

What is the Transformative Actions Program (TAP)?

The Transformative Actions Program (TAP) is an innovative initiative that aims to catalyze and improve capital flows to cities, towns and regions and strengthen the capacity of local and subnational governments to access climate finance and attract investment.

By participating in the TAP, cities, towns and regions take proactive steps and access a network of partners that offer support services that increase their **visibility**, better **position them to access climate finance** and **encourage innovative and replicable local financing mechanisms**. The TAP is open to local and subnational governments seeking project funding or visibility.

The TAP works to:

- Provide evaluation, feedback and **quality assurance services** for transformative action project proposals.
- Lower the barrier to effective and efficient cooperation between local and subnational governments and public and private financial institutions.
- Build trust among local and subnational governments, financial institutions and investors to **lower risk**.
- Contribute to the creation of **new financing mechanisms** and the **improvement of existing instruments**.
- Strengthen the impact of local climate projects and **better position** local and subnational governments **to attract investment and funding**.
- Raise the **visibility** of transformative actions and innovative local financing mechanisms to encourage investment, funding and replication.



TAP participants at the Cities & Regions Pavilion - TAP2015 at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris

Why did ICLEI create the TAP?

To ensure local and subnational governments can optimize their effectiveness in addressing climate change, there are **two key issues** to be urgently addressed.

First, local climate action must be accelerated through rapid expansion of financial resources that are readily accessible to and optimal for local and subnational governments. Yet climate finance is often inaccessible at the local and subnational levels, and where available, it is highly complex.

Second, the demand for good quality projects requires investment of expertise and capacity development to create a strong pipeline of transformative local climate projects. Building local government capacity is key to preparing and developing sustainable and financially attractive actions.

How does it work?

Cities, towns and regions from across the world are called on to **submit their transformative climate projects applications (“TAPplications”)**. Successful TAPplications receive feedback, quality assurance and capacity development services and are evaluated to become fully developed TAP Projects and receive the **“TAPproval” seal** as certification of their transformative nature and high project quality.

While the TAP does not guarantee or provide funding, it presents an important opportunity for local and subnational governments to become better positioned for investment and funding through improved project quality, visibility and third-party verification while serving as pioneer projects for improved global climate finance. The network of TAP partners engages with TAP participants as part of **four pillars**:



TAP Project Pipeline: The TAP Project Pipeline serves as a project preparation and certification facility, which includes **evaluation, feedback** and **quality assurance** to projects in the pipeline and delivers high-quality projects bearing the **“TAPproval” seal**.



TAP Platform: The online TAP Platform displays select TAPplications in the pipeline in a **centralized, uniform format** that optimizes **visibility to potential investors and funders**. It is a **first stop** for local and subnational governments and funders seeking information on projects with the potential to shape global development towards a low-carbon and resilient future.



TAP Services: TAP partners engage with participants through a number of **capacity development, technical support, relationship building** and **knowledge exchange** opportunities. TAP Services are tailored to the specific needs of each city, town and region, as the TAP is designed to match the individual priorities of participants.



TAP Advocacy: TAP Advocacy **amplifies the message** that local and subnational governments need **effective financing mechanisms** to achieve local, national and global climate goals. TAP Projects also gain **global visibility** through TAP events.