



GPM Durban Declaration 2019

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Mayors of the Global Parliament of Mayors (GPM) have agreed to the following commitments, statements, and propositions on the topics of multilevel governance, migration, urban security, and public health as determined by vote during our annual Summit in Durban, South Africa from November 9-11, 2019.

Multilevel Governance

National leaders and their international organizations are insufficiently addressing our key global challenges, many of which are most directly experienced and felt at the local level. The traditional institutions and frameworks of global governance must evolve to reflect the centrality of cities to solving these challenges. Multilevel structures and platforms at the international policy-making level allowing cities to be directly involved in the crafting and implementing of our shared global agendas must, in the years ahead, take shape. As such:

Mayors of the GPM call on national governments and international organizations to:

- Work in partnership with elected city leaders and city networks in the making, implementing and enforcing of global agendas, particularly those that directly implicate cities, such as climate change, public health, security, and migration; and
- Recognize the need for, and the democratic virtues of, including cities in international policy-making processes, and create formal platforms for them to fulfill this realization.

Migration

Mayors of the GPM commit to:

- Institutionalizing welcoming standards to ensure that every person's basic needs are provided for and that all feel welcomed, irrespective of nationality, point of origin, or immigration status;
- Providing opportunities to live a safe, inclusive and dignified life free of discrimination for every person within our jurisdictions irrespective of nationality, point of origin, or immigrant status as a means of welcoming newcomers and reducing outflow migration; and

- Implementing the Global Compact for Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees in our cities.

Mayors of the GPM call on national governments and international institutions to:

- Increase their efforts to remedy the underlying structural and political causes of migration flows such as war, poverty, inequality, and climate change;
- Invest in city governments, financial and otherwise, to strengthen the capacities of cities to meet the responsibilities, cover the costs, and realise the opportunities and potential that accompany migration flows; and
- Create multilevel governance structures within the international policy-making system so that cities and their networks can shape migration-related policies.

Mayors of the GPM commit to working with the following organizations and partners:

- The International Organization of Migration, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, UN Children Fund (UNICEF), and other international organizations focused on supporting migrants;
- Welcoming International and other international NGOs and international city networks focused on supporting migrants; and
- Universities, colleges, and institutions that research all aspects of migration, including the challenges, promises, costs, and benefits.

Urban Security

Mayors of the GPM commit to:

- Reducing all forms of violence by 50% within our jurisdictions by 2030;
- Advocating for the adoption and financing of smarter security measures within our jurisdictions;
- Exploring opportunities to develop partnerships with international organizations, such as Interpol, African Forum for Urban Security, European Forum for Urban Security, and the Strong Cities Network, among others, to improve standards related to public safety; and
- Reinforcing the capacities of cities to improve urban safety monitoring and reporting in partnership with UN Habitat in order to build trust among the various stakeholders.

Mayors of the GPM call on national governments to:

- Support city networks that advocate for data-driven and evidence based standards to improve public safety and security;

- Work collaboratively with cities and city networks involved in documenting and disrupting online extremism; and
- Collaborate with cities and their law enforcement officials to strengthen municipal security and safety measures, technology, equipment, and training.

Mayors of the GPM call on international institutions to:

- Invest in global standards for urban security that are aligned with SDG 16 and the New Urban Agenda;
- Advocate for transparent, data-driven and evidence based approaches to enhance urban security, including cybersecurity; and
- Create and support formal platforms for cities and their networks to be involved in the shaping of international policies pertaining to security, including cybersecurity.

Mayors of the GPM commit the GPM to working with the following partnerships in furtherance of our urban security goals:

- The UN-Habitat, the UN Counter-Terrorism Directorate, Strong Cities Network, the SecDev Group, the African Forum for Urban Security, the European Forum for Urban Security, and other groups devoted to improving the safety of our cities.

Public Health

Mayors of the GPM commit to:

- Promoting the achievement of at least 80% vaccination coverage for all vaccines in national immunization programs;
- Promoting the achievement of at least 90% vaccination coverage in our city's 12-month-old population with at least one dose of measles-containing vaccine; and
- Reducing the spread of misinformation and improving health literacy, especially among our vulnerable populations.

Mayors of the GPM call on national governments and institutions to:

- Prioritize funding for developing sub-national capacities required to implement the International Health Regulations in our cities; and
- Develop regional and local networks to advance the dissemination of trusted public health information.

Mayors of the GPM call on international institutions to:

- Promote information sharing and communication measures in and between cities to prevent and reduce the international spread of infectious diseases; and

- Prioritize the research and development of antibiotics, vaccines and other medicines for communicable diseases.

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