



WORLD'S 26 BEST CLIMATE PROJECTS COMPETE FOR THE 2019 C40 CITIES BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES AWARDS

C40 and Bloomberg Philanthropies Announce City Finalists, Recognizing the World's Most Impactful Efforts by Mayors to Tackle Climate Change

London, UK (2 October 2019) – Today, C40 and Bloomberg Philanthropies announced the 26 city finalists for the 2019 C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards. Representing the most ambitious and impactful projects by mayors to tackle the global climate crisis, the sixth annual [C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards](#) celebrates the best projects across seven categories that define this year's theme – **The Future We Want**:

1. The future we want **is resilient**
2. The future we want **relies on green mobility**
3. The future we want **runs on renewable energy**
4. The future we want **engages all citizens**
5. The future we want **breathes clean air**
6. The future we want **requires transformative change**
7. The future we want **uses green technologies**

The winners of the 2019 C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards will be announced at the [C40 World Mayors Summit](#) in Copenhagen on 10 October. Those chosen will have demonstrated ambitious climate action while ensuring better, longer lives for the greatest number of people – they will be formidable examples of what leadership looks like in building an innovative, resilient, and inclusive future.

“Congratulations to every city that has been selected as a finalist of the 2019 C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards,” **said Mayor of Paris and Chair of C40, Anne Hidalgo**. “The urgency of the climate crisis facing the world means that we need to be constantly recognising the best ideas in how cities can tackle climate change. Every one of these projects deserves to be closely studied by mayors and city leaders around the world. I wish each city the very best of luck.”

“Cities have a crucial role to play in the global fight against climate change, and these awards recognize cities that are leading the way,” **said Michael R. Bloomberg, C40 Board President, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Climate Action, Founder of Bloomberg Philanthropies and Mayor of New York City 2002-2013**. “The finalists have developed bold and innovative projects to clean the air and water, expand renewable energy, promote low-carbon transit, and attack the climate crisis head-on. The health of our children and the stability of our planet depend on this vital work.”

Finalists for the 2019 C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards were selected from projects that will be featured in [Cities100](#), which showcases 100 of this year's most forward-thinking and inclusive climate action projects from around the world. Cities100 is a collaboration between C40 and Nordic Sustainability and is funded by the Danish philanthropic association Realdania.

“The projects in this year's Cities100 report clearly demonstrate that cities are acting fast and are doing their utmost to create livable, resilient cities for millions of people,” **said CEO at Realdania, Jesper Nygård**. “Urgent action is needed if we want to bend the curve for the

climate crisis. We pay tribute to the great diversity of projects submitted, emphasising the fact that local action and multiple approaches are necessary to limit the increase in global average temperature to 1,5 °C. This is why we must also help more cities and smaller municipalities stepping up to the climate agenda.”

2019 C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards Finalists:

CITY	CATEGORY	PROJECT
<i>Portland, Oregon, USA</i>	<i>Resilience</i>	Crystal Springs Watershed Restoration
<i>Medellín, Colombia</i>	<i>Resilience</i>	Avenida Oriental Green Corridors
<i>Quezon City, Philippines</i>	<i>Resilience</i>	Quezon City's Socialized Housing Program
<i>National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi, India</i>	<i>Resilience</i>	“Jal Swaraj” Safe Drinking Water Initiative
<i>Bengaluru, India</i>	<i>Green Mobility</i>	“Tender SURE” Urban Street Design for People
<i>Bogotá, Colombia</i>	<i>Green Mobility</i>	“Muévete Mejor” Business Network for Mobility
<i>Kolkata, India</i>	<i>Green Mobility</i>	Low Carbon Commute Transition
<i>New York City, USA</i>	<i>Renewable Energy</i>	Efficiency, Electrification and Renewable Energy Mandate
<i>London, UK</i>	<i>Renewable Energy</i>	Zero Carbon Requirement for New Development
<i>Cape Town, South Africa</i>	<i>Renewable Energy</i>	Small-Scale Energy Generation Program
<i>Seoul, South Korea</i>	<i>Renewable Energy</i>	Solar City Expansion
<i>Los Angeles, USA</i>	<i>Engaged Citizens</i>	L.A.’s Green New Deal
<i>Paris, France</i>	<i>Engaged Citizens</i>	Sustainable Food Waste Collaboration
<i>Barcelona, Spain</i>	<i>Engaged Citizens</i>	Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality and Climate Justice
<i>São Paulo, Brazil</i>	<i>Engaged Citizens</i>	Sustainable Street Markets and Gardens Program
<i>Accra, Ghana</i>	<i>Engaged Citizens</i>	Informal Waste Collection Expansion
<i>London, UK</i>	<i>Clean Air</i>	Ultra Low Emission Zone
<i>Copenhagen, Denmark</i>	<i>Clean Air</i>	Cycle Superhighways
<i>Stockholm, Sweden</i>	<i>Clean Air</i>	Onshore Power Supply in the Port of Värtan
<i>New York City, USA</i>	<i>Transformative Change</i>	Fossil Fuel Divestment

<i>San Francisco, USA</i>	<i>Transformative Change</i>	CleanPowerSF
<i>Vancouver, Canada</i>	<i>Transformative Change</i>	Climate Emergency Response
<i>Milan, Italy</i>	<i>Transformative Change</i>	Food Waste Strategy
<i>Hong Kong, China</i>	<i>Green Technologies</i>	District Cooling System
<i>Paris, France</i>	<i>Green Technologies</i>	Cool Islands to Combat Heat Waves
<i>Guangzhou, China</i>	<i>Green Technologies</i>	Expansive Bus Electrification

For more information on the Awards and the projects of the Finalist cities, visit: www.c40.org/awards.

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About the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group

Around the world, C40 Cities connects 94 of the world’s greatest cities to take bold climate action, leading the way towards a healthier and more sustainable future. Representing 700+ million citizens and one quarter of the global economy, mayors of the C40 cities are committed to delivering on the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement at the local level, as well as to cleaning the air we breathe. The current chair of C40 is Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo; and three-term Mayor of New York City Michael R. Bloomberg serves as President of the Board. C40’s work is made possible by our three strategic funders: Bloomberg Philanthropies, Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), and Realdania. To learn more about the work of C40 and our cities, please visit [our website](#), or follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#)

About Bloomberg Philanthropies:

Bloomberg Philanthropies works in 480 cities in more than 120 countries around the world to ensure better, longer lives for the greatest number of people. The organization focuses on five key areas for creating lasting change: Arts, Education, Environment, Government Innovation, and Public Health. Bloomberg Philanthropies encompasses all of Michael R. Bloomberg’s charitable activities, including his foundation and his personal giving. In 2018, Bloomberg Philanthropies distributed \$767 million. For more information, please visit bloomberg.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Twitter](#).

About Cities100

The 2019 Cities100 report marks its fourth edition. This year’s edition is a collaboration between the consultancy Nordic Sustainability and C40 Cities, and is funded by the Danish philanthropic association, Realdania. The Cities100 report showcases 100 of the most ambitious climate action projects in the world. The projects were selected among 195 applicants after a process of vetting and evaluation by Nordic Sustainability and a team of experts from C40. For more information about projects partners, visit [Nordic Sustainability](#) or [Realdania](#).

To learn about this year’s climate action projects and the Award Finalists, please visit cities100report.com and Twitter [@Cities100report](#).