

# 8<sup>th</sup> WORLD CITIES SUMMIT MAYORS FORUM DECLARATION



The World Cities Summit Mayors Forum, a highlight of the World Cities Summit, is a key knowledge platform for city leaders to discuss innovative solutions, share practical experiences and express commitments for tackling the complex challenges of cities. This 8<sup>th</sup> World Cities Summit Mayors Forum centred on **Embracing the Future through Innovation and Collaboration**, and has successfully concluded

Through our lively debates on the key challenges and drivers we have identified the following areas of action as means for cities to address challenges and seek opportunities locally:

1. Practising dynamic urban governance and long-term, integrated master planning as key principles to direct development of cities and implementation of plans;
2. Collaborating with stakeholders to curate and leverage on cities' built heritage and cultural assets to benefit the economy and quality of life in the city;
3. Co-developing initiatives between city leaders and the community to improve the resilience of cities' built, natural and social environment to shocks and stressors;
4. Innovating systemically and adapting flexibly in order to balance economic growth and liveability.

We share these lines of action in support of the universal Agenda 2030: Sustainable Development Goals, in particular **Goal 11: Making cities and human settlements safe, inclusive, resilient and sustainable** and align ourselves to the goals outlined in the **New Urban Agenda** adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) held last year.

We recognise that city leaders, businesses, citizens and other urban partners all have a part to play in co-creating a better future for our cities. Together, we will work towards the shared vision of creating liveable, inclusive, harmonious, resilient, safe and sustainable cities through innovation and collaboration.

**Participating cities of the 8<sup>th</sup> World Cities Summit Mayors Forum 2017**