

# Cities Footprint Project

## Carbon and Water Footprints in three Andean cities: La Paz, Quito and Lima

The [Cities Footprint Project \(www.citiesfootprint.com\)](http://www.citiesfootprint.com), financed by CAF-Latin American Development Bank and British cooperation CDKN-Climate and Development Knowledge Network, is implemented by Bolivian consultancy Servicios Ambientales during 2012-2015, in the cities of La Paz (Bolivia), Quito (Ecuador) and Lima (Peru). We promote the transition to low-carbon, climate-resilient development in these cities, by using the Carbon and Water Footprints as urban management tools.



The project has 3 important milestones:

1. Carbon and Water Footprint assessments at the local government (organizational) and the city (territorial) level, using internationally-recognized methodologies (ISO, GPC, WF Assessment Manual)
2. City Action Plans to reduce Carbon and Water Footprints. Using scenario modeling, these are sector-based project portfolios with cost-effectiveness analyses, identification of funding sources, tech suppliers, institutional arrangements, etc., that seek to assist municipal governments setting carbon and water-related targets for the long-term, and inform decision making for public policy and project/program design and implementation.
3. Road Maps for the implementation of prioritized, strategic projects, such as efficient street lighting, wastewater treatment plants, of Water Footprint offset mechanisms, among many. These include more detailed cost-benefit analyses, identification and articulation of key stakeholders, analysis of risks, barriers and enabling conditions.

Pilot projects demonstrating the potential of carbon and water management are under implementation in the three cities, as well as communication activities for engaging public, private and civil society actors.



A second phase of the project, to start in 2015, will include at least four more cities of the LAC region:

- Arequipa (Peru)
- Fortaleza (Brazil)
- Guayaquil (Ecuador)
- Santa Cruz (Bolivia)

As a result of project implementation, not only have these cities assessed their baselines and are aware of plausible future scenarios, and thus have relevant data for decision making, but have actually reinforced their efforts towards climate compatible development, and shifted their climate change and development agendas and discourses, with Mayors publicly committing to reduce footprints or recognizing companies that do. Additionally, they have become or are in the way of becoming, integrated to international initiatives and networks, such as the Compact of Mayors, the CDP and carbon reporting platforms, C40 and others.

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