CALL FOR CITIES
Make your city an S²City!

Are you a city government in a secondary city in the Global South?

We invite you to participate in the S²Cities Programme to make your city safer for young people!

IMPORTANT DATES 2022

12th August
Application deadline for South America region

19th August
Application deadline for Southeast Asia and other regions

September-December
Selection and onboarding of 3 new cities to join the programme in 2023

The S²Cities Programme is an initiative proudly led by Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation, in partnership with ICLEI, hosted by Swiss Philanthropy Foundation, with the support of Fondation Botnar.
What is S²Cities?

The S²Cities Programme (Safe and Sound Cities Programme) aims to improve **young people’s safety and wellbeing** in urban environments.

The programme works in partnership with cities, young people, the private sector and other stakeholders to:

1. Better understand urban systems and their influence on safety and wellbeing.
2. Build capacity within these systems.
3. Catalyze youth innovation to solve key challenges for safer urban environments.

The programme will also establish a **global learning network of cities, thought leaders, and practitioners** to foster better understanding of urban safety for young people.

Where is the program currently operating?

In the **pilot phase (2021-22)**, the programme launched in **two growing secondary cities** where young people and their wellbeing feature prominently in the national and local agenda. Our partnership with cities is made possible through our collaboration with ICLEI, a global network of 2500+ local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development.

Following the pilot phase, we aim to expand our programme to **more secondary cities across the Global South**, starting with **three new cities in 2023**.
Why should my city participate?

By participating in the S²Cities Programme, your city will be supported to improve urban safety for young people. The programme will create an exciting way for city officials to engage with young people, enabling better understanding of urban safety and what needs to be done to improve it.

Participating governments will receive the following support*:

- Establishment of a youth hub.
- Expert analysis of urban safety status quo.
- Training and capacity development of city staff in understanding urban safety and youth engagement.
- Participation in an annual youth innovation challenge and award programme.
- Access to a global learning network.

*The programme will not provide direct financial contributions to cities.

Call for participation

2022 Q 4
Apply now to join as a participating city
(3 cities will be chosen)

2024-25
Express your interest to participate in the next application round
(5 cities will be chosen)

Focus areas

The programme **targets:**

- **Secondary cities** in the Global South. See [here](#) for a list of countries in the Global South.
- **Urban environments** (including municipalities and city neighbourhoods)
- **All socioeconomic segments** (including informal settlements)

The programme **does not target:**

- Capitals or metropolitan cities
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**How to participate?**

- **Cities in South America region:** Visit this [link](#) and apply by Aug 12. For additional questions contact iclei-sams@iclei.org and lideres.futuro@iclei.org.
- **Cities in Southeast Asia region:** Visit this [link](#) and apply by Aug 19. For additional questions contact iclei-sea@iclei.org.
- **Other cities:** Fill this [form](#) on the S²Cities website to submit your interest and receive further details on how to submit your application by 19 Aug. For additional questions contact info@s2cities.org.
- **Cities interested in participating in the next round (2024-25):** Register your interest by filling this [form](#) on the S²Cities website.

**What will participating cities need to contribute?**

We request in-kind contribution from cities in the form of:

- Appointment of a focal person, to take the role of ‘**Chief Youth Safety Officer**’.
- Participation of the focal person and other relevant city staff in **training and capacity building**.
- Use of a **city’s physical space free of charge** as the ‘Youth Hub’ for programme activities during the whole duration of the programme. This can be an existing space currently hosting youth activities or a space adapted for the purposes of this programme.
- Cooperation in creation of **urban safety analysis**.
- Possibility of assigning some **municipal contribution** for the implementation of young people’s innovations for safety improvement (each city defines their own budget, according to their needs and capacities).

Join us online on **International Youth Day** to learn more about the programme and how your city can participate!

**Date:** **August 12, 2022**  **Time:** **3 pm (CEST)**

Email us at **info@s2cities.org** for additional information and registration link.