



Project Information Document/ Identification/Concept Stage (PID)

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**BASIC INFORMATION****A. Basic Project Data**

Project ID	Parent Project ID (if any)	Environmental Assessment Category	Project Name
P164635		B - Partial Assessment	Urban Networking to Complement and Extend the Reach of the Sustainable Cities IAP
Region	Country	Date PID Prepared	Estimated Date of Approval
OTHER	World	07-Feb-2018	
Financing Instrument	Borrower(s)	Implementing Agency	Initiation Note Review Decision
Investment Project Financing	World Resources Institute	WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities	The review did authorize the preparation to continue

PROJECT FINANCING DATA**FINANCING****FINANCING SOURCES**

Select all that apply

☐ Counterpart Funding☒ Trust Funds☐ Parallel Financing**SUMMARY (USD)**

Total Project cost	2,000,000
Total Financing	2,000,000
Trust Funds	2,000,000
Financing Gap	0

DETAILS**Trust Funds**

Source	Currency	Amount	USD Equivalent
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Global Environment Facility - IBRD as Implementing Agency(GFIA)	USD-US Dollars	2,000,000	2,000,000
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B. Introduction and Context

Country Context

As part of its Sixth Replenishment Phase (GEF-6), the GEF has launched the Sustainable Cities Integrated Approach Pilot (SC-IAP) program to promote urban sustainability, recognizing the unique window of opportunity that comes with rapid urbanization and the foreseeable connections with global environmental issues. The \$150 million SC-IAP program will help leverage investments of US\$1.5 billion over five years, initially engaging 28 cities in 11 developing countries (Brazil, China, Cote d'Ivoire, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Senegal, South Africa and Viet Nam).

The SC-IAP program recognizes that the world is urbanizing at a rapid pace. By 2050, more than 2 billion additional people will be living in cities, a 50% increase compared to today. The vast majority of this growth will be concentrated in developing countries, with nearly 90% of the increase coming from cities in Asia and Africa. As engines of economic growth, cities already produce 80% of the world's gross domestic product (GDP). At the same time, cities are central to current global challenges, specifically considering climate change and increasingly scarce resources. This is where over two-thirds of global energy supply is consumed, while cities account for close to 70% of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions. Transport infrastructure, waste management, water and sanitation are among the major challenges for urban sustainability. Cities are also uniquely vulnerable to climate change: 14 of the world's 19 largest cities are in port areas. Climate change adds to the urgency of sustainable urban planning and management, and to the already broad set of challenges for many city governments revolving around providing jobs, services and housing to growing urban populations. If managed well, compact, resilient, inclusive, low emission, and resource-efficient cities can become drivers of sustainable development, contributing to both local livability and global public goods.

Sectoral and Institutional Context

The Sustainable Cities Integrated Approach Pilot Program (SC IAP) consists of two tracks:

1. City-level projects, located in 28 cities across 11 countries with around US\$140 million total GEF grant funding. Each country is supported by one or several implementing agencies to manage the various projects in the participating cities. Please see Annex I outlining the project activities being developed by each country.
2. The Global Platform for Sustainable Cities (GPSC), led by the World Bank with US\$10 million-GEF grant funding. The GPSC is a knowledge platform that ties all participating cities together and provides a



collaborative space for aspiring cities and a wide range of entities already working on urban sustainability issues.

Additional and complementary support for the GPSC will be provided through this project, the Urban Networking for Sustainable Cities project (the "Resource Team").

Through a holistic and integrated approach (e.g., drawing on the WB's climate-smart capital investment planning process), the SC-IAP program will (i) facilitate knowledge-sharing among city leaders on policy reform and innovation to inform and inspire climate action; (ii) develop and deploy common standards and tools, that will help enhance credibility, transparency and usability of cities' commitments for environmental sustainability and GHG reductions; (iii) enhance the capacity of city leaders to develop and execute city-wide low-carbon plans; and (iv) provide finance for selected urban low-carbon infrastructure across a range of sectors like for example transport, energy, buildings, waste and water.

A key value-added to be brought by the SC-IAP program is promoting the integration of environmental sustainability into city planning and management in SC-IAP target cities, and contributing these same "environmental" considerations to a potentially larger number of other urban centers associated with the existing initiatives mentioned above, therefore having a potentially transformative impact through the network of cities embarked on this trajectory. To ensure this approach, the program is organized around two major priorities (i) to help 28 cities promote an integrated approach through actual investment in their priority; and (ii) to create a global platform for knowledge sharing among cities, primarily focusing on the 28 but others as well. This framework will help ensure that 28 cities can harness relevant state of the art thinking /methods of integrated urban planning (from a global marketplace of an enormous amount of knowledge products, guidelines and tools) , and at the same time share their experiences globally through networks of Mayors and city experts. The knowledge sharing platform is therefore a unique feature of the program with huge potential of scaling up of transformation by bringing focused, relevant and timely knowledge to SC-IAP cities.

The GPSC was launched in March 2016 as a platform dedicated to providing space for collaborative engagement by cities with aspirations for sustainability, and a wide range of entities already working to support those cities. The GPSC will engage partners and city networks to promote integrated urban design, planning and management, resulting in sustainable, resilient, and environmentally sound urban development. It aims to:

1. Promote and advise an improved approach and method to integrated urban planning and performance, to the 28 participating cities in the SC-IAP;
2. Train and connect the participating cities, as well as other cities that might be interested in this topic and in future participation in the program, on integrated sustainability planning by taking as starting points their concrete contexts, barriers and opportunities to achieve integration with a focus on urban infrastructure, policy, people and investments; and,
3. Provide access to a wide range of existing tools and knowledge relevant to integrated urban planning and implementation that will support the cities to deliver effective integrated urban planning.



The day to day activities under the GPSC (including via this complementary project) will include extensive consultations and technical support to cities based on their demands and needs, and the expertise available within the partnership players of the GPSC. This will include Data/Indicators & Tools, Sustainability Planning, and Financial Sustainability among other such “services.” These services will be delivered in the form of capacity building, training, technical assistance, review of sustainability plans, documents and processes. North-south or south-south exchanges will also be strongly encouraged and facilitated. Support will be available to cities on a continuing basis through the course of the project.

In order to accommodate these multiple priorities and at the same time facilitate the effectiveness of the GPSC, additional effort is needed to harness the strengths of existing city networks. This GEF medium-sized project is a response to this critical need, and will provide resources for an enhanced and coordinated urban support to the SC-IAP cities and their efforts to increase connectivity with other city good practices and solutions as well as to inform and connect them to global policy developments in the field of sustainability, along with specific knowledge and data at the local level. Given the urgency of the agenda, this offers an opportunity to extend the reach of the Cities-IAP in real time, accelerating the Program replication pathway.

The Urban Networking for Sustainable Cities project (the "Resource Team") will be linked directly to the GPSC project under the SC-IAP for which the WB serves as GEF Agency, and will offer technical support on a demand-driven basis to cities around two thematic areas: local climate action and sustainable development. Through a collaborative effort by key technical partners and city networks, and in conjunction with the SC-IAP program activities, the Urban Networking project will enable wider access to other knowledge platforms, promote peer-to-peer learning opportunities (webinars, one-on-one meetings, workshops, study tours), and access to a wider range of good practices and other cities with relevant experience.

Relationship to CPF

The global project is well-aligned with, and helping to drive, the integration of climate mitigation with sustainable urban development projects and programs within GSURR and the broader SD family. The orientation of traditional business lines such as urban planning, solid waste management and urban transport can be sharpened to maximum climate mitigation impacts.

C. Project Development Objective(s)

Proposed Development Objective(s)

To strengthen the Global Platform for Sustainable Cities (GPSC) for more integrated and sustainable urban planning and development through city-to-city and network knowledge sharing.

Key Results

1. Cities are connected with other cities for peer-to-peer interaction, and connected with actionable knowledge relevant to tackling their challenges, including the latest technical knowledge, tools and methods.



2. Global profile raised via global events and presence, including promoting the GPSC and joint activities and undertakings with relevant partner organizations.
3. Contribution to the GPSC knowledge platform, including an interactive website that serves as an information and knowledge hub to connect participants and relevant stakeholders with information from peer-to-peer exchanges providing insights for other cities.

The project will indirectly contribute to the SC-IAP program's targeted contributions to Global Environmental Benefits (reference page 3 of the approved GEF MSP proposal).

D. Preliminary Description

Activities/Components

A. Activities/Components

1. City Access Point to RT Services - Identification and delivery of peer-to-peer opportunities in the city networks that have presence and useful practical experiences in areas of work included in the child projects of the 28 SC-IAP cities (e.g., transit-oriented development, water, finance for sustainability, planning, indicators):

a. Technical needs assessments, to capture the critical information on the cities' technical needs for peer—to-peer exchanges, learning and knowledge products relative to their efforts to enhance their sustainable development plans, policies and programs, and to identify other potential partners to support the cities.

b. Capacity development plan for Resource Team action, specifying the requests/needs for each of the cities and identifying what elements of the Thematic Areas (local climate action and sustainable development) would be beneficial to each city, grouping where possible the city needs into "clusters" of knowledge topics, and including a specific work plan for the Resource Team to be carried out under the project.

c. Delivery of peer-to-peer exchanges based on the demand/needs assessments, drawing on successful methodologies for designing and delivering peer-to-peer learning, and including logistics (two participants from each city) and content organization, based on the Capacity Development Plan and matching of cities and knowledge clusters.

d. Peer exchange documentation, to compile material from P2P exchanges and produce a series of case studies and learning material based on the technical knowledge delivered through the exchanges, to be posted in web platform for other cities to access.

2. Learning Events, Webinars and Linkages to Global Events – Facilitating learning from the experiences of the participating cities, and promotion of the work of the GPSC through awareness of and access to international processes.

a. City academies, two-day practical training workshops for GPSC cities, focused on the main sectoral topics of GPSC – integrated planning, low-carbon development, finance, and data. Two Academies are planned. Includes



demonstration on use of relevant frameworks and tools; sharing of best practices and lessons learned (including related to GHG mitigation, and environmental and social assessment and management); opportunities for cities to share their specific issues and challenges; interactive exercises and icebreakers to encourage dialogue and collaboration;; and preparation by cities of key actions and takeaways.

b. Documentation and packaging of technical knowledge presented in City Academies, to be published on the GPSC website.

c. Side events/panels (3-4 events) during global city forums, targeted at GPSC cities and on topics as prioritized in the Capacity Development Plans, organized prior to or in parallel with major international events such as the World Urban Forum, Cities and Climate Change Science Conference, and ICLEI World Congress.

d. Promotional events, designed to promote participation in GPSC to non-GPSC cities, organized on the side of major events where WRI, ICLEI and C40 participate.

e. Webinars (8-9 events) for GPSC cities and WRI, C40 and ICLEI's organizational network of cities, on topics defined in the Capacity Development Plan, providing insights and shared experience on a particular strategy or solution related to climate change and sustainable development, including best practices and lessons of experience from other cities. Webinars would be complemented by other learning and knowledge activities.

3. Knowledge Management Documentation – Provide a platform to curate and catalog cutting-edge knowledge, advocate for good practices related to sustainable urban development, connect cities through the networks of the GPSC, and assist potential applicant cities to the GEF grants in the preparation of their sustainability programs.

a. Inputs into Urban Sustainability Framework (USF), which will serve as a comprehensive methodology to support cities to adopt an integrated approach to urban planning and management and improve their urban sustainability status over time. Development of the USF will be led by World Bank, supported by the Research Team.

b. Library of knowledge for web platform, with state of the art information on the topics that fall within the Thematic areas of local climate action and sustainable development. The Resource Team will select, organize and sometimes adapt existing information, such as frameworks, methodologies, safeguards assessment and management, reports, working papers, and share that information through the GPSC web platform.

c. New knowledge products and adaptation of existing tools, such as working papers, guidelines or tools, which will be part of the technical knowledge library to be hosted on the GPSC platform. Six new knowledge products will be produced, selected based on demand from cities and implementing agencies, and identified GPSC knowledge gaps.



4. Project Management of the overall project, including coordinating different Components and activities led by specific partners. Activities include sub-granting supervision, report writing, activity coordination, representation at project meetings, periodic meetings with working groups, and related activities.

SAFEGUARDS

E. Safeguard Policies that Might Apply

Safeguard Policies Triggered by the Project	Yes	No	TBD
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	X		
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04		X	
Forests OP/BP 4.36		X	
Pest Management OP 4.09		X	
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11		X	
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10		X	
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12		X	
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37		X	
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50		X	
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60		X	

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