Convening themes

DAY 1:   Planning a recovery that reaffirms equity and
            sustainability.

DAY 2:   Organizing an inclusive partnership and engaging with
            stakeholders.

DAY 3:   Measuring progress, identifying gaps, and financing an
            inclusive and sustainable recovery.

Third SDG Leadership Cities Convening

We will start promptly in a few minutes.

Housekeeping

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Assets & Bright Spots:

1. **Equity & Sustainability:** Deepened commitment to transformation

2. **Mayors:** Trusted leadership & communications

3. **Political will**: Citizens and stakeholders eager for change

4. **Innovations:** Experiments emerging

5. **Networks:** Ecosystem of mutual support & collective action

Thorny questions:

1. **Political will**: How to maintain political momentum and leadership under economic pressure to recover quickly and face tough trade-offs?

2. **Scale of the challenge**: Are cities being transparent enough about the uncomfortable truth of needing to change current approaches?

3. **Resources**: How do cities find the capital – financial, human, and social–to turn ambitions into reality?

4. **Governance**: What models will enable buy-in and true investment/ accountability from the private sector and other stakeholders?

5. **Intersectionality**: How to create policy and initiatives that truly reflect interdependence and multi-solve?

6. **Language**: What is the value proposition of the SDGs as a brand to these recovery ambitions?

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Idea banks: Concrete actions and innovations

Governance and partnerships
- Bristol One City Board
- Hawaii Green Growth Sustainable Business Forum
- NYC Fair Recovery Task Force
- NYC Junior Ambassadors
- Yokohama Living lab
- LA university partnerships

Transforming principles into action
- Kuai Aloha + Challenge connecting goals to individual commitments & behavioral change
- Bristol's annual sprints of priorities
- Kate Raworth Doughnut economics (Amsterdam)
- 17 Rooms

Metrics & progress tracking
- VLRs
- Aloha+ Challenge; Los Angeles Dashboard
- LA Equality Index; Pittsburgh Equity Indicators

Climate action
- Reclaiming streets for pedestrians/bikes (Milan)
- Helsinki Energy Challenge

Budgeting
- Protecting priority initiatives (Mexico City)
- Socio-economic cost-benefit (Malmo)
- Participatory budgeting models (LA)

Equitable Infrastructure/Economic Jumpstarts
- Hawai'i Green Growth surveying for "ready to go" projects
- Small business support (Accra, Milan)
- Equitable use of stimulus/infrastructure program (Orlando)

Addressing Social Vulnerability
- Planning for equity w/ civic & administrative leaders: NYC's Fair Recovery taskforce
- Solidarity cash transfers (Bogota)
- Mutual Aid fund (Milan)
- Angeleno Fund/Card program (LA)
- Food hubs (Milan)

Networks: C40 Mayoral Task Force; U20 Task Force; Cities Resilient Recovery

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Imperatives: driving an SDG-like recovery

1. Equity & sustainability principles mainstreamed by all city actors.
2. Tools that create behavior change and shift "business as usual" so cities meet their ambitions.
3. Processes that leverage private sector; other partners; citizens.
4. Measuring SDG-sensitivity of each new decision – the discipline of timebound outcome targets, interdependence.
5. Progress reporting that is transparent and honest.
6. Connecting local to global (networks).

Shift from learning to action – what are concrete big bets?

Breakout Rooms

- What action, innovation, or big bet would be a potential game-changer to enabling a successful recovery?

- Over the next 12-18 months, what are 1-3 actionable priorities for the SDG Leadership Cities network to advance the recovery agenda?

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Plenary

- How can this SDG Leadership Cities Network best support and drive a successful & equitable recovery?

- How do we leverage the value of local to global? How best to leverage key global moments and global networks?

Recovery principles from the **C40 pledge**

The recovery must address issues of **equity**.

Can't return to 'business as usual' on **climate** change mitigation.

Climate action **can help** accelerate economic recovery and enhance social equity.

Increase **public services, public investment and community resilience**.

Recovery guided by an adherence to **public health** and **scientific expertise.**

Use the collective voices and individual actions of cities **to influence national governments.**

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The **UCLG** "Decalogue" for recovery

The Local 2030 principles and the SDGs remain a reference to frame the transformational measures.

Protect **Public Services** provision.

Proximity models of global consumption and production.

The economy restart should do not undermine **environmental concerns**.

Democracy, privacy and civil liberties should not be sacrificed.
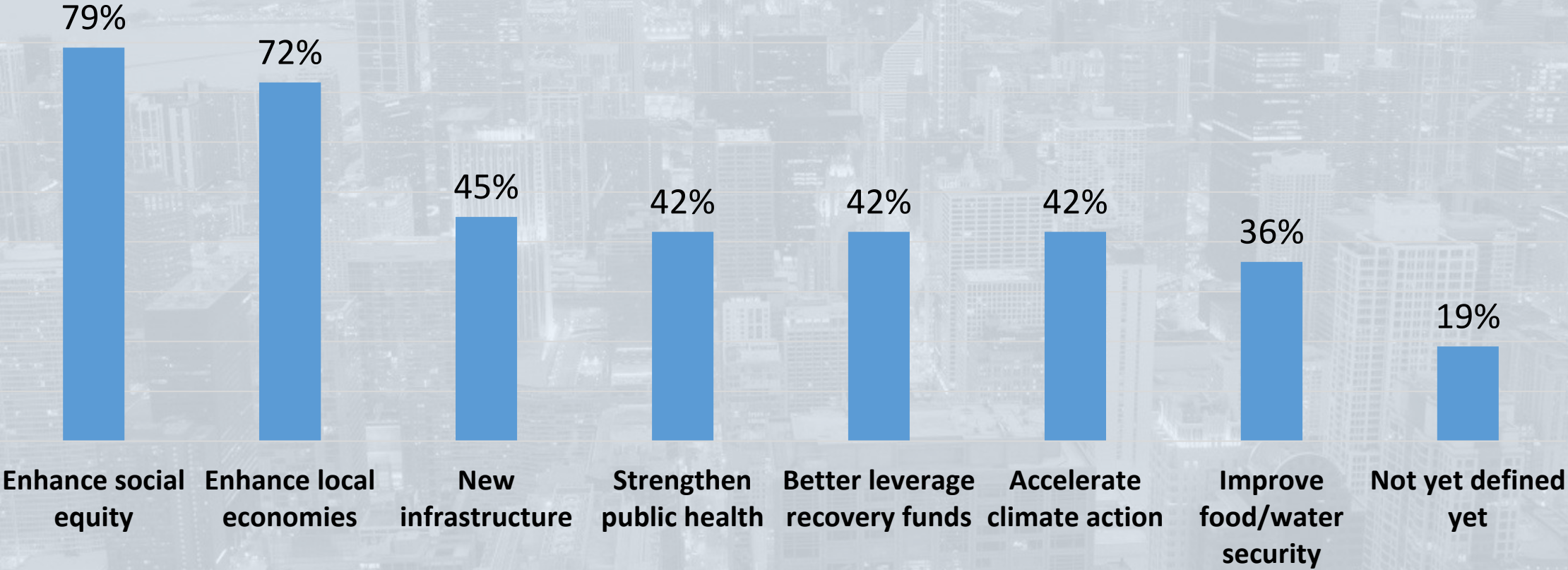
Care for **public servants** and public service providers.

Generation **Equality.**

An **international system** built on the force of cities.

Culture as an antidote for the secondary effects.

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