

The World Cities Summit Mayors Forum is a key highlight of the World Cities Summit. Cities face many common challenges, a number of which may be complex and urgent. But what gives confidence and optimism for the future is the way in which these challenges are openly discussed, and practical and innovative solutions shared, at platforms such as the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum and networks that are created as a result of such platforms.

The annual forum has grown since 2010. At the 2014 session, 128 mayors and city leaders expressed support for a standalone UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) on sustainable cities and human settlements.

Cities are now at the forefront in addressing challenges such as climate change, poverty, threats to biodiversity, and the sustainability of our planet. Through integrated planning and development, as well as dynamic urban governance, we can achieve the four tenets of a good city: liveability, sustainability, vibrancy, and high quality of life, key objectives which are espoused by the prestigious Lee Kuan Yew World City prize.

We, the Mayors and Leaders representing 64 cities convened at the 6th World Cities Summit Mayors Forum in New York City, together with our partners, endeavour to promote equitable, liveable and sustainable cities by:

1. Undertaking long term planning of our cities and ensuring sustainable implementation, so as to make good, effective use of finite resources;
2. Supporting a culture of integrity in urban governance, to engender public trust and equity in the development of our cities;
3. Promoting an inclusive, equitable economy that offers the opportunity for all our people to live and work with dignity and security;
4. Working towards providing affordable homes for all, in order to give city dwellers a stake in the prosperity and stability of their cities;
5. Planning and building accessible and sustainable transport networks, as a city's transport network can either impede its growth, or accelerate its development;
6. Building resilience in our cities through systems and frameworks, to deal with chronic stresses and acute shocks such as infrastructure strain, climate change, natural calamity, and civil strife;
7. Promoting institutional capacity building, skills development and future sensing, to sustain competitiveness in cities;
8. Working with communities, stakeholders and the private sector to build cities that are fair and inclusive, as participation promotes a sense of ownership, giving residents a sense of pride and a stake in the city's future;
9. Sharing our ideas, experiences, and solutions with fellow mayors and city leaders and continuously learn from one another.

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