

ACHIEVING SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE URBAN POLICY & STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS

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MEXICO OVERVIEW

Mexico has been a front runner against climate change starting during the Kyoto Protocol, all the way to the Paris Agreement. Even though Mexico is not one of the biggest emitters worldwide, it has realized the enormous potential of low carbon urban development as a direct economic and social benefit, additional to all potential mitigation results. With this conviction, Mexico has benefitted greatly from all mitigation instruments so far; starting with CDM, and NAMAs, LEDs and now INDCs. Mexico has always been one of the first countries to raise its hand to experiment innovative solutions, and has lined up first to implement emerging strategies and experimenting them first hand. This has led to great international support, both from technical agencies as well as financing mechanisms. With this experience, Mexico has helped shape current mechanisms and support the creation of new ones, constantly providing valuable feedback in order to hone the instruments gradually to meet the needs both of climate mechanisms and donors, as well as local realities.

Today, Mexico has achieved remarkable results, implementing NAMAs, transforming the national housing and urban development policy & market, and establishing a comprehensive regulatory framework which will lead to the creation of sustainable cities, all integrated into one Sustainable City Network promoted by SEDATU, a ministry specifically created to integrate urban and territorial interventions under one umbrella.

The road so far has not been simple, it required a long term strategy which superseded government changes and transitions, a great deal of support, and an initial intention to build sustainable housing. The sustainable urban strategy would not have been possible without the existence of international support mechanisms which helped pave the way, supplying both technical and financial instruments. Through pilot projects, technical exchanges, multilateral support, MRV design, registry, Mexico created over the years a robust platform on which to construct a sustainable low carbon future in the cities.



Mexico's Official Side Event.

This side event will focus on presenting Mexico's approach on developing a National Urban Policy and including principles of sustainability in the city context. It will also present projects undertaken as part of the National Sustainable City Network and opportunities for green financing

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