

Introduction to CDP-ICLEI Track



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About CDP



Impact



Disclosure is increasingly demanded by governments, capital markets, customers and civil society organizations and is now an expected business norm.



700+

investors, with
US\$142+
trillion of assets

330+

purchasing
organizations, with
an annual spend
of US\$6.4 trillion

24,800+

disclosing
companies

1,000~

disclosing cities,
states and regions

Cities, States & Regions 2024

87%

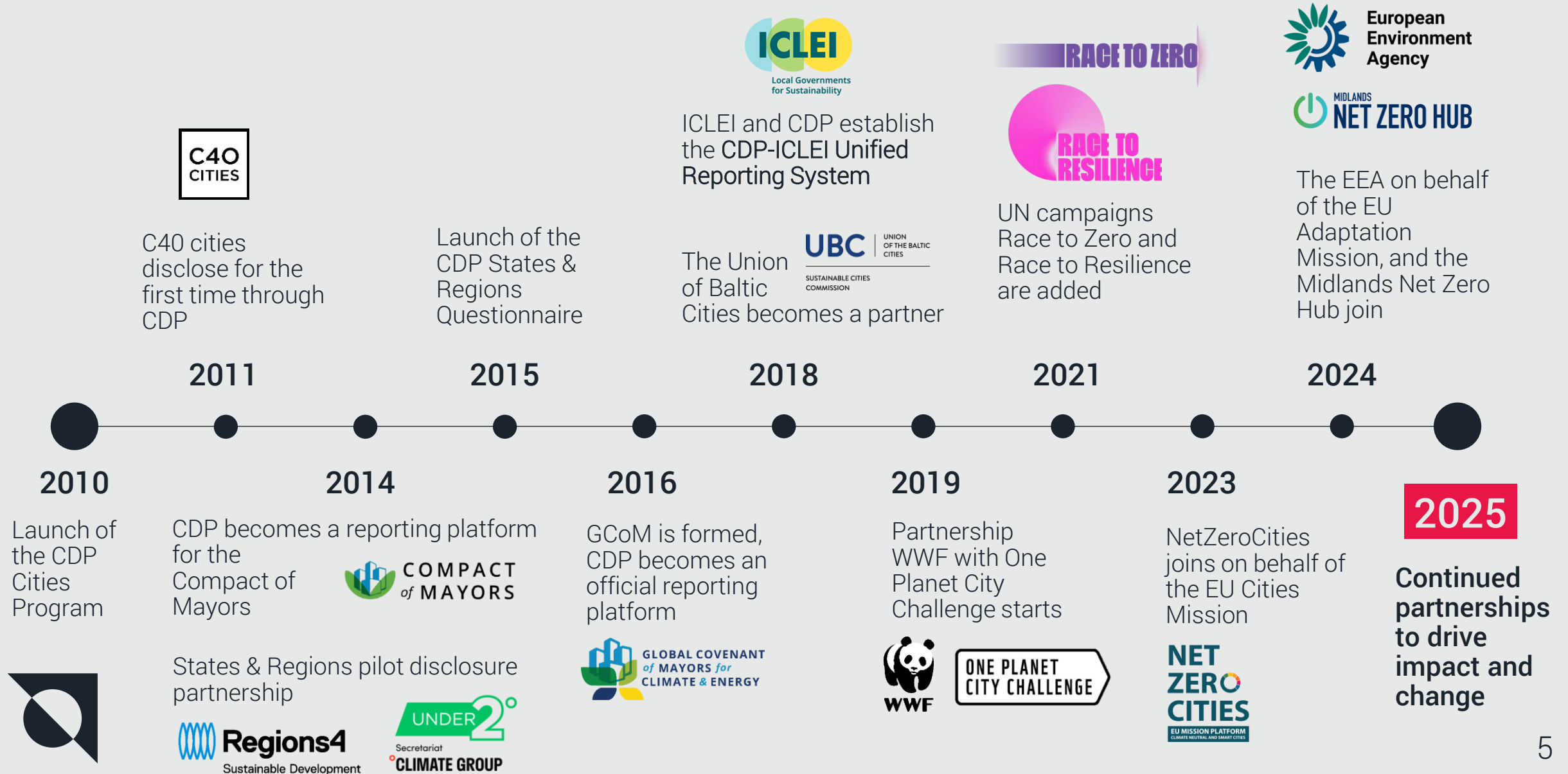
of the 270 European
respondents had a
climate action plan
in place

82%

of the 966 World
respondents had a
climate action
plan in place



Requesters of cities, states and regions so far



Impact of networks and initiatives on disclosure



81%

of cities, states & regions
responding to CDP in 2024 were
requested by a third-party network or
initiative



“The insights that CDP provides by helping companies and cities to measure and monitor their environmental impact support us in making better policy decisions.”



Connie Hedegaard, European Commissioner for Climate Action (2013)

“As a financial institution that has strong ties with local governments, we support CDP to help cities and regions become more sustainable through the CDP-ICLEI Track reporting platform.”



Dr Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank (2023)



“CDP data shows that many companies and municipalities are striving to achieve greater sustainability. This data encourages us to aim higher in climate and environment protection.”



Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany (2021)

“Before CDP we had no comprehensive data on corporate GHG. But with CDP, policy makers, investors and companies can take better informed decisions.”



Fredrik Reinfeldt, Prime Minister of Sweden (2007)



“Disclosing emission data to CDP increases transparency and accountability. It is a tool towards a low carbon economy.”



Tarja Halonen, President of Finland (2007)

“We congratulate CDP for their work in informing and promoting the successful implementation of actions to combat climate change.”



Isabel Garcia Tejerina, Spanish Minister of Agriculture, Food and Environment (2015)



“It is only by assessing the climate risks of our economic activities that we will be able to develop sustainable growth strategies. We therefore support the CDP disclosure cycle.”



Catherine Colonna, French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs (2022)

“Let’s work, all of us – governments, local authorities and businesses – to advance towards more ambitious goals and more concrete results, thanks to the tools offered by CDP.”



Sergio Costa, Italian Minister for the Environment (2020)



“Companies, cities, and regions play a key role in taking collective action on climate change, water security and the conservation of forests. That is why we support the work of CDP in helping them to disclose their impact.”



Rob Jetten, Dutch Minister for Climate and Energy (2022)

Climate information needs to be made readily available - by governmental, voluntary and private entities. CDP plays an important role in this respect.”



Erik Solheim, Norwegian Minister of Environment (2011)



Benefits of reporting



Benefits of reporting

Our Questionnaire is designed to help you evaluate and track progress



Measure and monitor climate and sustainability risks and actions



Communicate your climate data to the financial sector through the Investor Dashboard and the reports of CDP Climate Finance for local and regional governments



Understand data gaps to inform what resources and support is needed



Show your leadership and impact on the UNFCCC Portal and strive for our A List



Key features / USP

CDP-ICLEI Track is the only climate and environment reporting system...



Globally available



Universal and adaptable (no prescribed methodology)



Officially recognized and used by third-party networks and initiatives to maximize engagement and minimize reporting burden



Applicable to **any type of cities**



Delivering a **score** (A, A-, B, B-, C, C-, D, D-) to respondents in full confidentiality



With **guidance provided throughout**, including personalized assistance from our regional officers on demand



Capable of displaying third-parties' **required datapoints** to respondents to foster compliance (questions tagging)



Aligned with international **standards and frameworks** such as TCFD, SBTn



Free of charge for cities (no fee)



With **copy-forward functionality** for recurrent respondents to auto-populate their responses



Capable of surfacing **sustainable infrastructure projects and finance needs** from cities for potential investors



Scoring

A CDP score provides a snapshot of a respondent's disclosure and environmental performance.

Scores indicate the level of action reported by the respondent to assess and manage its environmental impacts during the reporting year.



Science-based climate targets

Science-based climate targets (SBTs) are emissions reduction targets that are aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement and the latest climate science. SBTs:

- Cover jurisdiction-wide emissions
- Align with a 1.5°C pathway
- Take equity into account, acknowledging historic emissions and current development level
- Include a net zero target by 2030 **OR** a long-term net-zero target (by 2050 or sooner) **AND** a mid-term target that is aligned with a fair share of limiting global warming to 1.5°C.

Science-based climate targets are part of CDP scoring criteria and are a key element of the Race to Zero pledge. By disclosing, jurisdictions will be able to have their climate targets checked for alignment with 1.5°C.

View the CDP [Science-Based Targets for Subnational Governments page](#) for further information and guidance.

SBT videos

- Watch the [video](#) on SBTs for cities and local governments
- Watch the [video](#) on how to fill in the mitigation target section in the questionnaire,

SBT Guidance

View Appendix A of 2024 Questionnaire for guidance on reporting SBTs.

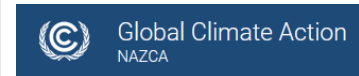


Alignment with reporting requirements

FRAMEWORKS AND INITIATIVES



DATA USERS



CDP advances climate resilient infrastructure projects through project data disclosure and stakeholder consultation

As part of CDP's annual questionnaire (Q.9.3), cities, states and regions disclose climate projects for which they are seeking funding or financing.

In 2024, 600+ cities globally disclosed 2500+ projects worth US\$179 billion.



Explore our webpage

Finance needs

Question 9.3 of the questionnaire:

Describe any planned climate-related projects within your jurisdiction for which you hope to attract financing.



- Sector
- Total cost
- Total investment cost needed
- Stage of development
- Link to broader climate action(s)
- Project description
- Financing status
- Identified financing model.

CDP-ICLEI Track: The 2025 Cities Questionnaire



Cities Questionnaire



Demographic data
and collaborative
governance



Risk and vulnerability
assessment



Emissions inventory,
targets & actions



Adaptation goals and
actions



Public health data



Waste data



Food data



Climate action plans
*includes finance



Energy data



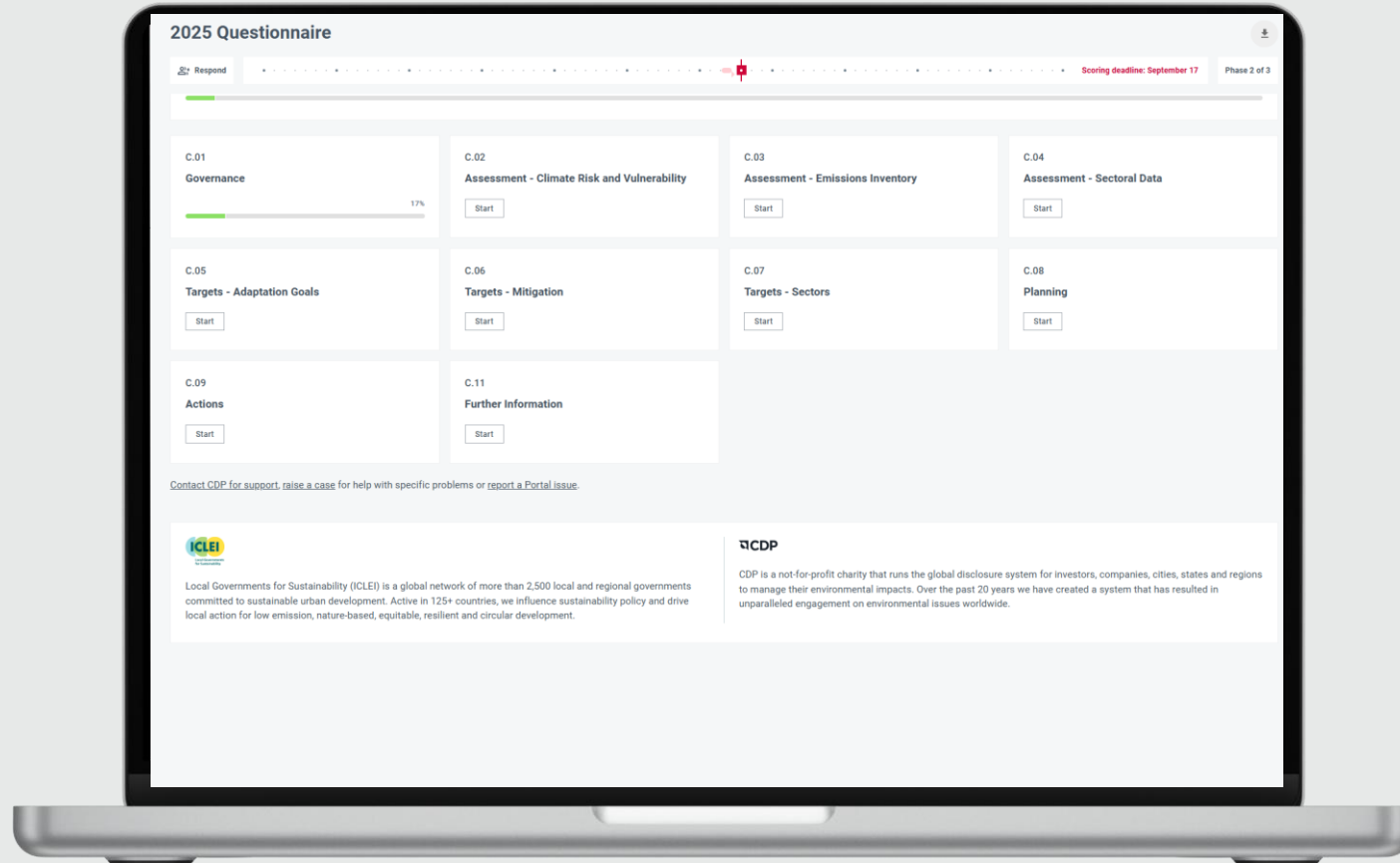
Transport data



Cities Questionnaire



Cities Questionnaire



The screenshot displays the '2025 Questionnaire' interface on a laptop screen. At the top, the title '2025 Questionnaire' is visible, followed by a progress bar and a 'Respond' button. A 'Scoring deadline: September 17' and 'Phase 2 of 3' are also shown. The main content area is a grid of questionnaire sections, each with a 'Start' button:

- C.01 Governance (17% progress bar)
- C.02 Assessment - Climate Risk and Vulnerability
- C.03 Assessment - Emissions Inventory
- C.04 Assessment - Sectoral Data
- C.05 Targets - Adaptation Goals
- C.06 Targets - Mitigation
- C.07 Targets - Sectors
- C.08 Planning
- C.09 Actions
- C.11 Further Information

Below the grid, there is a link: [Contact CDP for support, raise a case for help with specific problems or report a Portal issue.](#)

The footer contains two logos and their descriptions:

- ICLEI** Local Governments for Sustainability: Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) is a global network of more than 2,500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 125+ countries, we influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development.
- CDP**: CDP is a not-for-profit charity that runs the global disclosure system for investors, companies, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts. Over the past 20 years we have created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues worldwide.



CDP-ICLEI Track: The Onboarding Process



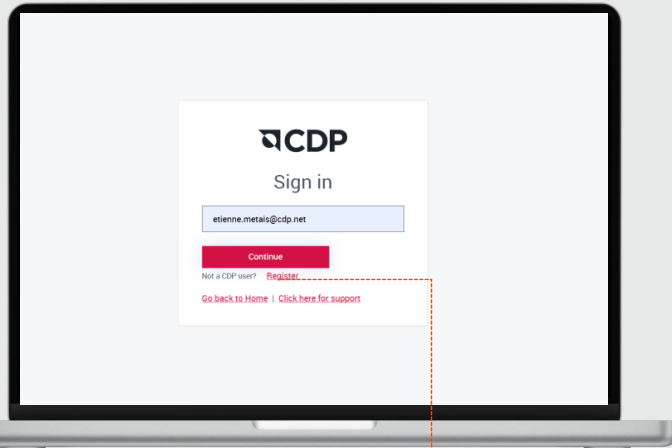
The Onboarding Process

Do you receive CDP's invitation and reminder mailers?

Yes!

Are you already a Portal user?

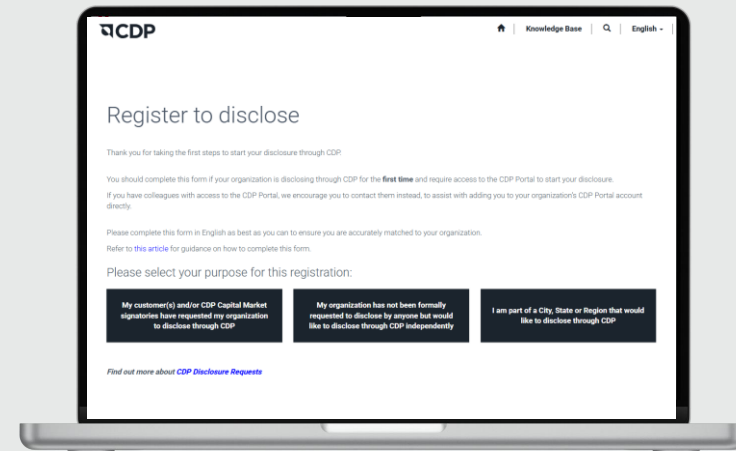
Yes! Log in on myportal.cdp.net



No?
Follow the instructions provided in the mailers or make a request on the Register to disclose page

No?

Visit our Register to disclose page at <https://help.cdp.net/en-US/Register-to-Disclose/>



Note: Alternatively, ask a user from your organisation to add you directly on the Portal



Note: Don't register here as new user

Send us an email at cities.europe@cdp.net if you are unsure!

The Onboarding Process

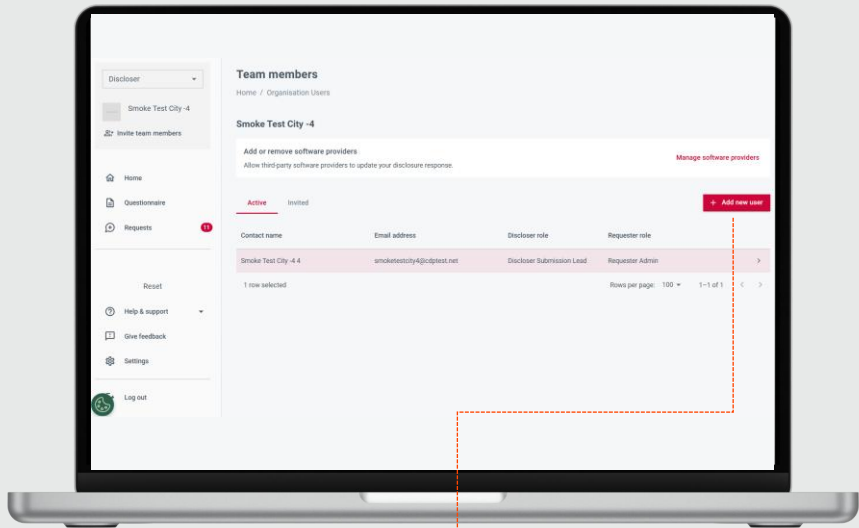
Do colleagues need to be onboarded as well?

Yes?

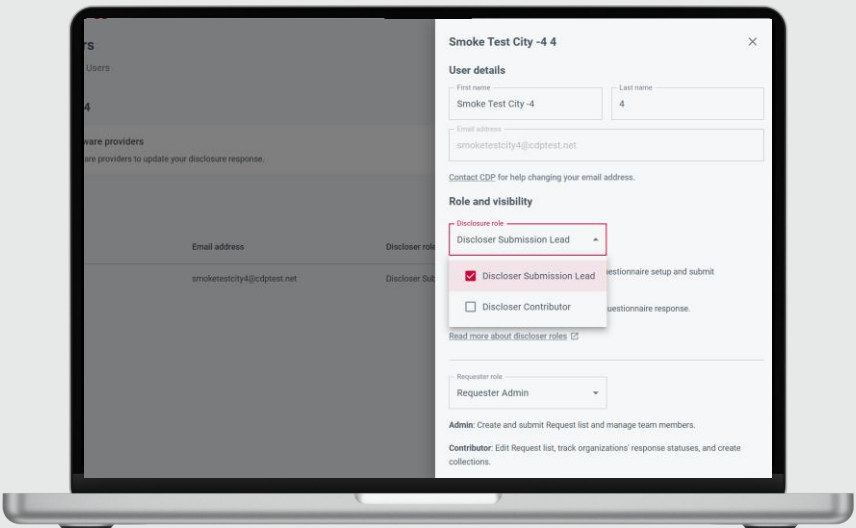
You can easily do it once logged in on myportal.cdp.net

No!

You may begin, but review your respective Portal roles and permissions beforehand



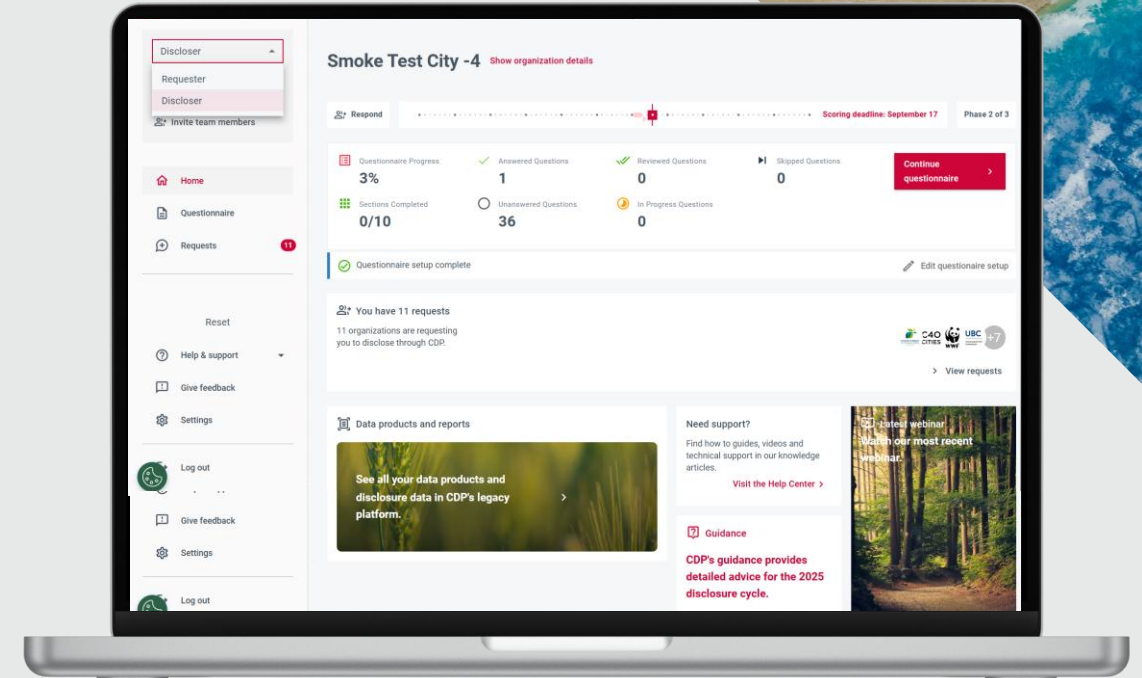
Click here



The Onboarding Process

As next steps...

- 1 Make sure you view the Portal on “Discloser” mode**
If, not switch from “Requester” to “Discloser”
- 2 Confirm “Submission Lead”**
Check roles and permissions
- 3 Complete your Questionnaire setup**
Select your “pathway”
- 4 Review your “Requests”**
Navigate to your Mandatory and Optional “projects” (submissions to third-parties)



Questionnaire pathways

CDP-ICLEI Track has three Questionnaire Pathways to reflect the different contexts of local governments and further streamline reporting.

Questionnaire Pathways do not apply to the C40 Cities Questionnaire, for which a standardized set of questions will be presented to all C40 Cities.

The Questionnaire Pathways enable reporting to a core set of questions for all cities and additional questions where relevant and valuable.

1 Pathway 1: 28 questions

2 Pathway 2: 35 questions

3 Pathway 3: 45 questions



Questionnaire pathways process

Step 1: Pathway recommendation

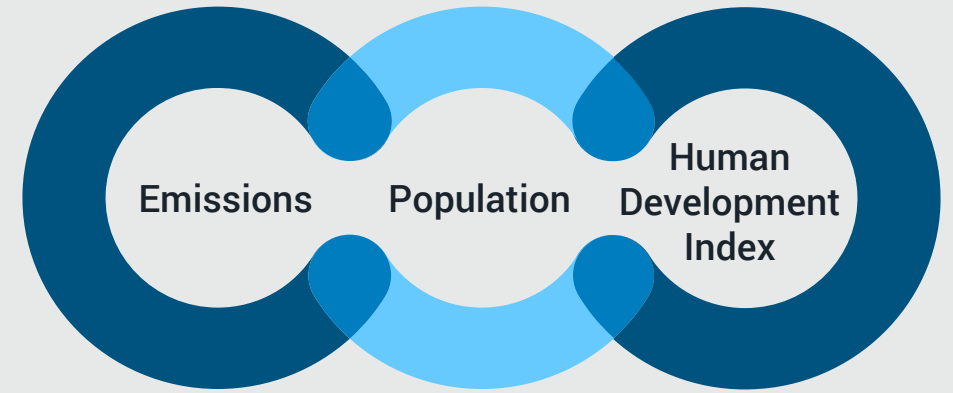
A pathway is recommended based on the response to the three attributes: emissions, population, and Human Development Index

Step 2: Pathway selection

Respondents can select the recommended pathway or an alternative pathway. Respondents can always update their pathway on the Portal.

Useful notes:

- Respondents can always return to their dashboard and change the pathway selected
- The pathway selected does not affect meeting reporting requirements
- The pathway selection does not affect CDP scoring or Global Covenant of Mayor's badging



Emissions

The national emissions per capita data from the **Global Carbon Project** can be prepopulated into the response (this data is used by UN).



Population

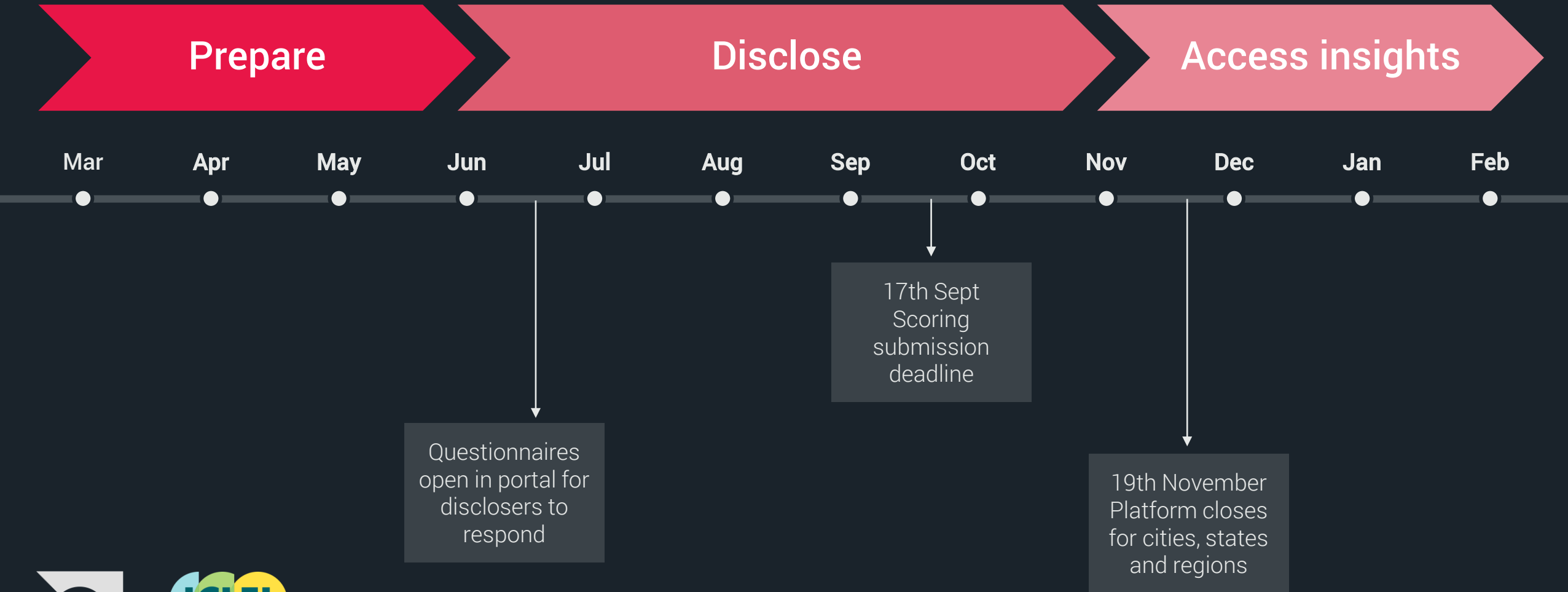
This data will copy forward from your 2023 response. It can be manually updated.

Human Development Index (HDI)

National HDI data is prepopulated based on the UN dataset.



2025 disclosure timeline



Reporting tactics

Recommended pathway selection:

Accept the suggested pathway as per the socio-demographic metrics.

Recommended completion method:

Collaborate as needed across departments to complete the questionnaire to the best of your ability.

Recommended timing:

Submit by the scoring deadline in September. Receive scoring and benchmarking report this year.

Recommended third-party submission tactics:

Submit to your mandatory and optional Requesters and aim for completion.

Recommended submission mode:

Submit “publicly” (and be eligible for A score and third-party submissions).

Alternative pathway selection:

Choose a lower level of pathway if you aim for a quick and less extensive submission.

Alternative completion method:

Respond to the questions for which you have data easily at hand.

Alternative timing:

Submit before the response platform closes in November and aim for a score next year.

Alternative third-party submissions tactics:

Submit only for your mandatory Requesters, and focus on the relating tagged datapoints.

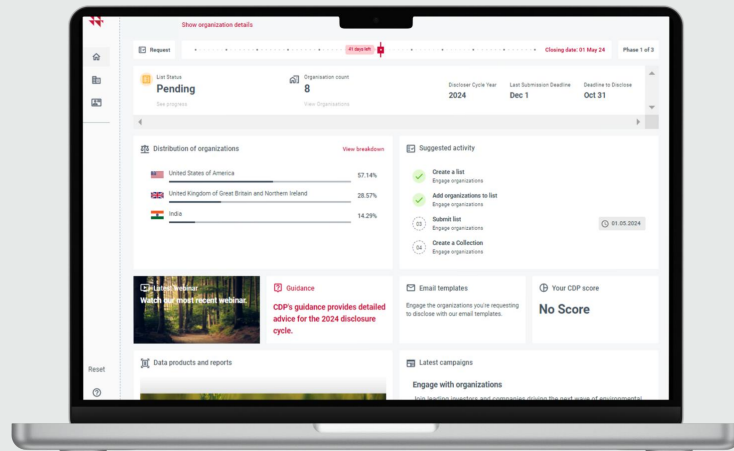
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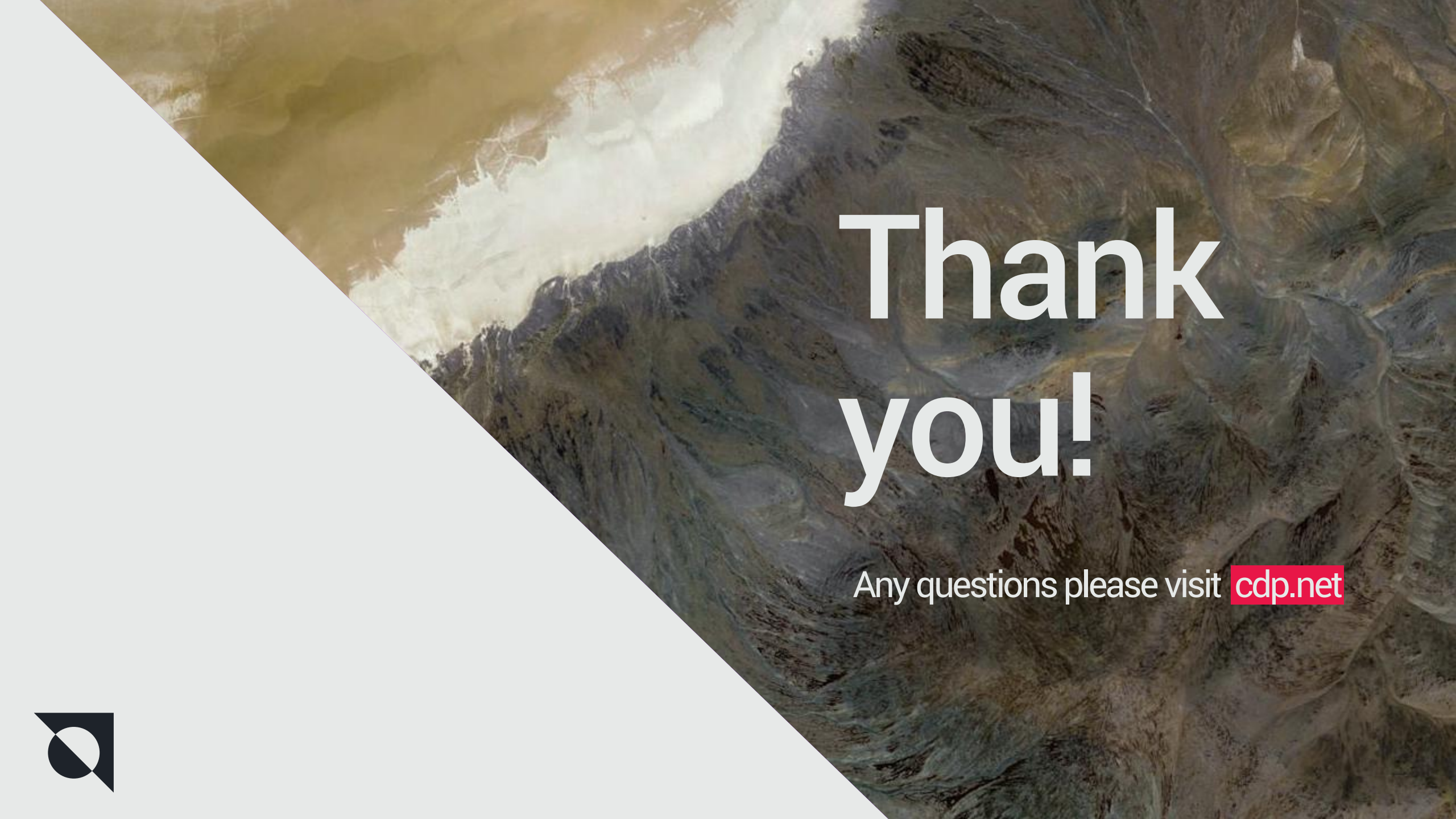
Submit “non-publicly” (and risk your A score and your eligibility to third-party submission).



It is possible to submit multiple times in the same year (amendments).

Portal Demo



An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. The top left corner shows a white, foamy wave crashing against a dark, rocky shore. The rest of the image shows the dark, textured surface of the ocean with some lighter patches of sand or rocks visible beneath the surface.

Thank you!

Any questions please visit cdp.net

