

THE CITY OF TORONTO RECEIVES 2024 TRIPLE CERTIFICATION FROM THE WORLD COUNCIL ON CITY DATA ON THE ISO 37120 SERIES

The City of Toronto has achieved triple certification of the city's data under the World Council on City Data (WCCD) ISO 37120 – Indicators for Sustainable Cities, WCCD ISO 37122 – Indicators for Smart Cities, and WCCD ISO 37123 – Indicators for Resilient Cities.

The City of Toronto received Platinum-level certification from the World Council on City Data (WCCD) for implementing ISO 37120 (Indicators for Sustainable Cities) for the years 2014 to 2024, resulting in Toronto receiving Platinum certification for **eleven consecutive years**. Toronto also achieved ISO 37122 (Indicators for Smart Cities) and ISO 37123 (Indicators for Resilient Cities) for **three consecutive years** of 2022, 2023 and 2024. These accolades reinforce Toronto's position as a leader in data-driven decision-making, both within Canada and on the international stage.

Toronto is among more than 120 global cities in the WCCD network across over 40 countries that collect, share and use data to make effective and transformative decisions. As a Foundation City of the WCCD, Toronto was among the first twenty cities globally to implement ISO 37120 in 2014 and is the host city for the WCCD's headquarters, operating globally across over 40 countries.

Further, the City of Toronto, as an active member and leader in this global network of data-driven cities, has accepted an invitation from Standardized Urban Metrics (SUM), the partner organization of the WCCD, to join an exclusive global cohort of *World Premiere Cities* and be the first to adopt the newest ISO standard, ISO 37125 – *Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Indicators for Cities*. On November 1, 2024, the City of Toronto co-hosted, alongside SUM and WCCD, the official launch of ISO 37125 – the first international standard on ESG indicators for cities and regional governments. During this event hosted at Toronto City Council Hall chambers, the inaugural global cohort of World Premiere Cities and Regions was announced, representing communities across North America, Europe, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia. The global launch event at Toronto City Hall was hosted by Mayor Olivia Chow, and was attended by the WCCD Global Network of Cities, by representatives from the United Nations and United Nations' partners, as well as Ontario's Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Standards Council of Canada, and sustainable finance leaders from our major Canadian banks.

Most recently, in April 2025, the City of Toronto participated in the United Nations–WCCD–SUM Workshop on Resilient Cities, which brought together cities and investors to explore how to invest in more resilient infrastructure and to build more resilient futures in cities. The two-day event convened city leaders from across the Americas, UN representatives, and financial sector experts to tackle two major challenges: the funding gap facing cities and the data gap facing banks and investors.

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ISO 37125 fills a critical gap in the ESG ecosystem by equipping city leaders, governments, and the private sector with a robust, data-driven framework to guide ESG initiatives. Using third-party verified data, ISO 37125 enables the creation of an Annual ESG Profile Report that supports local governments in attracting and driving investment, while also expanding bond issuances to fund their capital plans.

Underlining Toronto's commitment to data-driven decision-making, annual certifications like ISO 37120, ISO 37122, ISO 37123 and ISO 37125 will further support and validate the City's Sustainable Debenture Program, a critical funding source for the City's 10-year capital plan.

About the WCCD

Established in 2014, over the past 10 years, the WCCD has built the most comprehensive city data platform in the world and is now working in over forty countries and has certified over one hundred cities. The WCCD is the global leader in supporting cities to collect, report and use ISO standardized, third-party verified and comparable city data of the highest calibre. This vital data has applications ranging from investment attraction and economic development, innovation and business growth, strategic planning and progress monitoring, to internal and global benchmarking, to localization of global agendas, and, overall, developing smarter, more sustainable, resilient, prosperous and inclusive cities.

Working with professionals worldwide, the WCCD was instrumental in publishing the global first: now referred to as the ISO 37120 Series of Standards for City Indicators – the first set of key performance standards to support city data published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in Geneva. ISO 37120 – Sustainable Cities and Communities —Indicators for City Services and Quality of Life is the foundational document and the WCCD is now operationalizing two additional standards: ISO 37122 — Indicators for Smart Cities and ISO 37123 — Indicators for Resilient Cities across its rapidly growing global network. The WCCD is now working toward the release of a new standard – ISO 37125, the first ever standard for ESG metrics at the city level.

The WCCD has created this first data certification system and hosts the Global Cities Registry® for ISO 37120, ISO 37122 and ISO 37123. Further building on this foundation, the WCCD establishes a global hub for creative learning partnerships across cities, international organizations, corporate partners, and academia to further innovation, envision alternative futures, and build better and more livable cities.

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