



Malmö Commitment on Inclusive & Equitable Communities

Endorsement Process

The Malmö Commitment was officially launched on 12 May 2022 during the High-Level Dialogue “Putting people at the heart of local sustainable development: The Malmö Commitment” at the ICLEI World Congress 2021-2022: The Malmö Summit.

The endorsement of the Malmö Commitment consists in a two-step process:

1. Support the Malmö Commitment

All local and regional governments are welcome to express their interest in becoming a **supporter** of the Malmö Commitment. Supporters will have the opportunity to showcase their commitment to developing safe, inclusive, resilient communities for all. Supporters will:

- become part of a community of like-minded local and regional governments working on equity policies within the sustainability sphere;
- gain access to further tools, resources and good practice which support equitable local sustainable development planning and implementation;
- and have the opportunity to share knowledge and collaborate with other committed local and regional governments addressing similar challenges and dedicated to promoting equity in their cities, towns and regions.





Supporters of the Malmö Commitment will be asked to complete a City Profile and define 1-3 **sustainability challenges** their local/regional government is facing and would like to address. Once this is completed, the profile will be showcased on the website, the city will be added to the map, and will have access to the community and resources. To become a supporter does not require any monetary cost or further staff capacity.

All local and regional governments are encouraged to support the Malmö Commitment through the [interest form](#) on the website or contacting the Malmö Commitment Secretariat at malmö.commitment@iclei.org.

2. Become a Pioneer of the Malmö Commitment

Local and regional governments taking the lead in embedding social equity at the core of their local sustainable development will be eligible to become **pioneers** of the Malmö Commitment.

These pioneers will commit to:

- a. Collaborate with community stakeholders to **identify the key sustainability challenges that must be prioritized within the community**, and the social dimensions against which each challenge must be addressed;
- b. **Design smart social equity indicators** to measure and monitor their progress in addressing these key sustainability challenges;
- c. **Report their progress and share** successes and lessons learned with other committed local governments to develop a pool of knowledge for further advancing equitable sustainable local development around the world;





- d. **Encourage** the local governments of **neighboring communities**, and others they work with and partner, to commit to the Malmö Commitment and further enhance the collective efforts.

To become a pioneer of the Malmö Commitment does not have any direct monetary cost, however it does require some invested municipal staff capacity:

- From Year 0 of the process, the city will need to designate one person to be the liaison with the Malmö Commitment team and in charge of the reporting on the Platform.
- During the first year, the city would need to “run a diagnosis” on its sustainability policies and the challenges, both social and environmental, that it currently faces. The city will then research and design social equity indicators for each challenge, collect data and set its baseline and its targets for 2025 and 2030.
- From year two, the city will need to have a screening body to review on-going and new projects according to the set targets, assess on-going projects against equitable development principles and identify potential gaps. The city will be responsible for selecting a financial model and secure funding, to develop an Equitable Development Action Plan, to implement socially equitable policies and initiatives accordingly and monitor and report to the Malmö Commitment Platform.
- Additionally, the city will need to designate a person to do advocacy work, to participate in focus groups, share lessons learned, participate in events, and encourage others to become part of the Malmö Commitment.

During the first phase of the Malmö Commitment, we are going to pilot the methodology with a **group of eleven pioneers**: City of Austin (USA), Glasgow City Council (United Kingdom), Makati City (Philippines), City of Malmö (Sweden), Municipality of Manizales (Colombia), City of Newcastle (Australia), City of





Pittsburgh (USA), Municipality of Porto Alegre (Brazil), Municipality of Santa Fe (Argentina), Municipality of Utrecht (Netherlands), and State of Yucatán (Mexico).

After this first phase, evaluations will be done periodically (twice a year) to engage supporters as new pioneers. The criteria of these evaluations will be based on the readiness of the local/regional government to design equity indicators and its capacity of reporting; a limited number of governments will be set per evaluation, and regional diversity will also be considered.

