

NEW SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE COMING TO 9 CITIES AS C40 CITIES FINANCE FACILITY ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECTS

- Bogotá, Bucaramanga, Cali, Montería, Tshwane, Quito, Curitiba, Quezon City, and Dar es Salaam will receive support in implementing sustainable projects.
- Announcement made at CFFactory conference in Berlin.

Berlin, Germany (28 November 2018) – Nine cities will receive specialist financial advice and bespoke support from leading global experts to develop sustainable infrastructure projects from great ideas and plans into fully financed reality. The Colombian cities of Bogotá, Bucaramanga, Cali, Montería, along with Tshwane, South Africa; Quito, Ecuador; Curitiba, Brazil; Quezon City, The Philippines; and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, will receive support over the next two years from the C40 Cities Finance Facility. This support will allow the cities to prepare a financially sound business proposal for projects that they have identified as priorities to meet their ambitious visions of being world leaders in delivering sustainable and inclusive climate action.

The support provided by a host of national and international experts will enable each city to develop high-quality infrastructure projects which fit the needs of its citizens. The initiative will also ensure the cities retain the skills and structures to produce a pipeline of sustainable infrastructure projects throughout the city.

The C40 Cities Finance Facility selected nine cities following a rigorous and competitive process including a call for applications in early 2018, and a competitive process to select suitable projects. Support has been offered to cities in the sectors of transportation, energy and adaptation. The following cities have been offered support for their infrastructure projects:

- **Bogotá, Bucaramanga, Cali, Montería** - The C40 Cities Finance Facility will help create Public Bikeshare Systems in four cities across Colombia. The project will make cycling more accessible and affordable, providing a healthy and safe mode of transport.
- **Tshwane** – The C40 Cities Finance Facility will help create a 17km bicycle spine through the city and support the construction of a combined heat and power biogas plant at the Zeekoegat waste water treatment works.
- **Quito** - The C40 Cities Finance Facility will help Quito electrify the Ecovía Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor. The project will improve air quality and provide greener, healthier streets for the citizens of Quito.
- **Curitiba** - The C40 Cities Finance Facility will help install solar panels on four bus terminals and the deactivated Caximba Landfill in Curitiba. The project will

pave the way for scaling up of rooftop solar projects across all public buildings and bus stops in Curitiba.

- **Quezon City** - The C40 Cities Finance Facility will help install solar panels on 50 schools to provide reliable and uninterrupted power supply to support disaster risk management for Quezon City. The project will build resilience to managing climate change related extreme weather events while increasing clean, renewable energy generation in the city.
- **Dar es Salaam** – The C40 Cities Finance Facility will help reduce the vulnerability of the Msimbazi floodplain to extreme climate related flooding. The project will create much needed employment and protect the city’s most vulnerable citizens from extreme weather events.

The announcement of support was made at the CFFactory – an international conference on cities, climate change, and finance – in Berlin. The conference is bringing together cities, urban practitioners, national governments, NGOs and financial institutions to explore solutions to financing challenges for cities; across developing and emerging economies. The CFFactory is co-hosted by the C40 Cities Finance Facility and Senate of Berlin from the 28th to 30th of November at the Berlin City Hall.

“The mayors of the world’s great cities know what needs to be done to create the healthy, prosperous and sustainable cities of the future. Investors and global financial institutions need to step up and match the bold ambition being displayed by mayors”, said **Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris and Chair of C40**. “I’m delighted that, with support from the C40 Cities Finance Facility, these nine cities will deliver the transformation that citizens are demanding for their communities.”

“The scientific evidence is now absolutely clear that we need urgent and radical transformations in our cities to prevent climate breakdown, said **Mark Watts, C40 Executive Director**. “The C40 Cities Finance Facility is so valuable because it helps unlock the finance needed to make great ideas on paper, a reality on city streets. The challenge now is to increase the speed and scale that these sustainable infrastructure projects are built, including in cities beyond the C40 network. That’s why we’re thrilled that three non-C40 cities in Colombia are included in the list of cities benefiting from CFF support today.”

“The CFF underscores the importance of development partnerships for an effective and truly transformative international cooperation” said **Andreas Proksch, Director General, GIZ Sector and Global Programmes Department GIZ**. “With an integrated and demand-driven approach we are enabling cities to access infrastructure finance and combat climate change, one of the defining challenges of our generation.”

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About the C40 Cities Finance Facility

The CFF is a collaboration of C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. The CFF supports cities in developing and emerging economies to develop finance-ready projects to reduce emissions limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and strengthen resilience against the impacts of a warming climate. The CFF is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ), the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The CFF is currently supporting projects in three other cities. Bogotá is building a first-of-its-kind 25-kilometre bicycle highway connecting citizens from low, middle and high-income neighbourhoods to work, education and recreation opportunities. Mexico City is implementing a 22km Zero Emission Corridor on the major thoroughfare of Eje 8 Sur, by purchasing a fleet of electric buses and serving an estimated 185,000 users daily. eThekweni (Durban) is implementing a community-operated river restoration programme, clearing 3000km of watercourses surrounding the city and significantly reducing the city's vulnerability to climate related flooding.