

## Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy Board Terms of Reference

The **Global Covenant of Mayors Board** sets the strategic direction and provides local and regionally specific perspectives – ensuring the alliance is city-led. The Board is currently co-chaired by Former New York City Mayor and the UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change Michael R. Bloomberg, European Commission Vice President Maroš Šefčovič, and GCoM Vice-Chair Christiana Figueres.

In addition to the Co-Chairs and the Vice-Chair, the Board also consists of nine Mayors representing regions and city networks:

- Mayor Anne Hidalgo, Paris, France
- Mayor Nanda Jichkar, Nagpur, India (completing term Dec 2019)
- Mayor Bill Peduto, Pittsburgh, USA
- Mayor Tri Rismaharini, Surabaya, Indonesia
- Mayor Mohamed Sefiani, Chefchaouen, Morocco
- Mayor Mohammed Adjei Sowah, Accra, Ghana
- Mayor Jorge Muñoz Wells, Lima, Peru
- Mayor Park Won-Soon, Seoul, South Korea
- Mayor Eckart Würzner, Heidelberg, Germany

And three ex-officio Board members:

- Amanda Eichel, Executive Director, GCoM Global Secretariat
- Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, UN-HABITAT
- Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC

### General Responsibilities<sup>1</sup>

Each member of the Board will work to advance the work of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) by providing mission-based leadership and strategic steering. While day-to-day operations are led by the Global Covenant’s Secretariat, the Board-Secretariat relationship is a partnership, and the involvement of the Board is both critical and expected.

### Term of Office:

Term Length	- Two years
Term Limits	- Renewable for two consecutive terms
Contingency	- Approval of Board Co-Chairs - Ability and willingness to serve an additional two full years

<sup>1</sup> This document applies to Mayors and Local Government Official members of the Board only, key responsibilities for non-Mayoral/observer members of the Board provided separately.

### Specific Responsibilities:

- Provides leadership and oversight to the GCoM
  - Works as a trusted advisor to the Board Co-Chairs, the Vice-Chair and the Executive Director of the Secretariat
  - Approves GCoM annual priorities as part of an annual workplan
  - Represents GCoM to stakeholders, and in appropriate meetings, forums and media interviews, acting as an ambassador for the organization
  - Provide strategic oversight and guidance on key GCoM initiatives (Data4Cities, Innovate4Cities, Invest4Cities) and support efforts of Technical Working Groups, as needed
  - Reviews outcomes and metrics created by GCoM for evaluating its impact, and measures its performance and effectiveness using those metrics; reviews agenda and supporting materials prior to Board and committee meetings
  - Secure input on strategic direction and resourcing priorities of GCoM
  - Ensure that there is follow-up to the Board's strategic guidance
- Act as a regional mobilizer in your role as a Board Mayor and a GCoM regional representative
  - Mobilize other Mayors in your region to support and speak out on key issues being championed by GCoM
  - Recruit new signatories to the GCoM
  - Provide periodical support to other committed GCoM Mayors within their region
- Supports the work of resource development:
  - GCoM Board Members will consider the Global Covenant a philanthropic priority and will work within their capacity to identify and raise resources from multilateral and national institutions to fulfill the GCoM's mission
  - Participate in two meetings per year, as scheduled and determined by the Board Co-Chairs, the Vice-Chair and the Director of the Secretariat

### Qualifications:

- A sitting mayor or equivalent from a city that is committed to the GCoM
- Able to serve a full GCoM Board Term of Office (two years)
- Free from conflicts of interest or issues that could tarnish the reputation of GCoM, its partners or its funders
- Experienced in delivering local climate action commensurate with the three pillars of GCoM (mitigation, adaptation, and energy access) and recognized as a regional or global leader/influencer in those regards
- Willing and able to act as an enthusiastic, vocal and proactive ambassador within and across regions to expand the influence of the initiative
- Committed to consistent communications throughout the term with the GCoM secretariat and designated Strategic Advisory Committee member— either global network or regional lead partner
- Committed to participating in and preparing for two Board meetings per year

*Service on the GCoM Board is without remuneration, except for administrative support, reasonable travel, and accommodation costs directly in relation to Board Members' duties.*