

Cities facing COVID-19:

Opportunities & Challenges for a More Sustainable Future

Transformational changes are required for how we plan, build, manage and live in cities to reach the Sustainable Development Goals. Such changes may have seemed beyond reach but now priorities are shifting at unprecedented pace from housing to mobility to sustainable economic growth.

Our panelists from **Fort Collins**, **Guadalajara**, **Lyon**, and the **European Commission** will share some of the specific bold actions being taken to create a more sustainable urban future and reflect on the importance of urban cooperation.

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Questions and Answers:

Question:

The issue of accelerated adaptation, as Ronnie put it, is a real issue exposed by the COVID pandemic. My question to panelists: what suggestions would you have to encourage behaviour change and greater public support for new policies?

Lindsay Ex, Fort Collins

In addition to what Pamela shared, I would also say the importance of starting with community priorities has been critical for us. For example, as opposed to making the case that climate action supports housing affordability, we are focused on supporting housing affordability and ensuring that climate action strategies are embedded within. I also think being nimble (using Pamela's "try, try again" mantra) as local governments so we can pivot is so needed, as opposed to years and years to develop our campaigns and policies.