

Regional Climate Action Planning and Reporting Opportunity

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (Caucus) has a unique opportunity to accelerate climate action on a level that is unprecedented in the U.S. The Caucus has been selected as one of four pilot [Regional and Metro-scale Climate Leaders](#) by the International Urban Cooperation (IUC) program and the [Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy](#) (GCoM). The program provides technical assistance to pioneer regional climate planning, but requires selected organizations to provide full-time staffing and resources. Partners are needed to support this work and leverage this extraordinary opportunity.



The project will result in a regional climate action plan; a vulnerability and risk assessment; and a platform to enable tracking and reporting of local climate actions aligned with the Caucus' [Greenest Region Compact](#) (GRC). It will build on the regional greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory completed by CMAP in 2018 and comply with GCoM global standards. This year-long process will identify priority strategies for equitable solutions to climate impacts.

Regional planning creates synergy and accelerates climate action in other parts of the world, but is yet to be successfully demonstrated in the U.S. GCoM has selected the Caucus, whose Greenest Region Compact forms the nation's largest regional, municipal climate-collaborative, to help demonstrate the value of this approach. The Institute for Sustainable Communities just released [Regional Collaboratives for Climate Change — A State of the Art](#) that reports regional climate action is effective, especially when guided by a regional plan. Addressing significant emissions sources, like transportation and higher per capita suburban emissions, are best done regionally. The consensus sustainability goals of the Greenest Region Compact (GRC) have been formally adopted by 127 municipalities serving 6 million of the region's 8.5 million residents. CMAP has set a goal to create a regional climate action plan in its ON TO 2050 plan. Support for the GRC and the [Chicago Climate Charter](#), indicate the strong political will of metro Chicago Mayors for regional climate action. These factors prime the region for successful collaborative climate action planning.

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