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## ***Guiding Principles for City Climate Action Planning***

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# FOREWORD



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Cities stand in the front lines of the global battle to curtail greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Planning provides a fundamental tool for local authorities to use when addressing such challenges. That is because comprehensive and coordinated action is essential for truly transformative action. To yield their greatest benefits,

be accompanied by land use regulations that promote compact and transit-oriented development. That is to say sectoral actions alone are not sufficient. Hence the need for integrated climate action planning at the city level.

The present “*Guiding Principles for City Climate Action Planning*” represent the result of a year-long process to distil lessons from a wide range of partners and stakeholders as to what provides for effective city-level climate action planning. Let me take this opportunity to thank partners for their many contributions. Along the way of developing these Guiding Principles, we hope that this process has yielded an important byproduct: a step in the maturation of a ‘community of practice’ in the area of city climate action planning.

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