



1 June, 2014

Ambassadors Csaba Kőrösi and Macharia Kamau
Co-chairs,
United Nations Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals,
New York

Dear Ambassadors Kamau and Kőrösi,

Support for a standalone Sustainable Development Goal on Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements

As the Chair for the 5th World Cities Summit Mayors Forum and on behalf of the 112 participant cities and territories, we would like to express our collective support for a standalone Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) focused on Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements.

We commend your admirable leadership to include “Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements” as a focus area in the United Nations Open Working Group’s discussions. We understand there is still much to be done toward the adoption of an SDG on Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements. As city leaders, we firmly believe that this SDG is vital in ensuring the sustainable future of our planet and our future generations.

Cities play a central role not only for the growth of our nations, but also in its ability to achieve sustainable development. They, however, often struggle to accommodate the needs and demands of an exponentially increasing population and address the multi-dimensional challenges that result. Ineffective urban development has serious consequences and is difficult to unravel. We believe that cities need to have integrated master planning and good governance, to develop a competitive economy, and achieve high quality of life and sustainable environment for its residents.

An SDG on Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements will be an effective force in rectifying this. It will focus the attention and resources of national agencies, local governments, the private sector and civil society on the urgent need for integrated and innovative solutions to infrastructure provision, service delivery, poverty-eradication, social inclusion and creation of good jobs. It will support national governments to align national policies on urban issues, and provide local governments with a framework and resources to take decisive action to undertake proper planning to implement targets. It will also rally city residents, universities, businesses, charities and foundations toward the common goal of creating sustainable cities for human betterment.

In conclusion, we cannot achieve global sustainable development without sustainable cities and human settlements. Therefore it is my honour to represent the 112 participating cities to proclaim our support for an SDG on sustainable cities and human settlements, at the World Cities Summit (WCS) Mayors Forum¹ in Singapore today. We call on the Open Working Group to note our conviction that the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals would be incomplete without a stand-alone SDG on sustainable cities and human settlements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lys'.

Lee Yi Shyan

Senior Minister of State for National Development and Trade and Industry, Singapore
Chair, World Cities Summit Mayors Forum

¹ The WCS Mayors Forum is an annual gathering of mayors to discuss pressing urban issues and share best practice to develop integrated urban solutions. The 2014 edition is the largest gathering of international mayors of its kind.

**Head of Delegation Participants of the
World Cities Summit Mayors Forum
1 June 2014, Singapore**

Africa

1. **Abdelkader Zoukh,**
Governor of Algiers, Algeria
2. **Temmar Abdelatif,**
Mayor of Zeralda, Algeria
3. **Manuel de Araujo,**
Mayor of Quelimane, Mozambique
4. **Patricia de Lille,**
Executive Mayor of Cape Town, South Africa

Asia

5. **Kinlay Dorjee,**
Thrompon (Mayor) of Thimpu, Bhutan
6. **Haji Ali bin Matyassin,**
Chairman of Tutong Municipal, Brunei
7. **Haji Affendy bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin,**
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Brunei
8. **Gou Zhengli,**
Vice Mayor of Chengdu, China
9. **Tang Guocai,**
Deputy Director General of Guangzhou Municipal Government, China
10. **Zhou Naixiang,**
Mayor of Suzhou, China
11. **Xu Datong,**
Chairman of Tianjin Eco-city Administrative Committee, China
12. **Pan Ming,**
Vice Mayor of Zhuhai, China
13. **Thiru Saidai S Duraisamy,**
Mayor of Chennai, India
14. **Ridwan Kamil,**
Mayor of Bandung, Indonesia
15. **H. Ahmad Dahlan,**
Mayor of Batam, Indonesia

16. **Mohammad Henri,**
Assistant to Bintan Regent, Bintan, Indonesia
17. **Sutanto Soehodho,**
Deputy Governor of Jakarta, Indonesia
18. **Syarif Fasha,**
Mayor of Jambi, Indonesia
19. **Mohammad Ramdhan Pomanto,**
Mayor of Makassar, Indonesia
20. **Dzulmi Eldin,**
Mayor of Medan, Indonesia
21. **Gatot Pujo Nugroho**
Governor of North Sumatra, Indonesia
22. **Rusdy Mastura,**
Mayor of Palu, Indonesia
23. **Arief Wismansyah,**
Mayor of Tangerang, Indonesia
24. **Taichiro Nishikawa,**
Mayor of Arawaka, Japan
25. **Hajime Furuta,**
Governor of Gifu Prefecture, Japan
26. **Kenji Asano,**
Mayor of Kakamigahara City, Japan
27. **Yamazaki Takaaki,**
Mayor of Koto City, Japan
28. **Tadafumi Inoue,**
Vice Mayor of Sapporo, Japan
29. **Masanori Furukawa,**
Mayor of Tajimi City, Japan
30. **Joseph Runzo-Inada,**
Policy Advisor for Toyama City, Japan
31. **Kazumi Kobayashi,**
Director General of Policy Bureau, Yokohama, Japan
32. **Saythong Keodouangdy,**
Vice Governor of Vientiane Capital, Lao
33. **Saisamone Khomthavong,**
Vice Provincial Governor of Luang Prabang Province, Lao
34. **Aseh bin Haji Che Mat,**
President of Federal Territory of Putrajaya, Malaysia
35. **Ismail Ibrahim,**
Chief Executive, Iskandar Regional Development Authority, Malaysia

36. **Zulkifli bin Ibrahim**
Deputy Director General of Social and Economic Development, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 37. **Abang Abdul Wahap ulai**
Commissioner of Kuching North, Malaysia
 38. **James Chan Khay Syn,**
Mayor of Kuching South, Malaysia
 39. **Abdul Rahim bin Md Ariff**
President of Taiping Municipal Council, Malaysia
 40. **Erdeniin Bat-Üül**
Mayor of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
 41. **Myint Maung,**
Chairman of Sagaing Development Council, Sagaing, Myanmar
 42. **Mohamed Shihab,**
Mayor of Malé, Maldives
 43. **Edgardo M. Chatto,**
Governor of Bohol, Philippines
 44. **Maria Imelda R. Marcos,**
Governor of Ilocos Norte, Philippines
 45. **Edgardo D. Pamintuan,**
Mayor of Angeles City, Philippines
 46. **Monico O. Puentevella,**
Mayor of Bacolod City, Philippines
 47. **Arnan Panaligan,**
Mayor of Calapan City, Philippines
 48. **Oscar G. Malapitan,**
Mayor of Caloocan City, Philippines
 49. **Michael L. Rama,**
Mayor of Cebu City, Philippines
 50. **Jed Patrick E. Mabilog,**
Mayor of Iloilo City, Philippines
 51. **Thomas Orbos,**
Deputy General Manager for Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Marikina City, Philippines
 52. **Francis N Tolentino,**
Chairman of Metro Manila, Philippines
 53. **Jaime R. Fresnedi,**
Mayor of Muntinlupa City, Philippines
 54. **Edwin L. Olivarez,**
Mayor of Parañaque City, Philippines
 55. **Alfred Romualdez,**
Mayor of Tacloban, Philippines
 56. **Maria Laarni Cayetano,**
Mayor of Taguig, Republic of the Philippines
 57. **Teo Ho Pin,**
Mayor, (North West District), Singapore
 58. **Liu Shyh-Fang,**
Deputy Mayor of Kaohsiung, Taiwan
 59. **Chen Shen-Hsien**
Deputy Mayor of New Taipei City, Taiwan
 60. **Hau Lung-Bin,**
Mayor of Taipei, Taiwan
 61. **Madmadsaid Ubaidulloev,**
Mayor of Dushanbe, Tajikistan
 62. **Pongsak Yingchoncharoen,**
Mayor of Yala, Thailand
 63. **Phung Tan Viet,**
Vice Chairman of Da Nang, Vietnam
 64. **Doan Viet Hung,**
Chairman of Hai Duong City, Vietnam
 65. **Nguyen Huu Tin,**
Vice Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
 66. **Nguyen Chien Thang,**
Chairman of People's Committee of Khanh Hoa, Vietnam
- Europe**
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67. **Walter Kling,**
Deputy Managing Director of Vienna Water, Vienna, Austria
 68. **Philip Heylen,**
Vice Mayor of Antwerp, Antwerp Province, Belgium
 69. **Edgar Savisaar,**
Mayor of Tallinn, Estonia
 70. **Christian Tordo,**
Deputy Mayor of Nice, France
 71. **Gábor Bagdy,**
Deputy Mayor of Budapest, Hungary
 72. **Ahmed Aboutaleb,**
Mayor of Rotterdam, Netherlands

- 73. **Jacek Majchrowski**,
Mayor of Kraków, Poland
- 74. **Nicolae Robu**,
Mayor of Timisoara, Romania
- 75. **Jose Luis Sabas**,
Deputy Mayor of Bilbao, Spain
- 76. **Julio Andrade**
Deputy Mayor of Málaga, Spain

Latin America

- 77. **Joao Salmalito Filho**,
Secretary of Tourism, Fortaleza, Brazil
- 78. **Aníbal Gaviria Correa**,
Mayor of Medellín, Colombia
- 79. **Elsa Noguera de la Espriella**,
Mayor of Barranquilla, Colombia
- 80. **Luis Francisco Bohorquez Pedraza**,
Mayor of Bucaramanga, Colombia
- 81. **Carlos Jose Granadillo Vasquez**,
Deputy Mayor of Cartagena, Colombia
- 82. **José Francisco Olvera Ruiz**,
Governor of Hidalgo, Mexico
- 83. **Ian Paul Otero**,
Director General of Economic and
Tourism Promotion, Zapopan, Mexico

Middle East

- 84. **Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf**,
Mayor of Tehran, Iran
- 85. **Akel Biltaji**,
Mayor of Amman, Jordan
- 86. **Fawaz Irshaidat**,
Governor of Aqaba, Jordan
- 87. **Kamel Mahadin**,
Chief Commissioner of Aqaba Special
Economic Zone Authority, Jordan
- 88. **Nader Ghazal**,
Mayor of Tripoli, Lebanon
- 89. **Salim bin Ufait al-Shanfri**,
Chairman of Dhofar, Oman
- 90. **Mohsen Bin Mohammed Bin Ali Al
Shaik**,
Chairman of Muscat Municipality,
Oman

- 91. **Jassim bin Abdullah Al Malki**
Deputy Chairman of Central Municipal
Council (CMC), Qatar
- 92. **Adel Almulhem**,
Mayor of Al Hasa, Saudi Arabia
- 93. **Saleh Al Qarni**
Mayor of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
- 94. **Jamal Nassir Al-Mulhem**,
Deputy Mayor of Eastern Province,
Saudi Arabia
- 95. **Hani Aburas**,
Mayor of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- 96. **Ibrahim Mubarak Aldjain**
Deputy Mayor of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 97. **Abdulla Ahmed Balalaa**,
Planning Manager, Abu Dhabi Urban
Planning Council, United Arab Emirates
- 98. **Hussain Nasser Lootah**,
Director-General of Dubai Municipality,
United Arab Emirates

North America

- 99. **Donald J. Atchison**,
Mayor of Saskatoon, Canada
- 100. **Mitchell Silver**
Commissioner, Department of Parks
and Recreation, New York, United
States of America
- 101. **Mark Chandler**,
Director of Mayor's Office of
International Trade and Commerce,
San Francisco, United States of
America

Oceania

- 102. **Stephen Yarwood**,
Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Australia
- 103. **Adrian Schinner**,
Deputy Mayor of Brisbane, Australia
- 104. **Katrina Fong Lim**,
Lord Mayor of Darwin, Australia
- 105. **Damon Thomas**,
Lord Mayor of Hobart, Australia
- 106. **Robert Doyle**,
Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Australia



MAYORS FORUM

107. **Max Hipkins,**
Mayor of Nedlands, Australia
 108. **Lisa Scaffidi,**
Mayor of Perth, Australia
 109. **Sally Betts,**
Mayor of Waverley, Australia
 110. **Toni Zeltzer,**
Mayor of Woollahra, Australia
 111. **Len Brown,**
Mayor of Auckland, New Zealand
 112. **Celia Wade-Brown,**
Mayor of Wellington, New Zealand
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