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**CANADA'S PROFILE
ON URBAN SDGS**

**CANADA:
FRONTRUNNER
OF URBAN
SDGS**



Introduction

Cities in Canada and around the world are already spearheading innovative and transformative solutions in many areas of sustainable urban development and environmental sustainability, including energy, transportation, water, and waste management, gender equity, access to housing, health care, poverty, and disaster risk reduction. Cities are also increasingly joining forces and learning from each other to collectively strengthen the efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and SDG 11, “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”

The World Urban Pavilion in Canada is supporting these efforts by fostering city-to-city partnerships, the exchange of innovative and transformative approaches, and the development of urban pilot projects in Canada and in developing countries.

Nearly three out of four Canadians live in cities

Growth in urban areas continue to outpace non-urban areas

Over 800,000 Indigenous Peoples live in Urban Areas

Large urban areas produce over 70% of Canada’s GDP

Cities are best able to reach citizens to implement the SDGs, but often lack human and financial resources



I encourage all Canadian urban society to join the 100+ project and submit your ‘made in Canada’ urban innovations and transformations on sustainable urban development. This will build Canada’s urban profile to showcase our ingenuity and help support other cities across the globe to achieve the SDGs.

Call for Submissions

The [World Urban Pavilion in Regent Park](#) (Pavilion) – Powered by Daniels is a global knowledge exchange hub for sustainable urbanisation and best practices. It is a collaborative initiative between [Urban Economy Forum](#), [UN-Habitat](#), [Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation](#), and [The Daniels Corporation](#).

The Pavilion is pleased to announce the Call for Submissions for the 100+ Canada Profile on Urban SDGs from cities, towns, projects, plans, policies, individuals, and organizations whose work is dedicated to supporting innovative and sustainable urban initiatives. We are looking for projects that have had a demonstrated impact on the economic, social, environmental, cultural and governance components of the city.

CMHC is pleased to participate in the 100+ project and share some of our initiatives that we have undertaken with our community partners across the country. Housing is integral to our collective work to meeting our 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.





What is the 100+: Canada Profile on Urban SDGs?

The [100+: Canada's Profile on Urban SDGs](#) project identifies, assesses, and catalogues completed innovative and transformative urban examples of Canadian cities, communities, and organizations for sustainable urban development. These 'made in Canada' urban projects are to be presented as transformative actions in the social, economic, environmental, cultural, and governance components of city development. This will contribute to Canada's aspiration as a frontrunner for sustainable urbanisation and create synergy across the nation. These urban innovations will also be shared with countries and cities across the globe and support city-to-city learning.

The 100+ project is part of the Pavilion's flagship program, known as **Canada: Frontrunner of Urban SDGs**. This program aims to bring all Canadian urban actors under a common national agenda for the achievement of SDGs. The Canada Frontrunner initiative supports innovative, transformative, and creative ideas to make a positive social change in society by creating awareness on urban affairs and develop transformative actions. This initiative is the beginning of a foundational basis to help identify and invest in Canadian urban innovations by implementing and supporting the development of pilot projects working toward equity and urban prosperity, the reduction of poverty and inequality, and addressing climate change. Canada's leading cities, communities, academics, social organisations, and the private sector will be mobilized to support Canada as a frontrunner in urban innovation and transformation.

PROJECT GOALS

Create a framework to identify, assess, and systematise urban innovations and transformations across Canada that can be scaled and replicated to support the Pavilion as a global knowledge exchange hub

Advocate Canada as a pioneer for sustainable urban innovations at a global scale and in the United Nations systems and programs.

Create clear and focused interactions between Canadian cities and other cities in the world to generate a continuous dialogue and global cohesion to strengthen the international linkages around Urban SDGs.

Provide a platform for investing in cities by providing the necessary tools for urban data and assessment, by establishing innovative pilot projects, in particular urban subject areas.

Establish a connection between the 100+ projects to the Global Urban Monitoring Framework

Submit your
Projects
Today!



Criteria for Submissions- What are we looking for?

Projects, initiatives, and solutions of sustainable urbanisation that are innovative and transformative and that fulfill the criteria described below. Projects should demonstrate good capacity to coordinate with others and can be replicated and scaled.

Initiatives must demonstrate how they are aligned with the following criteria:

- Contribute to achieving the SDGs. Initiatives should fall into at least one of the seventeen SDG categories (Appendix 1).
- As much as possible, projects align to one or more of the categories of the Global Urban Monitoring Framework (Appendix 2).
- Relevance to the Pavilion's analytical framework prepared by Harvard University (Appendix 3).

Who can participate?

The 100+ project is looking for 'made in Canada' urban innovations and transformations that meet the criteria indicated above. These criteria have been prepared in collaboration with UN-Habitat, Harvard University, and the Bureau of the Canada: Frontrunner of Urban SDGs. Any urban actor that considers its urban initiatives to be innovative and strengthen the economic, social, environmental, cultural, and governance sustainability of their locality can submit projects. Below is a list of potential contributors:

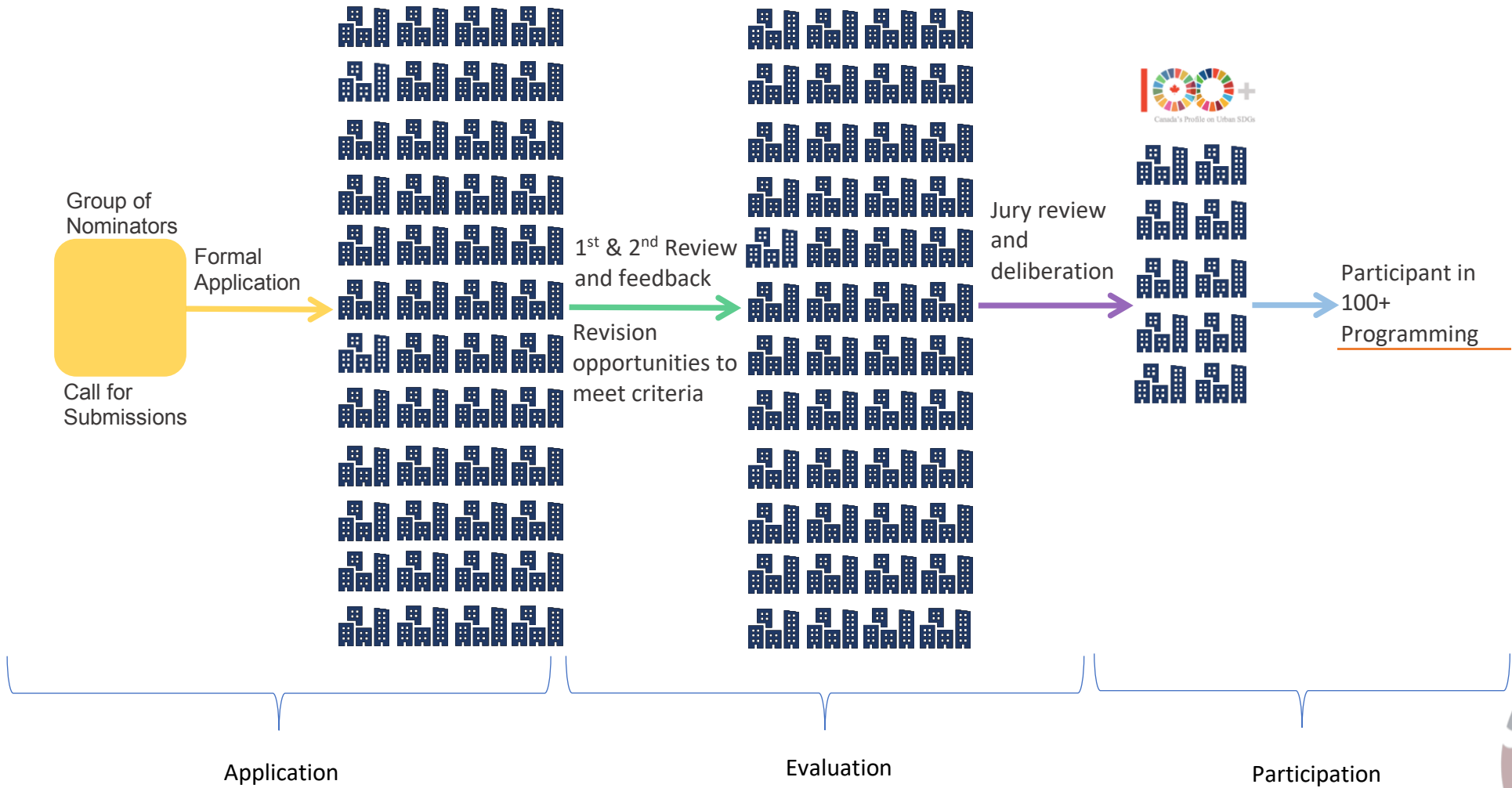
- Cities, towns, and Communities
- Governments and relevant institutions
- Universities and other educational institutions
- Private Sector including SMEs
- Financial Institutions
- Civil Society and NGOs
- Individual innovators and entrepreneurs
- Urban planners and practitioners
- Community and Cultural groups

How you can Participate:

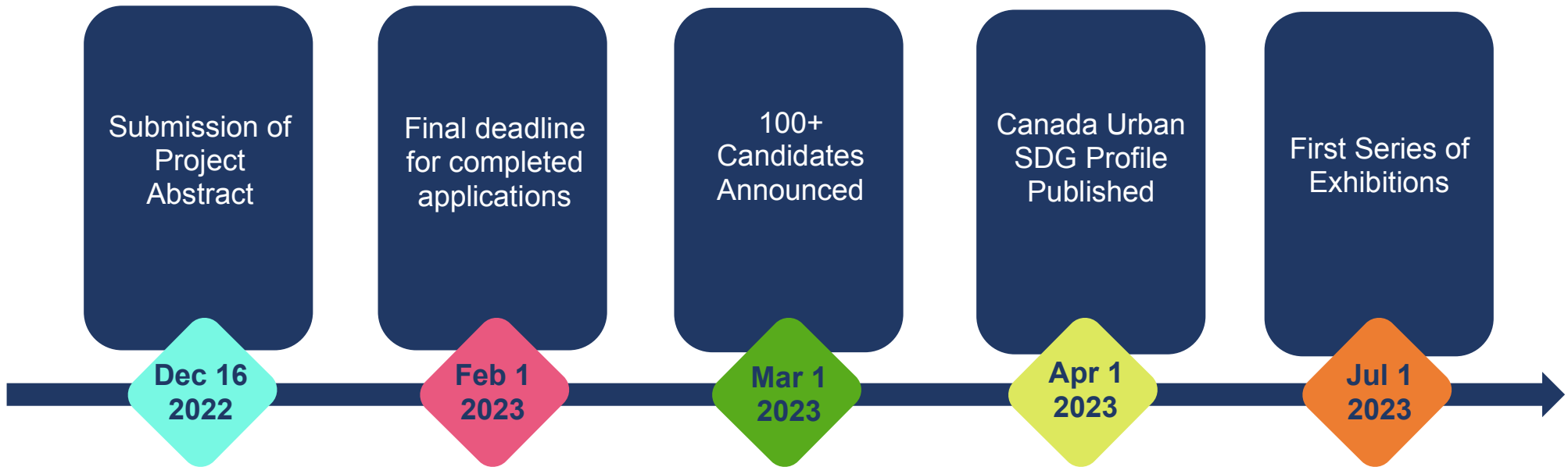
To participate in the 100+ project you must fill out the online application form. There is a \$1500 application fee per project. If selected as a 100+ participant, additional resources and capacity will be required for your full participation in the project outputs (i.e., Canada urban SDGs profile, exhibitions, networking events), which can be provided as a monetary contribution or in-kind and will be decided on a case-by-case basis. Our goal is to be inclusive as possible and not exclude innovative practices in this project, and every effort will be made to ensure your full participation in the project.



Selection Process



Project Timeline



Project Outputs

While each initiative selected to be part of the 100+ project will be presented as part of and help to strengthen Canada's Profile on Urban SDGs, participants will also have several opportunities to participate in various programming areas. This includes:

- **Canada's Urban SDGs Profile Report:** Recognized as one of Canada's most sustainable urban innovations to the globe and published in the 100+: Canada's Urban SDGs Profile.
- **Global Exposure of Initiatives:** Showcased globally and to other cities through various media and communications, such as videos, reports, case studies, implementation guides, and policy briefs.
- **Support the Prime Minister of Canada as the Co-Chair of the SDG Advocates Group.**
- **Contribute to Canada's international profile** on the urban SDGs and provide examples for other cities and countries to follow and support **city-to-city learning** across the globe.
- Participate in thematic **physical exhibitions** at the World Urban Pavilion and in other United Nations' locations around the globe. *This requires an additional financial contribution.*
- **Contribute to thought leadership and inspire your peers through networking opportunities.** Lead conversations with other cities across Canada that are experiencing similar challenges and opportunities.
- **Featured as a case study** in the Pavilion's knowledge exchange data base and on the Virtual Pavilion
- Opportunity to qualify as a candidate for the Pavilion's Frontrunner program and host a global pilot.



Appendix 1 – Sustainable Development Goals

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are defined in a list of 169 SDG targets. Progress towards these targets is agreed to be tracked by 232 unique indicators. All submitted projects must align with at least one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. You are highly encouraged to read up on the SDGs. You can do so here: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>



Appendix 2 - Global Urban Monitoring Framework (UMF)

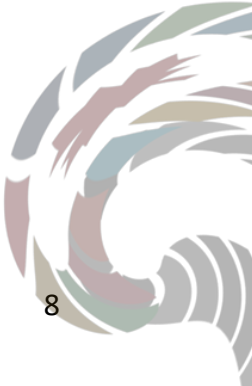
The UMF was endorsed by the UN Statistical Commission in March 2022 for implementation as part of the Harmonized Global UN Systemwide Strategy for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and New Urban Agenda (NUA) and other regional, national, and subnational urban programs. It harmonizes existing urban indices and tools. Submissions should demonstrate, as much as possible, how their project relates to the UMF. There are 4 city objects: Safe & Peaceful, Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable. There are also five domains: Society, Economy, Environment, Culture, and Governance & Implementation.

The interlinkage between city objectives and the domains are what makes up the urban SDGs. Each of these areas has its own set of SDG indicators that can be identified.

You can learn more here: <https://data.unhabitat.org/pages/urban-monitoring-framework>



DOMAINS	CITY OBJECTIVES			
	Safe & Peaceful	Inclusive	Resilient	Sustainable
SOCIETY	Indicators for: <i>Safer Society</i>	Indicators for: <i>Inclusive Society</i>	Indicators for: <i>Resilient Society</i>	Indicators for: <i>Sustainable Society</i>
ECONOMY	Indicators for: <i>Safer Economy</i>	Indicators for: <i>Inclusive Economy</i>	Indicators for: <i>Resilient Economy</i>	Indicators for: <i>Sustainable Economy</i>
ENVIRONMENT	Indicators for: <i>Safer Environment</i>	Indicators for: <i>Inclusive Environment</i>	Indicators for: <i>Resilient Environment</i>	Indicators for: <i>Sustainable Environment</i>
CULTURE	Indicators for: <i>Safer Culture</i>	Indicators for: <i>Inclusive Culture</i>	Indicators for: <i>Resilient Culture</i>	Indicators for: <i>Sustainable Culture</i>
GOVERNANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION	Indicators for: <i>Safer Governance</i>	Indicators for: <i>Inclusive Governance</i>	Indicators for: <i>Resilient Governance</i>	Indicators for: <i>Sustainable Governance</i>



Appendix 3 – Pavilion’s Analytical Framework

Below is the analytical framework prepared by Harvard University. It outlines 3 major areas that should be addressed by 100+ applicants to demonstrate how their made in Canada urban innovations contribute to sustainable urban development. This list is not exhaustive, and you are welcome to provide an explanation for an alternative selection:

Innovation Type	What is the key contribution made by the project in advancing sustainable urban development? (See potential selections below. This is not an exhaustive list)
Territorial	Related to the development of a particular territory that pivots on a set of coordinated actions designed for a city or region.
Governance	Oriented towards the (re)organization of power and/or resources between governance levels and/or establishing new jurisdictional and sectoral relationships via institutional means.
Financing + Resources	Focused on procuring new resource pools and financing pipelines to overcome implementation challenges that include capital, technical, material, or other resource challenges.
Knowledge, Learning, Monitoring	Related to the production, monitoring, or interpretation of data and other forms of knowledge
Urban Challenges	What range of challenges must be addressed to realize more sustainable communities? (See potential selections below. This is not an exhaustive list)
Urban Systems	The understanding that urbanization is an ongoing process of material resource flows, that includes food, waste, water and energy transformations. This systems-based approach often adopts a broad- er functional scale and ecological scope compared to conventional developmental approaches related to cities.
Territorial Development	The purview of traditional planning and policy strategies that focus on the development of collective material and social infrastructures – such as housing, transportation, public space, health resources – and adopts community-centered approaches.
Governing Dynamics	Challenges that involve engaging relationships and procedures between governing actors, that are often articulated via new policy networks, multilevel strategies, community involvement, and innovative approaches like National Urban Policies.
Sustainable Financing	The need for new pathways to financing the urban SDG Agenda, which includes multi-level financing for large-scale infrastructure and climate/ resiliency investments. Innovation in nation- al and private sector investment in urban development will be critical.
Data and Alternative Knowledge	The need for new forms of data collection, interpretation, and use, alongside the need to find means of incorporating other forms of knowledge into decision-making.
Technology, Design, Upgrading	The invention of a new method or product used in making cities more sustainable, including diverse domains like building efficiency up- grades, municipal management softwares, smart-city technologies, etc.
Implementation	What are some of the key identifiable barriers to and mechanisms for implementation, and how is the project continued forward? (See potential selections below. This is not an exhaustive list)



Barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sectoral fragmentation - Jurisdictional fragmentation - Legal/Bureaucratic restrictions • Financing limitations - Dialogue and communication - Ecological barriers - Market-driven barriers - Technological barriers
Mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guiding Principles - Penalty-based regulation - Incentive-based regulation - Direct governmental intervention - Government allocation of funding/asset support to third party - Institutionalization/mainstreaming of governance agenda - Collaboration - Enabling environment - Capacity-building and training - Novel technologies, infrastructure, or techniques
Continuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agenda institutionalization - Long-term partnerships - Replenishable financing mechanisms - Expansion of program locally - Policy/technology transfer - Education/dissemination
Approach to Equity/Justice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is blame and/or moral responsibility part of the project framing? Does this impact who benefits (distributional equity/justice)? 2. Does the project address decision-making and/or participation as a question of equity/ justice (procedural equity/justice)? 3. Does the project consider the differential positioning of groups/people? Does the project have a specific logic around fairness, equity, or justice (epistemic equity/justice)?
Intrinsic Conflicts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temporal conflicts - Spatial conflicts - Material conflicts - Conflict of authority/responsibility