The Global City Indicators Facility: A Need for Indicators – Untangling the Web

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The Global City Indicators Facility (GCIF) based at the University of Toronto with its expanding network of cities provides a credible, internationally recognized city indicator reporting standard to enable city managers, investors, citizens, and stakeholders to measure and compare a city’s performance, track trends, and have a basis for sound decision-making. Standardized, consistent and comparable indicators will enable cities to share best practices and to learn from each other. The GCIF is rapidly becoming a global leader and centre of excellence on globally standardized city metrics.

The GCIF currently has a global network of over 200 cities and continues to grow daily. The Facility hosts a standardized system of global city indicators with support from the World Bank, the University of Toronto, the Government of Ontario, Canada, and a worldwide network of participating cities. Currently 115 indicators across more than 200 cities are collected annually. GCIF member cities are representative of all regions of the world, and the GCIF aims to increase membership to 500 cities by 2015 and 1000 cities by 2020.