

# GLOBAL GOVERNANCE



More than 50% of the world's population lives in cities while cities produce more than 85% of GDP to their nations. Critical challenges that face humankind such as migration, pandemic diseases, social inequality and urban security must be solved in cities. It is therefore inconceivable that national and international bodies discuss and decide on policy actions without cities and their mayors present at the table. Citizens of the world need global governance to evolve, seeing cities and international networks sit alongside national and international leaders as equal partners in shaping global policy.

## VISION

A world in which mayors, their cities and networks are equal partners in building global governance for an inclusive and sustainable world.

## MISSION

To convene a Global Parliament of Mayors to facilitate debates between mayors, national governments and international organisations, drive systematic action to take on global and national challenges and opportunities to achieve political change on a global scale. Mayors take leadership and ownership of the global challenges that they face on a local level.

## POSITIONING

The Global Parliament of Mayors is a unique governance body of, by and for mayors that functions as a parliament and brings cities to the world fore. To organise and amplify the voice and influence of mayors across the globe, and strengthen the relationship with national governments, networks, multinational institutions, civil society groups, and business.

The GPM offers a complementary governance approach to the current political system of nation states. It represents and voices mayors from cities large and small, developed and emerging, all over the world and promotes democracy, local self-governance and open dialogue.

Through open policy debates it takes position on critical challenges that faces humanity to create better solutions for the world and its citizens. Mayoral decisions are taken within their competences as a collective and offers international solidarity through practical support to fellow mayors to implement decisions.

The GPM is not a city network, but a global city rights movement based on local self-governance. The GPM partners with international organisations such as UN Habitat, UNHCR, WEF, UNICEF and IOM and city networks such as UCLG, EUROCITIES, US Conference of Mayors, ICLEI and C40 by amplifying and politicizing their issues of concern and influencing global partners.

The GPM is committed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals and aims to place policy initiatives directly to UN Bodies. It recognizes the urge of global partnership to guarantee the shared blueprint for peace and prosperity on the implementation of the SDGs across international and national boundaries.