



## Greenhouse Gas Protocol

# Survey on Need and Scope for Updates or Additional Guidance for Subnational GHG Reporting

### Survey Process Memo

#### About the Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventories (GPC)

Launched at COP14 in Lima, Peru, the [Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventories](#), or GHG Protocol for Cities (GPC) sets out requirements and provides guidance for calculating and reporting community-wide GHG emissions, consistent with the 2006 IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories. The GPC has enabled hundreds of communities around the world measure their GHG emissions, adopt ambitious targets and accelerate evidence-based climate action.

Please note that the term “community” is used here to refer to any subnational geographic designation including, but not limited to, subnational state or regional government; metropolitan, city or local government; and districts, boroughs and neighbourhoods.

#### Survey Purpose

To ensure the GPC remains fit-for-purpose and continues to provide an accessible yet rigorous accounting foundation for all communities to measure, plan and track progress toward science-based and net-zero targets, the GHG Protocol is seeking stakeholder input via [this survey](#) to understand the need, scope, and potential approaches to inform updates or additional guidance related to the GPC. The survey process does not indicate that any given standard or guidance will be updated. Instead, it is an opportunity to collect feedback and understand user needs.

#### Survey Process

The survey will be sent to all recipients of the GHG Protocol email list. Recipients may forward the survey to other interested stakeholders who may not be on the email list. **All survey responses must be submitted by November 15 through the [survey form](#).** Please note that the survey platform does not allow you to save your progress. We recommend that stakeholders compile their answers offline first and then use the survey form to submit once the responses are prepared. Please note that each question response cannot exceed 4000 characters in length.

In addition to providing survey responses via the online form, stakeholders may choose to submit a written proposal for updates or additional guidance to the GPC. Respondents may submit multiple proposals related to different topics. Proposals should be as concise as possible while providing the

requested information. Submissions that are outside of the template may not be considered. Proposals may be made publicly available. The proposal template can be [found here](#). To submit your proposal, please [upload the file here](#). Proposals are also due by November 15.

### **Next Steps**

After the survey closes, the GPC Secretariat (WRI, C40 and ICLEI) will analyse the results and will share a high-level summary with the public. In this summary, responses will not be attributed to any individual respondent. However, individual responses may be made available to any future Technical Working Group members as a part of the update process. While the GPC Secretariat will request all Technical Working Group members keep the survey data confidential, this is not a guarantee of privacy or confidentiality. Therefore, by responding to any of the surveys, respondents are acknowledging and accepting that any of their responses could be made public.

Next, the GPC Secretariat will determine the need and scope of the updates required in consultation with relevant stakeholders. As with all GHG Protocol standards, the updates and/or additional guidance will be developed through an inclusive, global, multi-stakeholder development process, with participation from cities, NGOs, academia, and other government worldwide.