



**Resilient Cities
Strategy Session
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Open session accessible to all mayors

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Guiding Principles

- The GPM is committed to enacting common urban climate policies and to expanding and accelerating action on related threats to the global commons.

Prioritised Actions

- We will take advantage of the opportunity to lead on climate change mitigation and adaptation by creating resilient cities that are also socially and economically inclusive.
- We will approach resiliency through proactive and holistic planning approaches in partnership with our residents and communities.
- We will harness ongoing efforts of c40, 100 Resilient Cities, Global Covenant of Mayors, ICLEI and UCLG, among networks, to ensure common purpose.
- We will create partnerships between GPM members, and other organisations, to help bridge resource gaps between cities in the developed and developing world.
- We will implement low-tech applications and utilise natural urban features to provide environmental and community benefits, such as:
 - Green infrastructure (planting trees, integrating green into street design and public spaces), bicycling infrastructure, clean public transportation (fleet transformation); cleaner city lighting; cleaner city water supply (rerouting drain water pipes to permeable areas), recycling garbage; purchasing low energy.
- We will take a common approach to change the perception on water (management) to become more resilient by, for example
 - Converting flood planes into water features and public spaces in order create economic opportunities.
- We commit to meeting the targets set out by COP21.