



# Accelerating Municipal Transitions through Systems-Level Change

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# About ICLEI



2500+ LOCAL AND  
REGIONAL  
GOVERNMENTS

24 OFFICES  
WORLDWIDE

ACTIVE IN 100+  
COUNTRIES

IMPACTING MORE  
THAN 25% OF  
PEOPLE LIVING IN  
CITIES

5  
INTERCONNECTED  
DEVELOPMENT  
PATHWAYS

# The Five ICLEI Pathways



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 system becomes 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.

# Why Are We In Need of Change?



The world is becoming increasingly complex and current approaches to tackling manifestations of the climate crisis are falling short.

IPCC Report

# Why are Local Governments Critical for Sustainability?

Key leverage point to action change



Mandated and have a responsibility to citizens

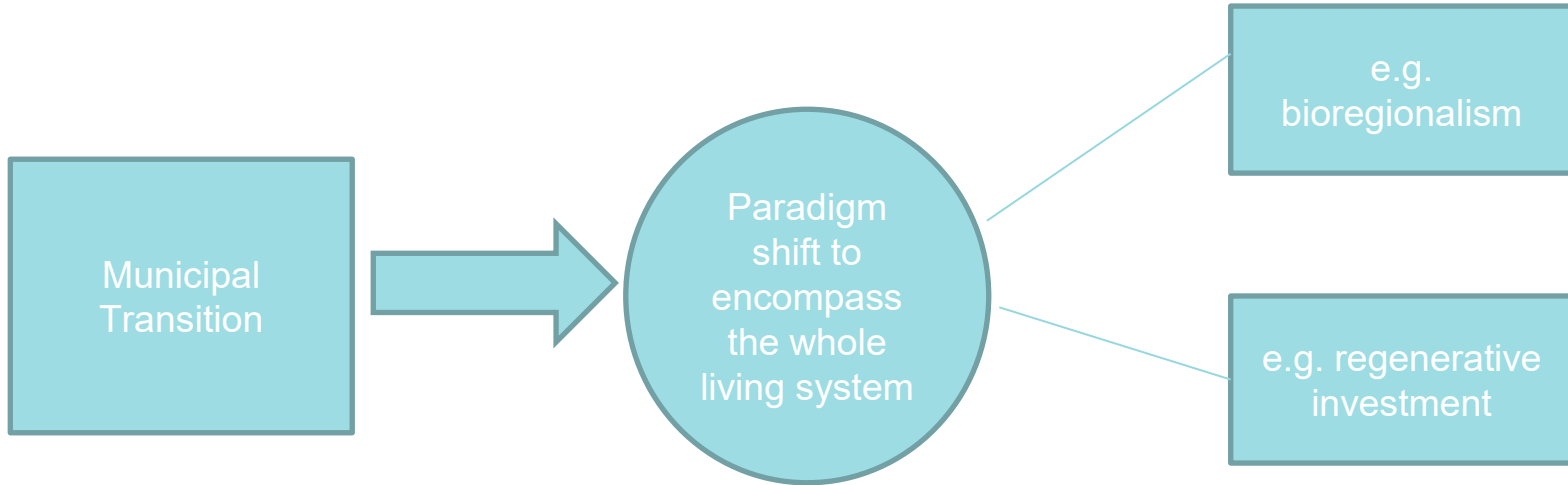


Co-creation of social and environmental goals



Require a variety of system actors





# Key Characteristics of Governance Structures

Higher levels of  
government

Local governments



# Challenges Faced by Local Governments



Global Change

Need to adapt

Climate action and  
sustainability programs

Other actors



# Why Are We In Need of Change?

Incremental progress

Science-based goals

Slow



# What Should this Change Look Like?



Systems-Based  
Thinking

# Why Systems-Thinking?

Breakdown silos

Harness synergies

Holistic and integrated solutions

Ambitious targets



**Thank you**

