

# The Global Parliament of Mayors

The Voice for Empowered Cities



**The Global Parliament of Mayors (GPM) is a governance body of, by and for mayors from all continents. It cultivates local knowledge, facilitates city-to-city partnerships, and amplifies practical, action-oriented solutions.**

## Why

Mayors of the world want to create a safer, more inclusive and sustainable world by strengthening the rights of cities. The GPM is about local government addressing critical global challenges. Promoting collective city decision-making across borders, we are here to foster collaboration to achieve those goals.

## What

In support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations, the GPM:

- 1) Builds an active, impactful and structured network of, by and for mayors;
- 2) Amplifies a united global voice for cities and their residents;
- 3) Enhances cooperation, connectivity and solidarity between city leaders;
- 4) Advances global agendas by mobilizing regional and local action.

## How

The GPM establishes personal contact between mayors, beyond borders, connecting them from all around the world, working closely with city networks to strengthen our united voices. Located in The Hague, the hub of international diplomacy, the Secretariat coordinates and supports all GPM related activities. It is a project-oriented team which focuses on supporting members and strive to achieve our united visions. The GPM consist of Mayors and Honorary Members, former Mayors who have dedicated themselves to the GPM. The GPM members form the General Meeting internally elect the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee is assisted by an Advisory Committee consisting of experts from various international fields.

We support the multitude of global networks that cities can be involved in today by amplifying their work and messages within a variety of international governances structures. The GPM differentiates itself by its representation of large as well as smaller cities, and by its action-oriented city-to-city collaboration on critical global challenges. Another unique aspect of the GPM is its flexibility in adapting to the rapid shift in global challenges.

We aim to grow to 1,000 cities by 2030, becoming a recognized force for good in the 21st century, guided solely by mayors and civic demands.

At the GPM Annual Summit, organized by a different member city each year, mayors commit to prioritize that year's work, within the central theme of empowering cites and their leaders.

## Membership

The Global Parliament of Mayors encourages all mayors, from cities large and small, from the global north and south, developed and emerging, to join. Membership will:

- 1) Strengthen your leadership and capacity to advocate for global issues at the global level;
- 2) Allow you to communicate directly with fellow Mayors;
- 3) Issue you exclusive access to the Virtual Platform for mayors;
- 4) Share personalized support, skills and knowledge with fellow mayors and experts.

Becoming a member of the GPM requires commitment to the basic values as defined in the GPM mission statement and acting as an ambassador for the GPM and its united action policy. The annual membership fee is based on the Gross National Income and the population of your city.

**Cape Town, SA – GPM Honorary Member Patricia de Lille**

*"I am proud to see mayors from all over the world take an increasing interest in the Global Parliament of Mayors, a governance body of, by and for mayors. I firmly believe that mayors and their cities are the drivers of change. Strong mayors drive solutions in their cities in ways that are more progressive, faster and more targeted than those put forward at a national level - where mayors often come under fire for their enlightened approach. The GPM makes the common voice of mayors heard at the table where decisions on critical global issues such as Migration, Urban Security and Health are made. The more mayors join the GPM, the stronger the GPM voice and the international impact will be."*



**Mannheim, Germany – GPM Vice Chair Mayor Peter Kurz**

*"As we come together in Bristol to talk of global issues like Migration, Security and Health, we are showing the world that cities are the key to achieving sustainable development. But the Global Parliament of Mayors is more than dealing with these issues alone. Our shared goals are uniting the many cultures and opportunities around the world, having an equal seat at international decision-making tables and fostering meaningful multilevel governance for the good of all."*

**The Hague, the Netherlands – GPM Mayor Pauline Krikke**

*"Strong cities make for strong countries. Look at the Netherlands, where the growth in population and economy are projected to take place in cities and urban regions in the coming years. And cities are embracing an international role. If it is increasingly up to cities to come up with solutions for major issues, it is very important that mayors can connect with each other quickly."*



**Amman, Jordan – GPM Mayor Yousef Al Shawarbeh**

*"Amman has been a pioneer city of the GPM, having joined the Inaugural Convening in The Hague in September 2016. We praise the distinguished 'Cities' champion the late Dr. Barbers for his legacy on having an action-oriented platform like the GPM to address challenges, share best practices and opportunities among cities. It is therefore not only our duty but also an honour to continue Amman's membership to the Global Parliament of Mayors and we look forward to working together with city leaders around the world."*

**Bristol, UK – GPM Treasurer Mayor Marvin Rees**

*"It is great that we welcome so many city leaders from around the world to Bristol for this year's summit. It is clear that the challenge we face in the world today cannot be solved by national governments working alone. The world needs cities working together alongside and supporting national governments and the world bodies to deliver genuine solutions"*



**Monrovia, Liberia – GPM Mayor Jefferson T. Koijee**

*"Coming out of a fourteen yearlong brutal and destructive civil crisis and an almost two-year Ebola pandemic that broke down our social, political, and economic fabric of our city in particular and nation as a whole. Being the youngest mayor ever in the history of our city, I believe the Global Parliament of Mayors affords me the platform to learn from and share my experience with professionals and colleagues in the field, and build partnership and network for a better and sustainable city thereby bringing government and public policies closer to the people and empowering cities for a better and equitable world."*