

THE FIVE ICLEI PATHWAYS



LOW EMISSION
DEVELOPMENT



NATURE-BASED
DEVELOPMENT



EQUITABLE
AND PEOPLE-
CENTERED
DEVELOPMENT



RESILIENT
DEVELOPMENT



CIRCULAR
DEVELOPMENT

The **FIVE ICLEI PATHWAYS** towards low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development are designed to create **SYSTEMIC CHANGE**. The pathways are a framework for designing **INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS** that balance the patterns of human life and the built and natural environments. They are a basis for sustainable urban development that considers the complexity of urban systems. The pathways encourage **HOLISTIC THINKING** to ensure that ICLEI optimises our impact. For instance, we consider how nature-based development contributes to resilience, or how to bring equity into low emission development.

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We design our work to integrate as many pathways as possible into any given activity such as a **PROJECT**, **PARTNERSHIP** or **INITIATIVE**. When these pathways guide local and regional development, urban systems become **MORE SUSTAINABLE**



Urban systems are part of a broader **CITY-REGION TERRITORY** Local and regional governments and their urban systems are **INTERCONNECTED** We address city-to-city and rural-urban linkages to create a **MULTIPLIER EFFECT**

OUR THEMATIC AREAS

ICLEI's thematic areas in Europe, such as climate, biodiversity and nature-based solutions and mobility, depending on the specific context in which we work, connect the 5 Pathways with the daily working fields of European local governments.

