Reporting Guidance for Race to Zero and Race to Resilience Campaigns 2021

This document provides information about reporting through the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System in 2021, for cities who are committing to the Cities Race to Zero and Race to Resilience campaigns.

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Race to Zero and Race to Resilience

The Race to Zero and Resilience are campaigns launched by the UN **High-Level Climate Action Champions** to build momentum around the shift to a decarbonized and resilient economy ahead of COP26.

Race to Zero brings together the largest ever coalition of leaders from cities, regions, businesses, investors, and universities **committing to net zero by 2050.** Race to Resilience is the sibling campaign and is aiming to drive these important actors, including cities, to commit to building **resilience and protecting people who are vulnerable to climate risks.**

The Cities Race to Zero is the track cities can take to join the global Race to Zero Campaign. Cities Race to Zero is run by C40, CDP, the Global Covenant of Mayors, ICLEI, UCLG, WRI and WWF. To join the Cities Race to Zero and find out more about Race to Resilience, visit www.citiesracetozero.org.

Over 400 cities have already joined the Race to Zero in 2020 through the Cities Race to Zero portal, or legacy initiatives (Deadline 2020, RAMCC and ICLEI). If you are unsure if your city is committed to Race to Zero email info@citiesracetozero.org.

The track for cities to join Race to Resilience will be launched from May 2021. Visit www.citiesracetozero.org for the latest updates on how to join Race to Resilience.

Reporting for Race to Zero and Race to Resilience through CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System

Reporting is a requirement of the Cities Race to Zero and Race to Resilience campaigns. In 2021, cities should report the information they have, even if incomplete. By 2022, cities will report confirmed or updated targets, and start reporting progress annually.

Cities participating in one or both of the campaigns should report their information through the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System or MyCovenant, or their usual reporting platform. For cities already reporting through the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System, there are no additional reporting requirements.

When reporting through the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System, cities are encouraged to submit their responses by 29 July 2021, which is the deadline for receiving a score from CDP for their response. Cities are encouraged to disclose before this date in order to receive the full benefits of disclosure, including a score and feedback on the questionnaire response and the ability to benchmark performance against peers.

There is no fee to participate.

Cities that have not reported before will be guided through this process. Contact cities@cdp.net for support.

To begin disclosure, select the projects relevant to your city in the city dashboard. Race to Zero and Race to Resilience should be selected in addition to other projects the city is committed to, not as a replacement for other projects. Cities that have already joined Race to Zero through the Cities Race to Zero portal or a legacy initiative (C40's Deadline 2020, RAMCC or ICLEI) will see their Race to Zero project status set to confirmed in the city dashboard, shown in Figure 1. Reporting publicly is a requirement of the races, so cities' responses will be published through the Open Data Portal.
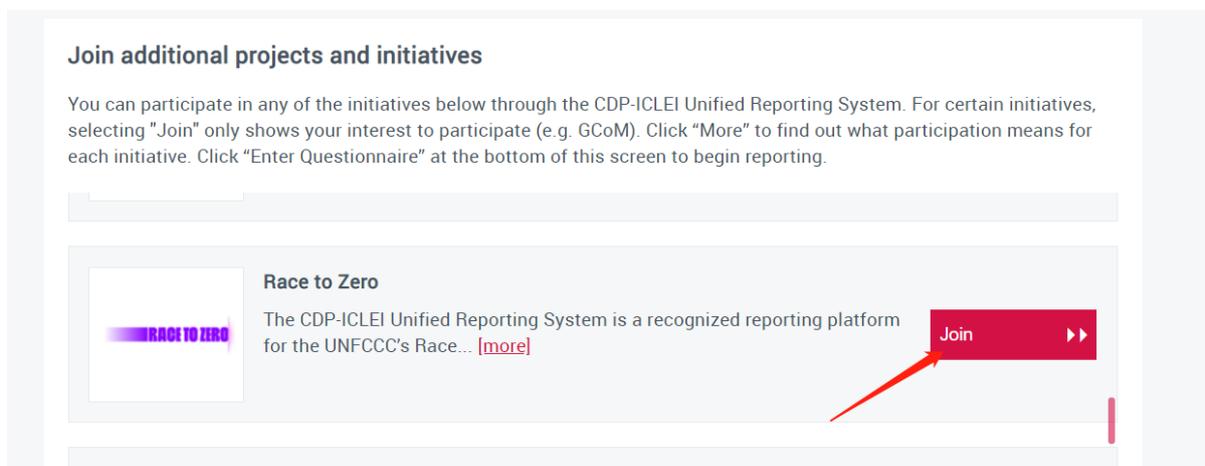

Figure 1 Join Race to Zero from the City Dashboard.

Use the table below to understand your Race to Zero or Race to Resilience project membership on the City Dashboard and what to do next.

Cities who have joined Race to Zero through a Legacy Initiative (RAMCC, C40's Deadline 2020 and ICLEI)	• The project membership will be set to 'confirmed' in the city dashboard • The city is commtited to the Race to Zero campaign and no further action is needed to commit • Proceed to annual reporting, ensuring disclosure includes the recommended questions outlined in this document
Cities who have joined the campaign through the Cities Race to Zero portal at www.citiesracetozero.org	• Once the commitment has been made on the Cities Race to Zero portal, the project membership on the city dashboard will show as 'confirmed' • It may take up to seven days for this change to be displayed • If you are unsure if your city is part of the campaign, email info@citiesracetozero.org to check • Proceed to annual reporting, ensuring disclosure includes the recommended questions outlined in this document
Cities who have not joined Race to Zero or Race to Resilience	• To register interest in joining Race to Zero or Resilience, select 'Join' against these projects on the city dashboard. This will change the project membership to 'pending' on the dashboard • You can then go to www.citiesracetozero.org to commit to the campaigns. Once committed, the project membership will change to 'confirmed' on the dashboard • If you need help, your CDP account manager will contact you to support you joining the campaign • Proceed to annual reporting, ensuring disclosure includes the recommended questions outlined in this document

Recommended Questions for Participating in the Campaigns in 2021

The questions presented below are recommended for cities that are participating in the Cities Race to Zero or Race to Resilience and reporting to the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System in 2021. Where a city is participating in additional projects, the questions relevant to those will be indicated within the questionnaire. You can use the table below as a checklist when participating in the Cities Race to Zero or Race to Resilience. You can access the full cities questionnaire and supporting guidance, for more information about how to respond to each question here.

Reporting Boundary

Responding to the questions recommended below will help in collecting important information relevant to targets set as part of a city's Race to Zero and Race to Resilience pledges. It is recommended that these questions are completed by all cities. For more information about how to respond to these questions, refer to the Cities 2021 Questionnaire Guidance here.

Question number	Question title
0.1	Please give a general description and introduction to your city including your city's reporting boundary in the table below.
0.5	Please provide details of your city's current population. Report the population in the year of your reported inventory, if possible.

Resilience

Responding to the questions recommended below will help you track progress against Race to Resilience pledges. It is recommended to answer these questions, even if full information is not available during the 2021 disclosure. Disclosing information on resilience is encouraged for all cities, not just those participating in the Race to Resilience campaign.

Question number	Question title
Climate hazards and vulnerability:	
2.0	Has a climate change risk and vulnerability assessment been undertaken for your city? *You must answer "Yes" to see question 2.0b*
2.0b	Please attach and provide details on your climate change risk and vulnerability assessment. Please provide details on the boundary of your assessment, and where this differs from your city's boundary, please provide an explanation.
2.1	Please list the most significant climate hazards faced by your city and indicate the probability and consequence of these hazards, as well as the expected future change in frequency and intensity. Please also select the most relevant assets or services that are affected by the climate hazard and provide a description of the impact.
Adaptation actions:	
3.0	Please describe the main actions you are taking to reduce the risk to, and vulnerability of, your city's infrastructure, services, citizens, and businesses from climate change as identified in the Climate Hazards section.

	Adaptation plan:
3.2	Does your city council, or similar authority, have a published plan that addresses climate change adaptation? You must answer "Yes" or "In progress" to see question 3.2a.
3.2a	Please provide more information on your plan that addresses climate change adaptation and attach the document. Please provide details on the boundary of your plan, and where this differs from your city's boundary, please provide an explanation.
Adaptation goals:	
3.3	Please describe the main goals of your city's adaptation efforts and the metrics/KPIs for each goal.

Mitigation

Responding to the questions recommended below will help you track progress against the Race to Zero pledge requirements of: setting a target to reach net zero by the 2040s at the latest, set an interim target that represents a fair share of 50% global emission reduction by 2030 and taking at least one climate mitigation action. It is recommended to respond to all of the questions below, even if full information is not yet available. This will help you set a baseline in 2021, ahead of full annual progress reporting from 2022.

Question number	Question title
	Emissions reduction targets:
5.0	Do you have a GHG emissions reduction target(s) in place at the city-wide level? If you indicated that you have a target in place at the city-wide level, you will be asked to complete the details in questions 5.0a to 5.0d depending on the target type you selected. You must answer "Base year emissions (absolute) target" to see question 5.0a. You must answer "Fixed level target" to see question 5.0b. You must answer "Base year intensity target" to see question 5.0c. You must answer "Baseline scenario (business as usual) target to see question 5.0d.
5.0a	Please provide details of your total city-wide base year emissions reduction (absolute) target(s). In addition, you may add rows to provide details of your sector-specific targets, by providing the base year emissions specific to that target.
5.0b	Please provide details of your total fixed level target(s).
5.0c	Please provide details of your total city-wide base year intensity target(s). An intensity target is usually measured per capita or per unit GDP. If you have an absolute emissions reduction target, please select "Base year emissions (absolute) target" in question 5.0.
5.0d	Please provide details of your total city-wide baseline scenario target(s), including projected business as usual emissions.
5.1	Please describe how the target(s) reported above align with the global 1.5-2°c pathway set out in the Paris agreement. To answer this question, you must have selected "Yes – 1.5°C" or "Yes – 2°C" in response to "Does this target align with the global 1.5 - 2°c pathway set out in the Paris Agreement?" in questions 5.0a, 5.0b, 5.0c or 5.0d.

Emissions reduction actions:	
5.4	Describe the anticipated outcomes of the most impactful mitigation actions your city is currently undertaking; the total cost of the action and how much is being funded by the local government.
Climate change mitigation plan:	
5.5	Does your city have a climate change mitigation or energy access plan for reducing city-wide GHG emissions? You must answer "Yes" or "In progress" to see question 5.5a.
5.5a	Please attach your city's climate change mitigation plan below. If your city has both mitigation and energy access plans, please make sure to attach all relevant documents below.
Renewable energy targets:	
8.0	Does your city have a renewable energy target? You must answer "Yes" to see question 8.0a.
8.0a	Please provide details of your renewable energy target(s) and how the city plans to meet those targets.
Food policy	
12.3	Does your city have any policies relating to food consumption within your city? If so, please describe the expected outcome of the policy.

Reporting in 2022 and beyond

Annual reporting is a requirement of the Race to Zero.

- ❧ By 2022, cities will report confirmed or updated targets.
- ❧ Cities will start reporting progress on their commitment annually.
- ❧ Reporting will be public.
- ❧ A final list of required questions will be published ahead of the 2022 reporting period, building on the 2021 baseline. While the questions in this document are recommended, the questions identified for 2022 reporting will be a requirement for Cities Race to Zero compliance.

Get in touch for support

If you have any question, please feel free to write to:

- ❧ CDP: cities@cdp.net
- ❧ CITIES RACE TO ZERO: info@citiesracetozero.org

You are also welcomed to visit our events and webinar page for relevant guiding materials.