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Governance

Strategy Session 1 – Forging a global role for mayors

11 September 2016

Chair: Peter Kurz (Mayor of Mannheim).

Co-Chair(s): Akel Biltaji (Mayor of Amman), Dr. Würzner (Mayor of Heidelberg), Mick Cornett (Mayor of Oklahoma City, and President of US Conference of Mayors).

Resource team members: Benjamin Barber (Founder, Global Parliament of Mayors), Tom Cochrane (CEO of US Conference of Mayors), John Means (McKinsey & Company).

Guiding Principles

- We believe that cities have an obligation and a right to act in the interest of their citizens both within their individual borders and to take action on global issues that cross their borders.
- We believe that cities should intervene in global strategy setting through international governance bodies and gatherings including the United Nations Habitat III, COP 22, OECD.

Prioritized Actions

We will launch the Global Parliament of Mayors and take immediate action on crucial questions:

- Who will serve on an initial executive committee of mayors to provide leadership and support resolution of these questions?
- What is our process for informed decision making and timeline to reach resolution?
- What transformation will we seek around the world?
- How will we connect and share our experiences and support one another in action?
- What will be our aspiration for establishing a formal role for mayors in global governance; how will we engage organizations like the United Nations?
- What will be our legal status to operate and to engage in treaty making?
- How will we engage existing city networks to support global action?
- What organizational structure, governance model, and business model will we establish?
- Should we establish centers of excellence on specific action areas?
- What are the expectations on GPM member cities?
- How do we give voice to cities of all sizes, levels of development, and governance models?
- What strategic partnerships will we establish with academics, consultancies, and other strategic organizations?

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Governance: Citizens, City Hall and Civic Engagement

Chair(s): Mayor Nan Whaley (Dayton, USA) and Vice-Mayor Miguel Pinto Luz (Cascais, Portugal).

Resource team members: Ziad Hafiz Razak (PEMANDU Malaysia), Rima Kawas (International Republican Institute).

Guiding Principles

- We value civic engagement from our entire community including informal groups, marginalized populations and non-traditional 'citizens'.
- We believe that building civic infrastructure to encourage connections between people is a critical part of our communities.
- We believe that commitments by city hall must be honest and carried out to enforce a new more expansive social contract.

Prioritized Actions

- We will use technology to encourage new ways of civic engagement; invest in understanding what issues/triggers will get the previously 'un-heard' to participate.
- We will increase the number of contact points for civic engagement (e.g., neighborhood parties, apps, participatory budgeting, etc).

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Strategy Session 3: Cities and Metropolitan Regions

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Chairs: Mayor Nayyar (Delhi)

Resource team members: Ivo Daalder (President, Chicago Council on Global Affairs), Beatrice Taulegne (European Committee of the Regions and Cities), Claudia Luciani (Council of Europe), Jonathan Law (McKinsey).

Guiding Principles

We believe that practical collaboration by cities across their metropolitan regions is essential to achieve their individual goals.

Prioritized Actions

We will:

- Continue to seek out opportunities to collaborate with our regional partners on areas of mutual interest, such as economic development, transportation, environmental sustainability, health, and housing.
- Share models of successful collaboration, including proven interventions, cooperation mechanisms, and funding constructs.
- Support the development of tools to help foster metropolitan collaboration (e.g., to project the benefits from regional collaboration).

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