

ACTIVITIES REPORT 2022_2023

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ABOUT
THE REPORT

We are pleased to present the Activity Report for 2022 and 2023, detailing our key accomplishments over these two years.

With the end of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have resumed our projects and in-person events. Furthermore, we have strengthened the efforts we initiated in previous years to broaden our physical presence beyond Brazil. Our offices in Argentina and Colombia are now actively managing regional projects locally. Their teams are fully equipped to deliver all the ICLEI portfolio solutions to our partners in their respective countries and expanded territories, including Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and Uruguay.

2023 marked the end of one strategic cycle and the groundwork for the next, the Strategic Vision 2024-2030. This vision aims to deepen our commitment to sustainable urban development through five key pathways. Our future perspective acknowledges unique challenges and opportunities: Brazil will assume the presidency of the G20 in 2024, coinciding with the Biodiversity COP in Colombia and the ICLEI World Congress in São Paulo. Furthermore, the COP 30 Climate Conference will occur in Belém in 2025. Our new strategic cycle and portfolio solutions prepare us to continue assisting local and regional governments in their efforts toward climate mitigation and resilience, biodiversity conservation, and improving well-being.

Enjoy your reading!

ICLEI'S MESSAGE

LETTER FROM LEADERS

After two years of significant uncertainty and global instability caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, 2022 and 2023 were periods of recovery and reinvention for ICLEI South America. We resumed our active support for local governments, providing strategic methods to help them position themselves and enhance their capabilities to address the climate and biodiversity crises.

The organization of on-site events was a significant achievement. Again, we gathered our members, partners, and technicians in several meetings, reinforcing our network's collaborative role. Two national meetings were held in Brazil: one in Recife (Pernambuco) and the other in Palmas (Tocantins). At the same time, we recorded a significant increase in the number of members, bringing more local governments into our network and strengthening our capacity to influence support for urban and environmental policies.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we have successfully maintained the organization's financial stability and consolidated our offices in Colombia and Argentina. This closer proximity to associates in various countries underscores our commitment to provide personalized and strategic services. Additionally, we have significantly expanded our portfolio of solutions, particularly the initiatives developed in Brazil, which are set to be implemented gradually across the continent, further establishing ICLEI as a leading institution in promoting sustainable urban development.

This journey of resilience, combined with our organizational strengthening, is culminating in a pivotal moment of opportunity for South America. Brazil's presidency of the G20 in 2024 presents a strategic platform to advance the agendas critical to our region. Additionally, Colombia's hosting of the Conference of the Parties on Biodiversity (COP 16) in 2024 and Brazil's hosting of the Climate COP in 2025 in Belém are significant events that position South America at the forefront of global environmental discussions. These meetings with national and international stakeholders create a favorable environment for the cities and

governments associated with ICLEI to participate in and lead the global implementation of sustainable solutions.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our teams, whose dedication and commitment bring our solutions to life daily. Overcoming complex challenges was only possible thanks to the tireless efforts of our team members, who remained engaged even in the face of adversity. These efforts ensured that ICLEI continued to provide relevant support to its members.

We remain steadfast in our mission, confident that our work today will lay the foundation for a more sustainable and prosperous future in South America.



Geraldo Júlio,
Secretary of Economic Development
of Pernambuco and Chairperson of the
ICLEI South America Region Executive
Committee (RexCom) and ICLEI
Special Envoy for Latin America



Pedro Jacobi,
President of the ICLEI South America
Board of Directors



Rodrigo Perpétuo,
Executive Secretary of ICLEI
South America

ICLEI'S MESSAGE

LETTER FROM LEADERS

OThe past few years have been a period of significant transformation and growth for ICLEI South America. We have successfully consolidated our offices in Argentina and Colombia, showcasing the maturity of our working model and enabling closer collaboration with countries in the Southern Cone and the Andean Region.

This strategic move was key to strengthening our relationships with governmental and non-governmental actors throughout the region, financial partners and international organizations. The diversity of contexts in the countries where we operate is a reality that ICLEI South America has worked with. Our focus remains on a regional approach, and physical proximity to our members has proved effective in ensuring efficiency in supporting them.

In 2022 and 2023, we also showcased our ability for international mobilization. At COP 28 in Dubai in 2023, we convened 70 local government representatives from South America. This event served as a significant demonstration of our role as a regional articulator in global discussions. It directed us towards a new solution for our portfolio: internationalization (find out more on page 19).

The climate crisis and biodiversity loss are increasingly interconnected in biodiverse countries like Argentina, Brazil, and Colombia. Therefore, across South America, we aim for a comprehensive regional impact encompassing all ecosystems, enhancing our efforts from the Amazon to Patagonia.

Our daily work is deeply rooted in our commitments to our region's diverse climate and biodiversity agenda. Our purpose centers on effectively collaborating with cities and local governments to improve their sustainability and resilience to climate and biodiversity crises. We aim to prepare urban areas as places of enhanced well-being and health for everyone. The alliances we have built over the years enable us to advance and uphold our reputation for technical expertise and innovative implementation in sustainability and urban development.

We are committed to collaborating with our members to promote an ambitious agenda that addresses global urgencies.



Alejandro Gonzalez,
Executive Committee ICLEI Colombia



Maria Julia Reyna,
Executive Committee ICLEI Argentina



Rodrigo Corradi,
Executive Committee ICLEI Brazil

ABOUT US



We have formed strategic partnerships to build a global cooperation ecosystem.

We are an international coalition of local governments dedicated to sustainable development, collaborating with over 2,500 administrations across more than 125 countries. Our initiatives support equitable, resilient, circular, zero-emission, and nature-based urban development.

With our team of experts, we have established strategic partnerships with international banks, multilateral organizations, and national agencies, creating a global cooperation ecosystem. Since our founding in 1990 at the World Congress of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future, held at the United Nations in New York, we have promoted the exchange of knowledge and experiences to facilitate the implementation of sustainable projects in cities and metropolitan regions worldwide. We have been active in Latin America since 1994, and our South America Secretariat became regionally based in Brazil in 2011.

Our mission is to act locally, think globally, and emphasize the importance of implementing sustainable public policy on the international stage. We are guided by global concerns and the commitments made by nations to address the climate emergency. We aim to consolidate actions in local areas that help cities and regions implement climate and biodiversity agendas through locally applied policies and practices.

ICLEI is a global network of local governments dedicated to sustainable development across more than 125 countries

OUR MISSION

**ACT LOCAL,
THINK GLOBAL**

To build and support a global movement of local governments focused on making meaningful progress in global sustainability through collaborative local initiatives.

OUR VISION

To be acknowledged as the most influential network of local governments in South America focused on delivering impactful results through the territorialization of global sustainability frameworks and the internationalization of its members.

OUR VALUES

- Everyone for everyone
- Innovation for sustainability
- Commitment to excellence
- Ethics, respect, and transparency
- Members engaged and being heard globally
- Prosperity



GOVERNANCE

Our network's governing body is democratically elected by our members worldwide for a three-year term. Our members guide the organization and ensure ICLEI reflects their ideals and aspirations.

ICLEI's governance consists of three main decision-making bodies:



GLOBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GEXCOM)

It represents ICLEI in international institutions and is responsible for making strategic decisions related to its operations and expansion. Meet the GexCom members at <https://iclei.org/our-leadership/>



REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH AMERICA (REXCOM)

Represents ICLEI members worldwide in South America and is responsible for approving new regional initiatives and programs.



ICLEI COUNCILS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Board of Directors

The entity legally responsible for overseeing the operation of the ICLEI office in the region.

Advisory Board

Tasked with assisting in the development and strategic planning

Audit Committee

Composed of professionals recognized for their expertise in financial management within the sustainability-focused third sector, it is dedicated to ensuring compliance with bylaws and legal regulations by management, along with the approval of financial statements.

GexCom 2022-2023

RexCom* 2022-2023

CHAIRPERSON

Geraldo Julio de Mello Filho
Secretary of Economic Development for Pernambuco (Brazil).

SPECIAL GUEST

Axel Schmidt Graef
Mayor of Niterói (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).

MEMBERS

João Campos
Mayor of Recife (Pernambuco, Brazil), with a mandate until 2024.

Ary Vanazzi
Mayor of São Leopoldo (Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil), with a mandate until 2024.

Juan David Palacio
Director of the Valle del Aburrá metropolitan area (Colombia).

Emilio Jatón
Mayor of Santa Fé (Argentina), with a mandate until 2023.

2022-2023

Board of Directors

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Rodrigo Perpétuo

Deputy Executive Secretary
Rodrigo Corradi

ASSOCIATES

In 2022, ICLEI South America had 110 members, but Bolivia had none.

By the end of 2023, our network in South America had **132 members**, a 20% increase from 2022. This includes new members from Bolivia. By joining our network, each new member contributes to a global movement for sustainable city development.

Members benefit from a curated selection of information, training, and projects that assist municipalities, regions, and territories in becoming resilient, inclusive, and sustainable. They also gain access to key debates within the global network and to solutions that can create positive impacts.



OUR LOCATION

Our three offices in South America operate in eight countries. See the map on the left.

- Offices
- Operations

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR NETWORK?

Contact us!
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OUR JOURNEY IN SOUTH AMERICA

1994

Opening the first ICLEI office for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, Chile.

2000

The first ICLEI Regional Secretariat for Latin America was established in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

2003

Renaming the network to ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability.

2011

The current Secretariat for South America is located in São Paulo, Brazil. A new segmentation model for activity management resulted in the formation of two secretariats:

the Secretariat for South America, located in São Paulo, and the Secretariat for Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean (MECS), situated in Mexico City.

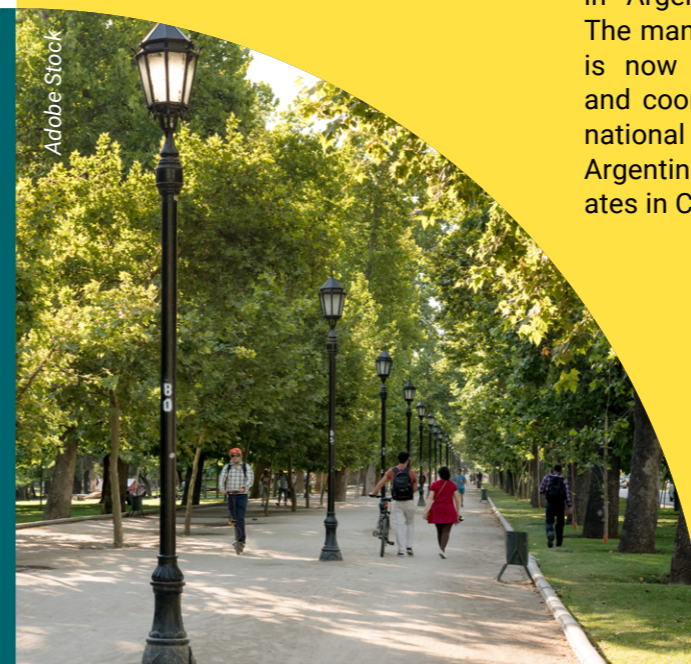
2020

Formalization of the National Coordination offices in Argentina, situated in the city of Rosario and Colombia, within the Valle de Aburrá metropolitan area (AMVA), including an office in Medellín.

2023

Consolidation of the offices in Argentina and Colombia. The management of activities is now organized regionally and coordinated between the national and regional offices: Argentina, which also operates in Chile and Uruguay, and

Colombia, with operations extending to Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru. This new organization allows us to be even closer to our members in the Andean region and the southern part of the continent.



ICLEI IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CLIMATE CONFERENCE COP 27



SHARM EL-SHEIKH, 2022

Approximately 25 partners conducted more than 60 sessions, highlighting the significance of local and regional governments in addressing the climate emergency through multi-level collaboration.

COOPERATION AGREEMENTS



ICLEI has signed cooperation agreements with the environmental ministries of Argentina, Brazil, and Colombia.



49
collaborators
are part of ICLEI
South America
in 2023

GHG INVENTORIES WERE FINALIZED IN 2022 AND 2023



ARGENTINA

Santa Fé

BRAZIL

State of Minas Gerais; Contagem (Minas Gerais), Suape Port and strategic territories in the state of Pernambuco (Moreno, Jaboatão dos Guararapes, Cabo de Santo Agostinho, Rio Formoso, Escada, Ribeirão, Sirinhaem, and Ipojuca), Brejo da Madre de Deus (Pernambuco), Belém (Pará), Bahia

COLOMBIA

Barranquilla, Bucaramanga, Leticia, Quibdo, Yopal and Pasto

CLIMATE RISK AND VULNERABILITY ANALYSES UNDERTAKEZ

BRASIL

Canoas (Rio Grande do Sul), Itabirito (Minas Gerais), Porto Alegre (Rio Grande do Sul and Suape Port and strategic territories in the state of Pernambuco (Moreno, Jaboatão dos Guararapes, Cabo de Santo Agostinho, Rio Formoso, Escada, Ribeirão, Sirinhaem and Ipojuca)

COLOMBIA

Monteria, Bucaramanga, Pasto, Yopal, Pereira and Villavicencio

CLIMATE ACTION PLANS



BRAZIL

Climate plans have been completed for the Suape Port and strategic territories in the state of Pernambuco (including Moreno, Jaboatão dos Guararapes, Cabo de Santo Agostinho, Rio Formoso, Escada, Ribeirão, Sirinhaem, and Ipojuca), as well as the state of Minas Gerais and the mining town of Itabirito.



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Rosario was the first municipality to implement the Bicicargo project.

HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNTRY

ARGENTINA

- The cities of Avellaneda, Rosario (Santa Fé), and La Plata (Buenos Aires) were the first to join the 100% RE project (find out more on page 34), aiming to use 100% renewable energy by 2050.
- Mendoza Mendoza finalized its Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plan in 2023.
- The municipality of Rosario was the first in the ICLEI network to implement the Bicicargo project, a pilot program to utilize this type of zero-emission vehicle for small deliveries in the central region (find out more on page 37).
- In 2023, ICLEI Argentina secured funding from the European Union Delegation for the Action for Biodiversity (AcBio) project, which will start in March 2024. The project's objective is to enhance the capacities of civil society organizations and sub-national governments in Tierra del Fuego, Antarctica, and the South Atlantic Islands to execute climate actions that foster the protection and recovery of forests and wetlands.

The offices in Argentina, Brazil and Colombia have completed important projects from ICLEI network, some of them in partnership with international entities.



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Belém will develop initiatives to become a model city for ecosystem-based adaptation.

BRAZIL

- The "Amazônia pelo Clima" (Amazon for Climate) project, in partnership with the Institute for Climate and Society (iCS) and running from 2021 to 2022, has successfully achieved its goal of increasing engagement with local governments. The initiative began with assessing climate action in the capitals of the Brazilian Amazon and established a forum for dialogue between these governments and financial institutions operating in the region. Furthermore, in 2023, two regional ICLEI meetings were held in the Amazon: the first in Barcarena (Pará) and the second in Porto Velho (Rondonia). The series of meetings will extend into 2024.
- The city of Belém (Pará) joined ICLEI in 2022 and was selected in 2023 for the "Nature-Based Cities: Biodiversity and Climate Resilience in Urban Development" initiative. This initiative, funded by the Global Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) Fund and implemented with our technical support, aims to develop projects that position the city as a model for ecosystem-based adaptation.
- 19 cities in the country participated in the TUMI E-Bus Mission City Network, with its initial project spanning from 2022 to 2023. Both online and in-person events took place alongside profiles on transportation and commuting in these cities, highlighting the opportunities and challenges associated with adopting modes that produce lower greenhouse gas emissions.



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Bogotá will implement electric buses as part of the Tumi E-Bus program.

COLOMBIA

- ICLEI Colombia has launched the "NaBA: Resilient Nature-Based Cities" project in six cities throughout the country (find out more on page 36) in collaboration with UK Pact, ICLEI South America, the Alexander von Humboldt Institute, and the World Resources Institute (WRI).
- Our members in Ecuador now have a representative from ICLEI in the country.
- Bogotá has formalized its participation in the Tumi E-Bus project, which assists cities in transitioning to electric buses.

VISION FOR THE **FUTURE**

As detailed throughout this report, 2023 marked the conclusion of a strategic cycle with positive outcomes. We are proud to recognize our contribution to improving the sustainability, adaptation, and resilience of municipalities and partner governments in addressing the impacts of climate change.

The world is facing urgent challenges that require immediate action. The growing climate and biodiversity crises and increasing inequality highlight the critical issues we encounter. In reaction to these crises, the power of our united efforts and collaboration as a network, which includes 2,500 local and regional governments from over 125 countries, has become more vital and beneficial than ever.

We have launched a new strategic phase called Strategic Vision 2024-2030. This vision is realized across territories through solutions designed to promote and enhance sustainable, environmentally responsible, and socially inclusive urban and territorial development. This strategy reinforces the role of local governments as key players in this journey.

Our worldwide network has chosen the **ICLEI World Congress** in São Paulo, scheduled for June 2024, to launch the Strategic Vision 2024-2030 formally. This vision covers a vital timeline where urgent action is necessary, aligning with major climate goals and global commitments targeted for 2030, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement. We acknowledge that numerous challenges hinder progress towards these goals, necessitating prompt action. Thus, our initiatives locally and globally in the coming years will be essential. We aim for the implementation of Vision 2024-2030 to impact these goals positively.



5 pathways toward sustainable development shape our strategic vision

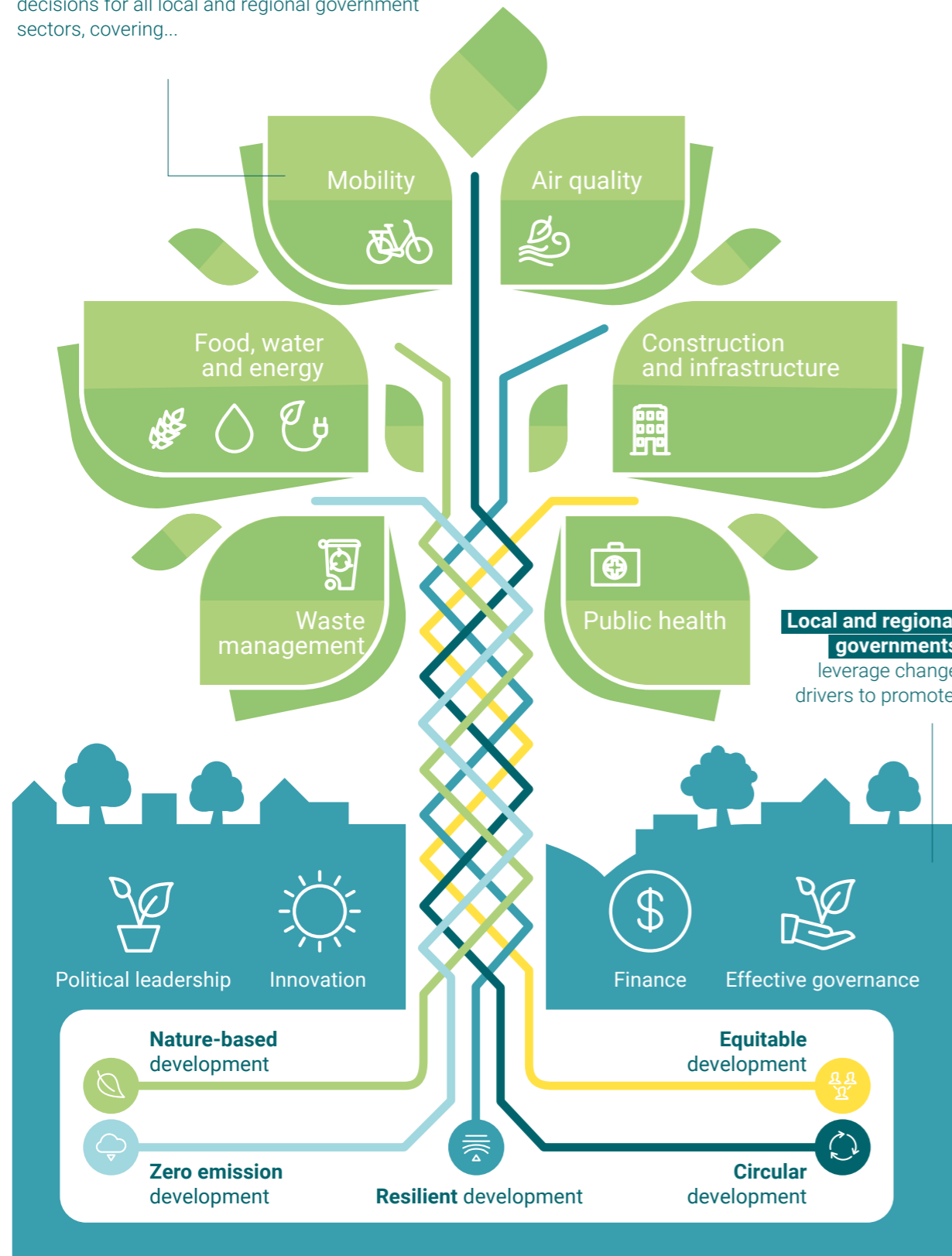
São Paulo, Brazil, has been selected to host the ICLEI World Congress, which will launch our vision for the future through 2030.

ICLEI is dedicated to supporting local and regional governments by utilizing the knowledge and skills of our teams to foster sustainable, inclusive, safe, and resilient urban environments. Furthermore, we aim to broaden our impact by expanding our network to encompass additional municipalities, cities, and regions.

Our journey towards sustainable urban development is guided by five key pathways: (1) zero emission development, (2) nature-based development, (3) equitable development, (4) resilient development,

and (5) circular development. These paths, elaborated on page 21, facilitate transformative changes at local and regional levels that support our development vision. They are interrelated; their intersections are vital, as they should not be followed in isolation.

ICLEI's five pathways guide sustainable policy decisions for all local and regional government sectors, covering...



ICLEI's five pathways create an integrated definition of sustainable urban development

FIVE PATHWAYS TOWARDS A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Supports communities that are fair, inclusive, and foster happiness.
- Explores the systemic and historical roots of injustice and exclusion
- Recognizes and addresses power imbalances
- Addresses spatial, social, and environmental inequalities while striving to prevent the emergence of new patterns of exclusion
- Preserves natural systems that support human life, guaranteeing that both natural and built environments enhance the livability, safety, and health of communities
- Acknowledges the diversity of local and regional conditions and stresses the critical importance of community-led strategies, customized by various groups, as the essential means to address their needs, challenges, and aspirations.



ICLEI'S APPROACH TO FOSTERING EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT



Equitable and people-focused path

- Embracing climate justice principles, welcoming refugees and migrants, helping them build comfortable lives, and appreciating their contributions to local cultures and urban economies
- Promoting a fair, affordable, and sustainable energy system accessible to all
- Implementing mobility approaches and solutions centered around people
- Prioritizing dialogue and ensuring the formal participation of young people, women, and the elderly in decision-making processes.

ZERO-EMISSIONS DEVELOPMENT

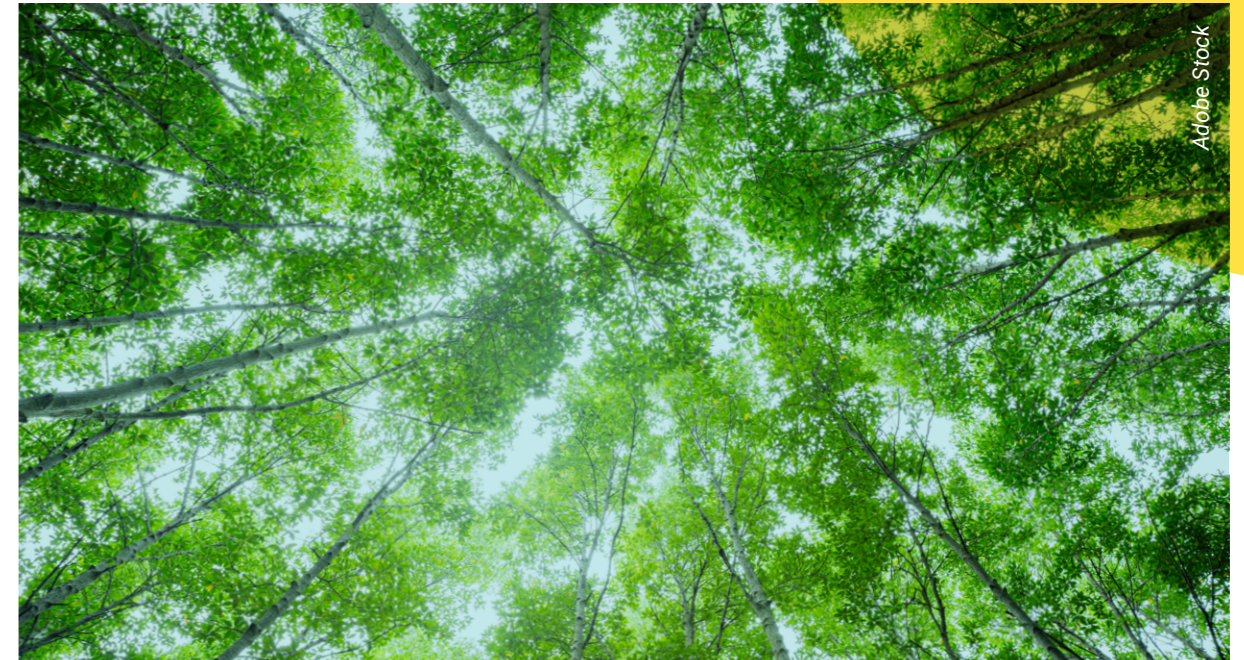
- Seeks to attain climate neutrality in local areas and government operations through cohesive climate initiatives
- Implements a practical plan to eliminate climate pollutants and pursuing resilience through equitable energy transition solutions
- Enables access to innovative financial mechanisms and public-private financing



A low-carbon economy
underpins the journey towards sustainable development

HOW ICLEI WILL PROMOTE ZERO-EMISSIONS DEVELOPMENT

- By promoting significant cuts in greenhouse gas emissions through government and community efforts in every sector
- By greatly lowering environmental pollution, such as noise and light pollution
- By setting emission reduction targets based on scientific evidence that conform to the Paris Agreement
- By providing affordable, clean, and secure energy, we can effectively alleviate energy poverty
- By focusing on reducing energy losses and inefficiencies through digitalization and alterations in transportation modes
- By investing in sustainable energy infrastructures.



NATURE-BASED DEVELOPMENT

- Encourages cities to reconnect with nature, honoring biodiversity and ecosystem integrity in urban settings to enhance climate resilience
- Acknowledge ecosystems as essential to local economies and crucial for the social integrity, well-being, and resilience of communities.



Cities reconnected
with nature for the health and well-being of all

HOW ICLEI WILL PROMOTE NATURE-BASED DEVELOPMENT

- By focusing on initiatives that foster healthy environments and safeguard essential elements like air, water, soil, food, and other vital life systems
- By unlocking new economic opportunities through nature-based solutions such as ecosystem restoration, enhancing ecological connectivity, reforestation, water conservation, and establishing protected areas, among other initiatives
- By focusing on the careful management and preservation of water resources
- By creating local food systems that prioritize healthy, sustainable, and locally sourced food production.

CIRCULAR DEVELOPMENT

- Shifts the existing linear economic model to a circular economy, ensuring that infrastructure, products, materials, and nutrients maintain their value for as long as feasible
- Minimizes resource use and waste generation while fostering economic opportunities via circular principles. This strategy seeks to promote equality, social responsibility, and environmental improvement.



Economy based
on a shift from
**linear to
circular
logic**

HOW ICLEI WILL PROMOTE CIRCULAR DEVELOPMENT

- By integrating circularity into government requirements and weaving this approach into policies, strategies, and plans
- By engaging with entrepreneurs in the circular economy via mentoring, incubation, and platforms that enable direct dialogue with policymakers
- By fostering innovation, sustainability, and the advancement of circular economy principles within the political landscape
- By advocating for the role of local and regional governments in global sustainability processes related to development and the circular economy.

RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT

- Foresees, mitigates, absorbs, and allows cities or towns to rebound from shocks and stresses, especially those arising from quick environmental, technological, social, and demographic shifts
- Enhances core basic response frameworks and operations
- Centers risk adaptation, prevention, and preparedness for new threats within all municipal strategies, considering the rights and needs of vulnerable sectors of society
- Continuously improves essential systems with a transparent and inclusive approach that increases public trust in institutions
- Aims to lessen socio-economic inequality and urban risk by enabling effective, targeted, and interconnected actions.

HOW ICLEI WILL PROMOTE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT

- By contributing to the development of cities, municipalities, and regions that are resilient, inclusive, zero-emission, and nature-oriented, utilizing an integrated approach to enhance climate and urban risk management through an integrated approach
- By promoting green infrastructure and nature-inspired solutions in urban development initiatives
- By integrating technology into strategies for disaster prevention and response
- By engaging meteorological agencies and research institutions in planning enhances the ability to warn against and forecast climate-related hazards.
- By utilizing cutting-edge technologies to enhance the oversight and administration of essential infrastructure and services
- By encouraging community engagement and collaborative decision-making in urban planning and disaster response
- By strengthening partnerships with academic institutions and research organizations, we ensure that decision-making relies on scientific evidence.



Resilience
as a key factor
in addressing
climate change



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ICLEI SOLUTIONS SOUTH AMERICA

Throughout the years, we have built a broad portfolio of solutions comprising projects and services to improve the sustainability of the territories where we work. We provide six solution categories, and every project corresponds to one or more of these categories:

- **Climate Action**
- **Biodiversity**
- **Food Systems**
- **Innovation**
- **Internationalization**
- **Education and Youth**
- **Capacity Building**

Our strong ties with local governments allow us to engage in extensive dialogues and analyses. This helps us implement the most effective solutions and customize projects for each location, guaranteeing that the outcomes are better suited to your unique needs.



Event for delivering the Climate Action Plan for João Pessoa municipality (Paraíba, Brazil).

CLIMATE ACTION

The solutions categorized in this manner are designed to equip cities and regions to meet the challenges posed by the current climate scenario. This includes implementing climate governance, developing mitigation initiatives informed by greenhouse gas emissions inventories, analyzing climate risks and vulnerabilities for enhanced adaptation, and formulating a Climate Action Plan to reduce risks while aiding the creation of regulations.

INNOVATION

We provide the ICLEI Innovation startup acceleration program designed to assist our members in fostering an environment that enhances both internal and territorial development of solutions. This program connects startups with local governments to generate technological and innovative responses to local needs and challenges. It emphasizes sustainable urban and territorial development while promoting entrepreneurship.



2ª Rodada do ICLEI Innovation.

BIODIVERSITY

This category includes our services focused on developing an atlas of ecosystem solutions tailored for each municipality or metropolitan area. It features a prognosis that offers recommendations for actions and strategies to tackle challenges related to biodiversity preservation. We also assist with diagnostics, planning, and training to facilitate the rapid establishment of Conservation Units.



**We
empower
governments**
to participate in
global events like
climate conferences

INTERNATIONALIZATION

We offer technical support to our members participating in Climate Conferences (COPs). Our teams help organize the official agenda for municipal representatives and provide accreditation assistance. Additionally, we prepare informational materials, monitor the COP, and aid in developing a post-event action plan. In 2022, we supported the Brazilian cities of São Paulo (São Paulo) and Niterói (Rio de Janeiro) for their involvement in COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. For COP28 in Dubai in 2023, our curatorial services were expanded to include the states of Amapá, Rio Grande do Sul, the Green Brazil Consortium (made up of 15 states), and the cities of João Pessoa (Paraíba), Niterói (Rio de Janeiro), and São Paulo (SP).

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Since 2022, ICLEI has focused on two distinct demographic groups: children and schools and young adults and universities. By understanding that the needs and profiles of these audiences vary significantly, we have tailored our solutions to meet the specific requirements of each group.



Children planting a tree seedling as part of the Climate Justice Ambassadors project.

ICLEI provides a 'Climate Justice Ambassadors' training initiative in schools, collaborating with Plant-for-the-Planet, a worldwide effort to educate children about climate change and global justice. This program promotes the planting of native trees and informs students and teachers about sustainable practices. In 2023, more than 900 children aged 7 to 12 from eight schools in Canoas, a municipality in Rio Grande do Sul, engaged in the program and successfully planted 300 native tree seedlings.

Another program is the Climate and Financial Education Workshop, aimed at educators, students, and young people.

We provide a Sustainable School Certification program for schools. This program awards four seals to acknowledge effective practices and innovative sustainability initiatives involving school stakeholders and areas of activity, broadening their influence within the local community. The program encompasses actions targeting both short—and long-term objectives. In 2023, eight Canoas, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil public schools were the first to receive this certification.

During the initial years of their implementation in Brazil, these three programs relied on partnerships with the municipal education departments of the relevant municipalities.

We provide the Sustainability Volunteer Program for university students. This initiative allows young people to gain professional experience within ICLEI offices and partner local governments, focusing on resilience, circular development, and advocacy. The program typically runs for about three months. In 2022, seven volunteers from Brazil participated, including (Ana Helena Borges Andrade, Camila Barreto Neres, Carolina Marques Costa Carvalho, Kenya Thomaes, Luísa Acauan Lorentz, Melissa Brito da Hora and Thalita dos Santos Dalbelo) and, in 2023, 10 young people (Cláudio Agostini, Mu Chen,

Adrielly Carneiro, Antonio Sepúlveda, Gabrielle Martins, Guilherme Campbell, Stephanie Cerci, Manuella Soto, María del Mar Ramírez López, and Araceli Hurtado—three of whom came through a partnership with Aiesec-USP, including two Colombians and one Peruvian. We also introduced the Academic Immersion Program, an initiative from ICLEI's global network to South America. This program involves young researchers being supported by their professors and ICLEI technicians to conduct case studies and develop recommendations aimed at addressing the climate challenges faced by cities and regions.

FOOD SYSTEMS

We guide our members towards a more sustainable and inclusive food agenda, starting with creating and strengthening governance bodies. This journey includes a food security diagnosis that evaluates indicators and pinpoints challenges to tackle. Finally, we draft a Municipal Food Security Plan and Fund with regulatory guidelines to ensure the plan's implementation and ongoing success.

The food security diagnosis is an activity within a more sustainable food agenda.



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CAPACITY BUILDING


We offer
SbN training
for members



Unsplash

We aim to enhance the capabilities of our partner governments.

Local governments can participate in our training on Nature-Based Solutions (NBS), featuring eight modules and totaling 16 hours of live synchronous sessions. This program includes both technical content and practical workshops focused on integrating these solutions into urban planning strategies.



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REGIONAL PROJECTS

ICLEI, a network of over 125 countries, creates solutions that can be tailored to the unique realities of individual cities and regions, addressing their specific profiles, challenges, and needs.

Explore some projects from the network implemented for members in South America:

- 100% Renewables Cities and Region Roadmap
- Interact-Bio
- NaBa: Resilient nature-based cities
- Ecologistics
- Urban-Leds II



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100% RENEWABLES CITIES AND REGION ROADMAP (100% RE)

This project establishes a roadmap for municipalities aiming to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2050. It is funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety through the International Climate Initiative (IKI). We are collaborating with ICLEI's global secretariat on its development.

Argentina's initial cities adopting 100% renewable energy include Avellaneda, Rosario, and La Plata. Notably, the nation currently sources 55% of its energy from natural gas. In 2022, we assessed the energy landscape in these cities, located in the provinces of Santa Fe and Buenos Aires.

Avellaneda is recognized as South America's leading pilot project for 100% renewable energy (RE), and we are committed to assisting in its methodology implementation and project development. The action roadmap was unveiled at the ICLEI World Congress in 2024. Given its strong agricultural and industrial sectors, the city has the opportunity to fully utilize renewable energy, particularly bioenergy derived from industrial waste, which presently represents 25% of its electricity generation.

For additional information on 100% RE, please visit <https://renewablesroadmap.iclei.org/>

In 2023, representatives from Avellaneda and Rosario joined ICLEI experts at the SPIREC International Renewable Energy Conference in Madrid and participated in the Energy Efficiency Training Week organized by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris.

Avellaneda is among the first municipalities in Argentina to adopt 100% renewable energy in South America.



For more
information,
please visit
<https://interactbio.iclei.org/>



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INTERACT-BIO

The project's initial phase concluded in 2022, featuring the implementation of demonstrative Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) initiatives across three cities in Brazil. Campinas (SP), designated as the pilot municipality, established three wildlife crossings that link forested areas severed by a road and a highway. This initiative aims to protect animals from being struck and to reduce the likelihood of related accidents.

Belo Horizonte and Contagem, located in the metropolitan area, have constructed rain gardens that serve as reservoirs for rainwater and aid in flood prevention. In Londrina, Paraná, the source of Cabrinha lake was rejuvenated by establishing small natural rock pools. This development has slowed the flow of water, including rainwater, to the lake, effectively reducing erosion and siltation. Additionally, plant species that can filter water have been introduced along the banks.

In the initial phase of Interact-Bio, research and publications were initiated to explore Sbn's potential in Brazil and the cities where the project was implemented. Interact-Bio advocates for metropolitan areas to integrate biodiversity and ecosystem services into their planning and management processes, aligning with national strategies and biodiversity action plans.

The program's second phase commenced in Colombia in 2022 and is projected to conclude in 2024. Selected metropolitan areas include Bucaramanga (for a pilot project), Barranquilla, and Aburrá have been chosen. We are implementing the project with funding from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety via the International Climate Initiative (IKI). Furthermore, the Alexander von Humboldt Research Institute has partnered with Interact-Bio to offer technical assistance, while the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development will provide political backing. In the initial two years of the project, we are assessing and testing funding mechanisms and instruments to support local biodiversity initiatives.

Interact-Bio develops initiatives for Nature-Based Solutions.



NABA: RESILIENT NATURE-BASED CITIES

Six Colombian cities—Yopal, Villavicencio, Montería, Bucaramanga, Pasto, and Pereira—are participating in this initiative that acknowledges the connection between the climate crisis and biodiversity loss, both of which stem from human activities and must be addressed jointly.

Leveraging the theory and methods of the UK Pact (Partnerships to Accelerate Climate Transitions), which underpins this program, the aim is to enhance urban resilience and empower local governments to establish adaptation strategies and projects that rely on ecosystems. NaBA is being implemented by ICLEI Colombia, ICLEI South America, the Alexander Von Humboldt Institute, and the World Resources Institute (WRI).

For additional information, **visit** <https://americadosul.iclei.org/naba-project-ends-with-6-colombian-cities-with-climate-risk-diagnosis/>

In 2022, six cities conducted in-person workshops involving municipal technicians to train for the Analysis of Climate Risks and Vulnerabilities (ARVC).

In 2023, we hosted an online workshop on ARVCs, engaging over 500 municipal technicians, researchers, and social group leaders from 40 cities across Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Peru.

ECOLOGISTICS: LOW CARBON FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES

In 2023, the project was completed in Argentina and Colombia. Both governmental and non-governmental entities in the involved cities underwent training to develop low-emission urban transportation policies and strategies. In Bogotá, Colombia's capital, a key outcome was the development of a tool designed to evaluate the emissions from freight vehicles during the last-mile delivery of packages, specifically from distribution centers to customers.

Rosario, Argentina, is the first city for the Bicicargo project,

featuring a public system of 20 bicycles designed for small deliveries. These bicycles are stationed at eight locations throughout the city center. The pilot program is currently under evaluation for potential expansion both locally and to additional cities.

The cities involved included Córdoba, Rosario, and Santa Fe in Argentina, along with Bogotá, the Valle Aburrá metropolitan area, and Manizales in Colombia. This initiative was carried out by ICLEI in collaboration with local governments, receiving financial support from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety through the International Climate Initiative (IKI).

For additional information, **check** <https://sustainablemobility.iclei.org/latin-america/>

URBAN-LEDS II: LEDS LAB



LEDS LAB assists municipalities in executing initiatives that align with the Paris Agreement.

LEDS Lab is part of the extensive Urban-Leds II program, which is funded by the European Commission and carried out by ICLEI in collaboration with UN-Habitat. The second phase, initiated in 2019 in two Colombian cities, has effectively served as a climate finance laboratory, enhancing the capabilities of cities and local governments to create actionable climate initiatives that comply with the Paris Agreement.

Delegates from the governments of Envigado (Antioquia) and Tópaga (Boyacá) participated in courses and engaged with representatives from other cities within the ICLEI Network, sharing valuable experiences and knowledge. Our teams assisted both municipalities in developing documents focused on climate action for environmental planning. Additionally, photovoltaic solar energy panels were installed in public buildings, an initiative that merits replication and growth.

For more information, **please visit** <https://americadosul.iclei.org/projetos/urban-leds-ii/>

AWARENESS-RAISING AND TRAINING

2022

1ST ICLEI MEETING IN MINAS GERAIS – BRAZIL



- Integrated with the 37th Congress of Municipalities in Minas Gerais;
- Over 300 participants;
- Over 50 speakers;
- Over 20 hours of debate.

COP 15 - BIODIVERSITY

- Over 20 events attended by the ICLEI South America delegation;
- Over 25 participants from 10 cities and regions across South America.

TRAINING AND WORKSHOP ON THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

26 workshops and/or training in Brazil

- João Pessoa (Paraíba)
48 participants
59 contributions
- Belo Horizonte (Minas Gerais)
221 participants
333 contributions
- Recife (Pernambuco)
250 participants
58 contributions



INVENTORY TRAINING IN MINAS GERAIS, BRAZIL

- 177 participants, including civil servants, academics, and NGOs.



TRAINING AND WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE RISK AND VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS IN BRAZIL

- João Pessoa (Paraíba)
58 participants
118 contributions
- Canoas (Rio Grande do Sul)
67 participants
39 contributions

TRAINING IN SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY

- 58 cities and states represented from 7 South American countries

TRAINING AMAZON CLIMATE

- 15 cities in the Amazon region



CONEXUS CONFERENCE

- São Paulo, (SP - Brazil) - June 2022
- Buenos Aires, (Argentina) - November 2022



URBANBYNATURE WEBINARS FOR HUB LATINO

Under the theme "Exploring Local Conditions for Nature's Advancement: Collaborating with Local Communities," the event featured five webinars attended by over 200 participants from 24 South American cities. This series was conducted between June 2022 and February 2023

SCIENCE SUMMIT

On September 30, 2022, at the United Nations General Assembly, the theme was "Structures to Support Sustainable Development Programs and Research at the Subnational Level."



DISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Getulio Vargas Foundation located in São Paulo, for a degree in Public Administration

AWARENESS-RAISING AND TRAINING 2023

TUMI DAY



A TUMI DAY session took place at the Conversápolis event in Bogotá, Colombia, in March.

ICLEI South America and the entire network promote training and capacity-building events for their members

100%RE



The webinar titled "Cities Race to Zero: Sustainable Energy Transition in the Race to Zero in South American Cities" took place in March, followed by the presentation of the draft National Policy Recommendations (NPR) in September

GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY (GCOM)

It is the largest global alliance of cities and local governments united by a common long-term vision to promote and support voluntary actions against climate change while striving for a climate-resilient, low-emission future. ICLEI South America serves on the Global Strategic Advisory Committee as the representative of the Covenant in Latin America and holds a position on the GCoM Regional Steering Committee.

In Brazil, ICLEI serves as a national coordinator and the Chairperson of the National Advisory Committee. In Colombia, it also acts as a national coordinator and is involved in the National Advisory Committee. In Mexico, it holds a membership in the National Advisory Committee.

In 2023, we provided training and capacity-building in climate finance to help develop fundable projects for city representatives in GCoM Latin America. The training consisted of three four-month cycles, each featuring eight sessions. Conducted in hybrid mode, these sessions occurred in 15 cities across eight countries. Alongside the meetings, we also offered videos and materials, as well as mentoring sessions with our team members.

For additional information on the Covenant of Mayors for the Climate, go to <https://pactodealcaldes-la.org/eventos-es/>

COMMUNICATION

ICLEI South America leverages social networks and the internet to share projects and best practices. Connect with us online:



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Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/@IcleiSouthAmerica>



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<https://americadosul.iclei.org/>

2022

14.516
followers

14.278
Reactions,
comments
and shares

610
number
of posts

580.950
impressions

2.259
followers

17.308
Reactions,
comments
and shares

586
number
of posts

243.896
impressions

26.633
reach

1.367
followers

517
Reactions,
comments
and shares

44
videos

5.598
impressions

57.176
users

132.400
views

2023

17.705
followers

8.648
Reactions,
comments
and shares

382
number
of posts

369.852
impressions

4.571
followers

18.393
Reactions,
comments
and shares

384
number
of posts

443.468
impressions

58.577
reach

1.430
followers

343
Reactions,
comments
and shares

107
videos

4.218
views

58.577
impressions

46.145
users

118.719
views



REPORT FINANCIAL

ICLEI South America includes its financial statements in the Activity Report for its members and stakeholders to ensure transparency and accountability.

INCOME/ REVENUE (BRL)		
	2022	2023*
	8.624.192,95	9.808.889,48

COST/EXPENSES (BRL)		
	2022	2023*
	8.312.357,07	8.164.951,39

SURPLUS** (BRL)		
	2022	2023*
	311.835,88	1.643.938,09

* This figure illustrates the anticipated outcome for 2023, currently under audit and subject to minor adjustments.

** As a non-profit organization, ICLEI South America aims to use these funds to sustain a reserve, enhance staff development, and upgrade infrastructure and working conditions.

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