



**Safe Cities
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Guiding Principles

- The GPM recognizes the urban security dilemma all cities face, with threats ranging from, floods and heat waves to cyber-attacks, terrorist and organised crime. Urban security encompasses all themes of the GPM Annual Convening 2017 and, in that light, the GPM believes in an action and solution-oriented focus to local threats.

Prioritised Actions

- We believe that a holistic approach to safe cities requires a paradigm shift in the how by excluding citizens and experts in the planning process.
- We commit to developing inclusive, participatory and responsive approaches to city safety by:
 - Recognizing the power of citizens:
 - Creating channels with excluded groups to strengthen families, build social cohesion and social efficacy and mitigate escalation.
- We advocate for tactics that “design out” insecurity and crime by:
 - Creating more open and inclusive spaces through environmental design instead of merely focusing on deterring crime;
 - Using existing spaces as a natural defence, incentivizing low-rise apartments with large windows and gardens for natural surveillance and creating safe spaces.
- We advocate for a broad definition of safe cities be adopted, accounting for environmental, technological, criminal, and infrastructural threats in order to differentiate the GPM from other city networks.
- We recommend comprehensive, balanced strategies that are not limited to law enforcement and the criminal justice system to promote safe cities. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Guided by a clear plan with targets;

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- Investment in data fusion and new policing models;
- Strong community outreach and engagement programmes;
- Determined commitment to prevention to reduce the risks giving rise to insecurity.
- We will take initiative to welcome sanctuary cities and welcoming policies.

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