with good attendance and engagement of the global platform and child project Implementing and Executing Agencies. Directors' meetings continue on a monthly	MS

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					cadence, and sometimes more frequently as needed.	
	Deliverable 4.1.7: 5 Executive Management Team Meetings and associated meeting reports (WRI)	2025-05-31	60% (3 of 5)	60% (3 of 5)	No EMT meetings were held during this reporting period.	MS
	Deliverable 4.1.8: 4 Partnership Engagement Group (PEG) meetings and associated meeting reports (WRI with UNEP)	2024-10-31	75% (3 of 4)	100% (4 of 4)	<p>The 2023 PEG Meeting took place online during the previous reporting period on 10 May 2023. Invitations were extended to the PEG members to attend the UrbanShift Asia Forum in Delhi in September 2023 and several of them joined, including representatives from IUCN, UN Habitat, Climate Policy Initiative, The Nature Conservancy, GCoM and CDP.</p> <p>The 4th UrbanShift Partnership Engagement Group (PEG) meeting took place online during the current reporting period on 21 May 2024. PEG members such as IUCN, the European Space Agency and UNDP convened to discuss UrbanShift's past achievements and future activities, share updates from each partner organization, and identify synergies for joint upcoming work, in particular for joint advocacy around the 2024 themes for the UrbanShift advocacy plan (multi-level governance and urban financing). PEG members were invited to attend the UrbanShift LAC forum and 8 PEG members, including from academia, attended the forum including CDP, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, University of Pennsylvania, GIZ, FAO, and UN Habitat.</p>	MS

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	Deliverable 4.1.9: 2 gender action plan reports (mid-terminal and terminal) (WRI)	2025-10-31	0%	0%	Not applicable for this reporting period.	MS
	Deliverable 4.1.10: Tracking system to address recommendations from Steering Committee (WRI)	2022-01-31	100%	100%	We have collected, documented, and circulated the minutes from the second Steering Committee meeting, which include the recommendations received from Implementing and Executing Agency Steering Committee members. In advance of the next Steering Committee meeting, the minutes with the recommendations and decision points will be recirculated to refresh all attendees.	MS

The Task Manager will decide on the relevant level of disaggregation (i.e. either at the output or activity level).

4 Risks

4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

Please refer to the Risk Help Sheet for more details on rating

Risk Factor	EA Rating	TM Rating
1 Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	Low	Low
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Low	Low
3 Implementation schedule	Low	Low
4 Budget	Low	Low
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Low	Low
7 Capacity to deliver	Low	Low

If any of the risk factors is rated a Moderate or higher, please include it in Table B below

4.2 Table B. Risk-log

Implementation Status (Current PIR)

Insert ALL the risks identified either at CEO endorsement (inc. safeguards screening), previous/current PIRs, and MTRs. Use the last line to propose a suggested consolidated rating.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
CEO Endorsement										
COVID-19 pandemic slows down project implementation	Outcomes 1, 2, 3	M	M	L	L				=	There is no longer any material risk from the impact of COVID-19 to the project.
Weather related risk, exacerbated by climate change	Outcomes 1, 2, 3	L	L	L	L				=	Weather does not generally impact the UrbanShift global platform

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										activities, but we do take into consideration the time of the year when planning activities, so as not to schedule them during times of heavy rain, extreme heat, or extreme cold. For example, we will attempt to avoid the monsoon season when scheduling the upcoming India Lab (planned for Q4 2024).
There is poor coordination and responsiveness between the global Child Projects and the country Child Projects.	Outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4	M	M	M	L				↓	Overall, coordination between the global platform and the child projects has improved over the past year, as all of the child projects have commenced project implementation. Good coordination helps to ensure timely and relevant delivery of global platform activities but the success and efficacy of coordination efforts varies by country, depending on management styles, culture and capacity to respond to global platform requests. The Global Platform team has learned how to best coordinate with the country projects on a country-by-country basis, hence the suggestion to downgrade this risk to low.
Implementing Agencies slow or hinder access to and communication with country and	Outcomes 1, 2, 3	M	M	L	L				=	Implementing Agencies are critical partners in facilitating good access to

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
citystakeholders										country and city stakeholders for each child project. This dynamic varies by country, but overall, the Implementing Agencies are supportive and effective in facilitating communication with the executing agencies and city officials.
Country Child Projects donot set aside sufficientfunding to participate inor co-sponsor GP events	Outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4	M	L	L	M				↑	Despite the request for country projects to set aside funding to participate in global platform activities, various challenges have materialized that jeopardizes this, necessitating upgrading this risk to medium.In Argentina, political changes and country-wide economic instability have left the child project unable to access the funding specifically set aside for cities to participate in global platform activities, such as the LAC Forum. We have worked closely with the Implementing Agencies (IAs) to identify alternative mechanisms and funding sources to ensure the participation of GEF-7 cities in the Global Platform (GP) activities, please refer to table C below. In Sierra Leone, 90% of the original budget set aside for global platform activities has

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										<p>been utilized (due to initial underestimations of the cost of travelling to and from Sierra Leone), risking the participation of representatives from Sierra Leone in subsequent global platform activities such as the Africa Forum in February 2025. Additional funding has been requested through the Implementing Agency and assurance has been given that representatives from Sierra Leone will be facilitated to participate in the Africa Forum. An important consideration for the implementation of Global Platform activities is that Country Projects need to start the process to budget for and access child project funding and approval for travel during their country's regular budget cycle and oftentimes many months in advance of global platform activities. The UrbanShift Regional and Country Coordinators thus communicate with country projects on a yearly budget cycle basis, to plan for necessary travel and expenditures. The effectiveness of this approach varies by country and can be very time consuming. Some</p>

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										countries are very transparent about their budgets and others are not, which presents challenges to provide support.
Elections trigger leadership changes and projects lose their support	Outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4	M	L	L	M				↑	When project leadership shifts (for example in Brazil and Costa Rica in the past), the project team has been intentional about reintroducing the global platform to the new authorities. Upcoming political changes present risks to the project, including in India and Rwanda. The political dynamic in Argentina continues to pose a risk. This risk is being upgraded to medium, and the project team and country/regional coordinators are closely monitoring local political situations, which requires a country-by-country and case-by-case approach.
Child Projects do not institutionalize integrated planning approaches due to competing government priorities	Outcomes 1 & 2	M	M	M	M				=	The capacity of the Global Platform to influence decision making and national policy in the countries remains limited, hence the maintenance of this risk as medium.
The GP does not have sufficient outreach to bring additional partners to the program.	Outcomes 3 & 4	M	L	L	L				=	This is a low and immaterial risk to the project. The project team has hosted four Partnership Engagement Group (PEG) meetings since the

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										project's start. Many PEG partners and beyond, with deep technical expertise and contextual relevance to the UrbanShift thematic topics, have collaborated in the global platform's advocacy events. capacity building activities, communications and awareness raising. For each event, the global platform team continues to broach collaboration opportunities with PEG members and other partners.
City officials are not convinced by integrated planning approach to change their existing approaches.	Outcomes 1, 2, 3	M	M	L	L				=	This risk rating is being maintained as low. The political economy of the child project countries means that the capacity of city-level staff to implement changes in their countries is often varied, and sometimes limited. However, city officials who participate in global platform capacity building activities are interested, engaged and motivated by the content and have a desire to apply it and their learnings to their country projects (as evidenced by responses from post-event evaluation and 6-month post event impact surveys).
Governments do not commit to long term policy changes	Outcome 1	M	M	M	M				=	This is a considerable risk that will be maintained as medium. It is

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										influenced by three variables: (1) policy changes take many years to influence and impact, (2) bureaucracy and competing interests often hinder the timeliness of environmentally beneficial policy change, and (3) the capacity of the Global Platform to influence policy change in the project countries is limited.
Time lag of results: the results from the SCIP might not be fully seen until after the five-year project timeframe	Outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4	M	M	M	M				=	As with the vast majority of environment/development projects, results and impact after implementation often take time. This "time lag" is a real risk to the perceived success of the UrbanShift project. This risk is further exacerbated by the significant delay in the start-up of most of the country projects, meaning that the global platform project will conclude well before most of the country projects conclude.
Budget	Outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4	N/A	N/A	M	L				↓	This risk is being downgraded to low, because the global platform budget is being very carefully monitored and we have secured additional funding to support staff time through the end of the project.
Reporting	Outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4	N/A	N/A	M	L				↓	The project has a new financial

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										manager and the audit has been completed, hence the downgrading of this risk to low.
		N/A	M	M	M				=	Overall, the project will maintain a moderate risk given political challenges, and complex governance and implementation structures, including partially misaligned timelines between the Global Platform and Child Projects and limited influence of local government officials to effect change. Importantly, the global platform is not at risk of not delivering its full scope.

4.3 Table C. Outstanding Moderate, Significant, and High risks

Additional mitigation measures for the next periods

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
Country Child Projects do not set aside sufficient funding to participate in or co-sponsor GP events.	- N/A. This risk was rated low in the previous PIR.	- We have engaged with the World Bank and Sierra Leone project team to request additional funds for participation in global platform events.-We have also worked closely with UNEP to identify alternative mechanisms and funding sources to ensure the participation of GEF-7 cities in the Global Platform (GP) activities, as well as invitees from GEF-6 and GEF-8 in LAC. In the Adaptation Finance Academy in Santiago (November 2023), UrbanShift provided per diems for Argentine participants, in a total of 10 participants. For the UrbanShift LAC Forum in Belém (April 2024), travel costs for participants from	1. Provide support to countries during fiscal year budgeting cycles to ensure that they have budgeted appropriately to participate in global platform activities. 2. Explore alternate ways/sources of finance for country representatives to attend global platform activities, including by mobilizing and leveraging PEG members. 3. List the upcoming events where budget could be an issue.	1. Quarterly, and once per year during country project fiscal year planning processes. 2. On an ad-hoc, opportunistic, as-needed basis. Particularly 4 months before upcoming events. 3. End of September 2024.	1. Country and regional coordinators. 2. Country and regional coordinators and project managers from the four global platform executing agencies. 3. Project Manager.

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
		<p>Cuba were covered through close coordination between UrbanShift, UNDP, and the World Bank, due to limited resource mobilization mechanisms for Cuba. Most recently, for the second peer-to-peer exchange for Latin American cities in Rotterdam (September 2024), UrbanShift is covering part of the expenses for delegations from Costa Rica and Argentina, enabling these countries to confirm the participation of three cities—San José from Costa Rica, and Salta and Mar del Plata from Argentina—with a total of five participants sponsored.</p> <p>- Country and regional coordinators have been proactive in engaging with their executing agencies to ensure funds are set aside for global</p>			

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
		platform activities. - Country and regional coordinators have supported each other on the ways to engage executing agencies to financially plan for upcoming global platform expenses.			
Elections trigger leadership changes and projects lose their support.	- N/A. This risk was rated low in the previous PIR.	- We have anticipated and planned for political changes by monitoring election timelines for each country. - We have tried to quickly engage new country counterparts when elections result in project staff turnover.	1. Monitor election cycles and political changes and plan for potential outcomes and mitigation scenarios. 2. Utilize existing communication channels and technical/bureaucratic contacts to rapidly re-engage new country focal points after project staff turnover following elections.	1. Ongoing throughout the year as elections take place. Upcoming elections include: Rwanda in July, India from September to October. 2. Ongoing, as soon as possible after elections.	1. Country and regional coordinators, and WRI's project manager. In India, ICLEI's country coordinator is monitoring the situation. In Rwanda, C40's regional coordinator is monitoring the situation. 2. Country and regional coordinators.
Child Projects do not institutionalize integrated planning approaches due to competing government priorities.	- We will seek to engage high-level country and city leadership at the LAC Forum in Brazil. - We plan to engage GEF-8 countries and cities in the UrbanShift Global	- We have utilized our opportunities to engage high-level representatives from the UrbanShift countries (including senior political and technical leadership in national and	1. We will engage senior political representatives (including mayors) at our capacity building and advocacy events, through the remainder of the project.	1. Throughout the year during capacity building and advocacy events, such as the Jakarta City Academy, the Africa Forum the World Urban Forum (October 2024), CBD	1. Relevant executing agency project managers and delivery teams responsible for organizing specific events. 2. WRI and UNEP will execute the project

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
	<p>Platform activities. We have invited several representatives from GEF-8 countries to the LAC Forum and the Marrakech City Academy, so as to start capacitating the next generation of GEF SCIP cities on the importance of the integrated approach.</p>	<p>city governments) at UrbanShift events, such as the Latin American Forum in April 2024, during which we promoted the engagement of senior officials from the Brazilian Government to highlight and further encourage Brazil’s commitment to the integrated urban development agenda.</p> <p>- We have used our advocacy events as an opportunity to raise the profile of country and city leaders that support the integrated urban development agenda, for example during the World Forum on Urban Forests and COP28. This helps laggard cities “see” their peers who are leading using an integrated urban development approach and inspires them to follow suit.</p>	<p>2. During the forthcoming project and budget amendment, we will set aside additional funding to support travel costs for city mayors and high-level leaders, to attend GP and other events</p> <p>3. We will use our capacity building activities to engage country project managers (from the executing agencies) to share the importance of an integrated approach to urban development and collect their feedback from our events.</p> <p>4. We will apply and use post-event and impact evaluation surveys to gather feedback from participants and tailor our events to be more impactful, relevant and demand-responsive for our target stakeholders. A lessons learnt presentation based on this feedback will</p>	<p>COP16 (November 2024) and UNFCCC COP29 (November 2024).</p> <p>2. Budget amendment will be executed in Q3/4 2024.</p> <p>3. Indonesia City Academy (27-29 August 2024), India Lab (Q4 2024), Africa Forum (17-21 February 2025).</p> <p>4. Throughout the year during capacity building events, including for the ones mentioned above.</p>	<p>amendment. All Executing Agency partners will set aside additional funding to sponsor city officials travel to events.</p> <p>3. ICLEI for the Indonesia City Academy, WRI for the India Lab. and C40 for the Africa Forum.</p> <p>4. Executing agency delivery teams responsible for organizing events.</p>

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
			be done during a regular call in Q3 2024.		
Governments do not commit to long term policy changes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliver robust roadmaps to country/city focal points and decision/policy makers, which include specific policy related follow-up recommendations. - Seek to engage high-level government officials in Global Platform advocacy activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have engaged national stakeholders in preparation for the upcoming National-Local Dialogues to build political support for the integrated approach to integrated urban development. - We have drafted Roadmaps. which are sent to country project partners. to kick off the discussions on continued national-local collaboration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tailor second National-Local Dialogues to cater to country interest and demands. 2. Explore how to utilize CHAMP and SURGE to embed national-local dialogues in broader multi-level action processes that the UrbanShift countries have adhered to. 3. Explore additional ways to access national-level decision makers (particularly for the Africa Forum). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. During planning for each national-local dialogue (e.g., NLD in Morocco in September and in Argentina in October (both TBC) 2. Throughout the year, as CHAMP activities begin to be implemented. 3. Q3/4 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ICLEI and WRI 2. ICLEI and WRI 3. C40 and WRI
Time lag of results: the results from the SCIP might not be fully seen until after the five-year project timeframe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project impact evaluation (once project is concluded) will measure long-term impact of UrbanShift activities. - A potential methodology to estimate GHG emissions and land restoration impacts will be discussed in Q1 2024. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have revised the methodology for core impact targets. including GHG emissions. biodiversity improvements and beneficiaries. - We have hosted coffee chat meetings with the country implementing agencies to explain the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request the new core impact indicator methodology to be approved, and then measure progress against the core indicators, for inclusion in the next half yearly progress report. 2. Review country project PIRs and M&E 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Q3 2024 2. Q2-3 2024 3. Q3-4 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WRI 2. WRI and UNEP 3. WRI and UNEP

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
	<p>The global platform team will suggest a methodology for the independent evaluator to weigh in on (for the GHG emissions target).</p>	<p>monitoring and evaluation requests in the 2024 annual report questionnaire. This information will help us assess the results and impact of each country project.</p>	<p>sections from Annual Report questionnaires to determine quantitative results of country projects, and corrective action/expectation setting where needed.</p> <p>3. Illustrate the impact of country projects for external readers in the 2024 Annual Report (the global program’s key opportunity to articulate its results and impact), including both quantitative and qualitative evidence.</p>		

High Risk (H): There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks. Significant Risk (S): There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold and/or the project may face substantial risks. Moderate Risk (M): There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks. Low Risk (L): There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.

5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

Project Minor Amendments

Minor amendments are changes to the project design or implementation that do not have significant impact on the project objectives or scope, or an increase of the GEF project financing up to 5% as described in Annex 9 of the Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines. Please tick each category for which a change occurred in the fiscal year of reporting and provide a description of the change that occurred in the textbox. You may attach supporting document as appropriate

5.1 Table A: Listing of all Minor Amendment (TM)

Minor Amendments	Changes
Results Framework:	No
Components and Cost:	No
Institutional and implementation arrangements:	No
Financial Management:	No
Implementation Schedule:	
Executing Entity:	No
Executing Entity Category:	No
Minor project objective change:	No
Safeguards:	No
Risk analysis:	No
Increase of GEF financing up to 5%:	No
Location of project activity:	No
Other:	No

Minor amendments

No

5.2 Table B: History of project revisions and/or extensions (TM)

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
Amendment 1	Revision	2022-01-24	2022-05-10	2026-10-31	Budget revision to reflect changes in staff costs, and reallocating travel savings mainly to translation costs. Timeline in the workplan updated without major changes in deliverable. Project Cooperation Agreement revised to reflect Intellectual Property rights agreements.

GEO Location Information:

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate. Web mapping applications such as OpenStreetMap or GeoNames use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: <https://coordinates-converter.com> Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking here

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Mendoza	-32.8895	-68.8458	3844421	City of Mendoza, Argentina	GEF-7 City
Salta	-24.7821	-65.4232	3838233	City of Salta, Argentina	GEF-7 City
Mar del Plata	-38.0055	-57.5426	3430863	City of Mar del Plata, Argentina	GEF-7 City
Ushuaia	-54.8019	-68.303	3833367	City of Ushuaia, Argentina	GEF-7 City

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Buenos Aires	-34.6037	-58.3816	3435910	City of Buenos Aires, Argentina	GEF-7 City
Belém	-1.4557	-48.4902	3405870	City of Belem, Brazil	GEF-7 City
Teresina	-5.0920	-42.8038	3386496	City of Teresina, Brazil	GEF-7 City
Florianópolis	-27.5949	-48.5482	3463237	City of Florianopolis, Brazil	GEF-7 City
Chongqing	29.56026	106.55771	1814906	City of Chongqing, China	GEF-7 City
Chengdu	30.5728	104.0668	1815286	City of Chengdu, China	GEF-7 City
Ningbo	29.8683	121.544	1799397	City of Ningbo, China	GEF-7 City
San José	9.9281	-84.0907	3621849	City of San José, Costa Rica	GEF-7 City
Chennai	13.0827	80.2707	1264527	City of Chennai, India	GEF-7 City
Pune	18.5204	73.8567	1259229	City of Pune, India	GEF-7 City
Surat	21.1702	72.8311	1255364	City of Surat, India	GEF-7 City
Jakarta	-6.2088	106.8456	1642911	City of Jakarta, Indonesia	GEF-7 City
Palembang	-2.9761	104.7754	1633070	City of Palembang, Indonesia	GEF-7 City
Semarang	-7.0051	110.4381	1627896	City of Semarang, Indonesia	GEF-7 City
Balikpapan	-1.2379	116.8529	1650527	City of Balikpapan, Indonesia	GEF-7 City
Bitung	1.4404	125.1217	1648637	City of Bitung, Indonesia	GEF-7 City
Marrakech	31.6295	-7.9811	2542997	City of Marrakech, Morocco	GEF-7 City
Kigali	-1.9706	30.1044	202061	City of Kigali, Rwanda	GEF-7 City
Freetown	8.48714	-13.2356	2409306	City of Freetown, Sierra Leone	GEF-7 City
Santiago	-33.45694	-70.64827	3871336	City of Santiago, Chile	Finance Academy
Cape Town	-33.92584	18.42322	3369157	City of Cape Town, South Africa	Finance Academy (December 2022), City-Business Climate Alliance Workshop (February 2024)
Medellín	6.25184	-75.56359	3674962	City of Medellín, Colombia	Peer Exchange
Mumbai	19.07283	72.88261	1275339	City of Mumbai, India	Peer Exchange

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Barranquilla	10.96854	-74.78132	3689147	City of Barranquilla, Colombia	Peer Exchange
Vancouver	49.2827	-123.1207	6173331	Coastal city in Canada	GEF Assembly
Delhi	28.6139	77.2090	1273294	Capital of India	Asia Forum
Nairobi	-1.286389	36.817223	184745	Capital of Kenya	United Nations Environment Assembly
Accra	5.6037	-0.1870	2306104	Capital of Ghana	Peer Exchange
Kumasi	6.6931	-1.6186	2298890	City in Ghana	Peer Exchange

Please provide any further geo-referenced information and map where the project interventions is taking place as appropriate. *