



# Global Parliament of Mayors



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## Welcome to Durban by Mayor Kaunda



eThekweni Municipality is pleased to welcome you to the Global Parliament of Mayors. It is indeed an honour to host you as my global counterparts. As mayors, we are the first citizens of the many cities we serve. We are leaders to the millions of residents in our areas of jurisdiction and beyond. We therefore hold the future of our cities and the success of our people in our hands. Such is the brevity of the position that we hold and the influence that we have. It is therefore critical that we unite as Mayors, as this experience will certainly go a long way in promoting learning, and sharing best practise, knowledge and experience for the betterment of our people.

I wish all delegates to this summit a fruitful and successful engagement in addressing key global challenges at local level. Urban migration, urban security and shaping multilevel governance on a global scale, health and climate changes issues are critical topics for discussion as they are issues that affect us all. This platform by the Global Parliament of Mayors is essential in championing the role of mayors in solving the key global challenges and as such is a valuable resource.

Over the years, eThekweni Municipality has made significant progress to deepen democracy, and pushed the boundaries to transform the socio-economic conditions of our people. Although there is still some way to go, effective and efficient service delivery remain a priority for us to meet the needs of our people.

I can proudly say that with eThekweni Municipality's active participation in global networks, we have influenced policy and strategy at global national and provincial level. We have aligned our Integrated Development Plan with the New Urban Agenda, The Paris Agreement, the AU Agenda and many other global commitments.

With its bustling port, the 3rd largest in Africa, a newly launched dedicated aerotropolis, this region is a regional economic powerhouse. Lessons and learnings from other, similar cities, will help us to face challenges head on, as they arise.

I would like to remind all our delegates that the threads that are woven into this city are integral to the rich history of South Africa and contribute to the cultural diversity and harmony that defines life in eThekweni. Durban welcomes you and invites you to experience its all-year round warm weather, long sandy beaches, traditional cuisine, lively markets, world class hotels and its revitalised arts district.

Welcome to you, Mayors of the world!

HIS WORSHIP, CLLR THOMAS MXOLISI KAUNDA, MAYOR  
ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY, DURBAN





## ETHEKWINI PROFILE

EThekweni Municipality is a metropolitan municipality in the South African Province of KwaZulu-Natal. The population is the largest in the province and the third largest in the country with over 3 442 398 people (Census 2011). The Municipality spans an area of approximately 2555km<sup>2</sup>.

Recognised as one of the 7 Wonder Cities of The World, Durban is ranked as the top South African city with the highest quality of life. The Municipality is unique amongst major urban centres in that only 35% of the metropolitan area is predominantly urban, with over 60 000 households living in traditional rural style dwellings. Due to the diverse society the city faces various social, economic, environmental and governance challenges.

## SOCIAL

The Municipality in its operations has recognised its responsibility, as the sphere closest to communities, to provide sustainable service delivery to its residents. The Municipal vision is that 'By 2030 the eThekweni Municipality will enjoy the reputation of being Africa's most liveable city, where all citizens live in harmony'. The vision will be achieved by growing eThekweni's economy and meeting people's need so that all citizens enjoy a high quality of life with equal opportunities in a city that they are truly proud of. To this end, the city has made a concerted effort to ensure service delivery to the poorest of the poor.

## ECONOMY

EThekweni ranks as the second largest economic centre with the second most significant industrial region in South Africa. The Municipality is home to Africa's busiest port, Durban Port, Dube Tradeport – a multimodal logistics platform and King





Shaka International Airport. These facilities provide vital links between the regional economies of Pietermaritzburg (and onward to Gauteng) and Richards Bay.

The inner city is home to the primary tourism assets of the region and a hub for office and business activity. The City is also widely acknowledged as a global player with world-class facilities to host international conferences with Durban hailed as Africa's "Leading Meetings and Conference Destination" at the World Travel Awards Africa 2018. Sporting events such as the Durban July and Comrades Marathon attract millions of domestic tourists annually.

There are ongoing efforts to ensure that emerging businesses benefit from the City's inclusive Radical Economic Transformation Framework (RETF) plan. This has been done by empowering and assisting businesses to identify and exploit available opportunities. The Durban Business Fair is held regionally, which gives SMMEs opportunities to showcase their work, to be empowered by conferences, demonstrations and partnerships with big business and to contribute meaningfully in the City's economy.

eThekweni Municipality is increasingly exploring strategic factors to achieve competitive advantage over its counterparts, locally and internationally. The City has identified a number of catalytic projects in key areas to look at creative ways of utilising limited resources to stimulate the economy. The provision of support to facilitate investment into these key catalytic projects is a major drive.

Consequently, a current focus is to "Take Durban to The World" and share the facts around why Durban is Africa's 'premier investment destination'.

### ENVIRONMENT

A variety of projects linking tourism, environmental clean-ups and alien eradication, recycling and job creation are underway.

These schemes include the drive to increase local content, boosting metal fabrication across sectors, the promotion of black industrialists, promoting exports and the overarching eThekweni Industrial Development Policy Action Plan.

The Durban Green Corridors Programme is implemented by the Green Corridors Non Profit Company. The Programme seeks to rehabilitate and conserve important natural resource areas associated with eThekweni's river catchments and develop their social and economic value through outdoor leisure, ecotourism, youth development, and SMMEs.

### GOVERNANCE

Local government is in the 4th generation of democratic local government. Like any other organisation, good corporate governance remains at the centre of eThekweni

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Municipality's operations. Hence, deliberations, decisions and actions of the eThekweni Municipal Council have been based on ethical values underpinning good corporate governance, namely, responsibility; accountability; fairness; and transparency.

### ETHEKWINI AT A GLANCE

3rd largest metro in South Africa

Area 2, 555 km<sup>2</sup>

68% Rural

Annual budget – R50.6 billion (R42.8 billion Operating; R7,8 billion Capital)

Number of councillors, 219

Number of wards, 110

Number of staff, 24, 000

3.9 million citizens

200 000 migrants

Number of households – 1, 025, 829

Population growth rate declined

2,34% from 1996 to 2001.

1,08 % from 2001 to 2011

Projected to rise to ±4 million by 2020

Economic growth rate 0.9% in 2018

Unemployment – 21.9% in 2nd Quarter of 2019 - 324 000 people unemployed.

Total Exports in 2018 – R82,7 billion

Total Imports in 2018 – R114, 5 billion







### TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

#### Saturday 9 November

13h00 - 16h00 **City Discovery Tour:** Visit to Moses Mabhida Stadium, Durban's award-winning stadium for 2010 FIFA World Cup and Ushaka Marine World, South Africa's most impressive aquarium, adventure park, and waterpark.

Departure from City Hall (Dr Pixley KaSeme Street)

13h00 - 16h00 **Inanda Heritage Route:** Visit the place where Nelson Mandela cast his first vote and the home of Rev John Dube, first President of the African National Congress after passing through Mahatma Gandhi home in Phoenix Settlement, during his time in South Africa as a young lawyer. The Inanda Heritage Route is steeped in a rich history that linked the philosophy of the passive resistance movement with John Dube's Ohlange Institute, the prophet Isaiah Shembe, and the community of the Inanda Seminary and provides a deep understanding of the country's history.

#### Monday 11 November

14:30 - 17:30 **Safari tour, The Valley of 1000 Hills:** Visit the majestic Valley of 1000 hills, created by the great Umgeni River and its cultural tribute nestled between Durban and Pietermaritzburg  
Departure from ICC

For more info on Tours telephone: +27 031 322 4164

## KEY NOTE SPEAKER PROFILES



### **Mayor Mxolisi Kaunda (Durban, SA) - host city**

Cllr Mxolisi Kaunda has a rich socio-political activism background. Over the years he has distinguished himself as a committed cadre of the African National Congress. He has served in various leadership roles in both the ANC Youth League and Provincial structures.

He gained political consciousness from a young age and became involved in student politics and youth political activism during the hard days of violence.

Cllr Kaunda obtained his Diploma in Governance and Leadership from the University of South Africa and an Advanced Diploma in Advanced Governance and Public Leadership from the University of Witwatersrand.

Mayor Kaunda served as councillor in the eThekweni Municipality from 2000 and also as ANC Youth League Provincial Secretary (2004 -2008) and then Chairman from 2008 -2010.

In 2012 he was elected to the ANC Provincial Executive Committee (ANC PEC), he was assigned the responsibility of serving in the Economic Transformation as well as Peace and Stability sub-committees. He served on Finance, Community Safety and Liaison as well as Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Committee as an alternate member. He also served on the Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Committee

In the Provincial Executive Council (Cabinet), Kaunda chaired the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster (JCPS) and the Public Protests sub-Committee. He also Co-Chaired the Multi-Party Political Intervention Committee which is responsible for promoting political tolerance among political parties in the province. During his time as PEC member, he chaired the Transport Portfolio Committee.

In 2016, he was appointed as the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, a portfolio he held until he was appointed to eThekweni Municipality as the Mayor. Recently, Cllr Kaunda was elected as Vice Chairperson for the C40 African Region, a network of 96 world cities actively engaged in climate change initiatives.



### **Minister Patricia de Lille – Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, SA**

Minister Patricia de Lille was previously the Mayor of Cape Town (2011 - 2018) and served as the Western Cape MEC for Social Development from 2010-2011. Prior to that she served in Parliament in various portfolio committees. She is an advocate





against injustice and trade unionist for more than 40 years through her involvement in politics and currently as leader of the political party Good. Patricia De Lille was the first female Member of Parliament to form her own political party in South Africa and won seats at national, provincial and local level. Patricia de Lille was Chair of the Global Parliament of Mayors in 2017-2018. The keynote speech of Minister de Lille will have a focus on good governance and city leadership.



### **Executive Director Maimunah Mohd Sharif – UN-Habitat**

Maimunah Mohd Sharif serves as Executive Director of UN-Habitat and Under-Secretary-General of the UN. She has been a true champion of gender equality by integrating gender perspectives into the governance process by mainstreaming gender into development of policy, budgeting and planning. Sharif has been a frontrunner by signing the Voluntary Local Review (VLR) Declaration

together with GPM Mayors. In her keynote Mrs Sharif will address the SDGs as a renewed opportunity for new forms of multilevel governance. Governments will not be able to achieve the SDGs alone; they will need the contribution of private sector, local communities, civil society as well as citizens.



### **Secretary General Emilia Saiz –United Cities and Local Governance (UCLG)**

Emilia Saiz is the Secretary General of UCLG having previously served as Deputy General Secretary of UCLG for the last few years. She has worked with the international movement of local and regional governments in different fields since 1998. Some key areas of her work during her career years have been the strengthening of

capacities of the Local Government Associations, the promotion of the participation of women in local decision-making and the strengthening of the role of local governments before the United Nations. In her keynote Emilia Saiz will address the position of the Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments as the current governance system to unite the global community of cities and insert cities in the center of international governance. The GPM is member of the GTF.



### **Mayor Peter Kurz (Mannheim) – GPM Co-Chair**

Mannheim's Mayor, Dr Peter Kurz, is engaged in the localization of the UN 2030 Agenda since its adoption in 2015. More than that, he strives for a co-creation of global policymaking processes by local governments. At the Habitat III conference, he presented the 'Mannheim Manifesto', a forward-looking document about urban citizenship in a world, which is shaped by global migration.

He enabled the citizens of Mannheim to take part in a broad participatory process to



implement the 17 SDGs. The result is the mission statement 'Mannheim2030': Seven strategic objectives define the sustainable development path for the city. In order to evaluate the progress in achieving these goals, Mannheim presented during the SDG summit as the first German city a voluntary local review (VLR). Peter Kurz strongly advocates for city-to-city cooperation as a major tool to implement the UN 2030 agenda. One of the seven Mannheim goals is to be globally helpful and support other cities on their way to reach sustainability. E.g. the city of Mannheim develops together with the Turkish border city Kilis a vocational education centre for female Syrian refugees.



### **Mayor Marvin Rees (Bristol, UK) - GPM Co-Chair and Treasurer**

In 2016, Marvin Rees became Europe's first directly elected City Mayor of Black African-Caribbean descent. Marvin read Economic History and Politics and later achieving a Master's degree in Political Theory and Government. He then attended Eastern University, Pennsylvania, completing a Master's degree in Global Economic Development. He later undertook the prestigious Yale World Fellows programme. After beginning his career in the voluntary sector, Marvin worked in Washington D.C., on the response of faith-based organisations to President Clinton's Welfare Reform Bill. He later worked in public health and was also journalist at the BBC. Marvin founded the City Leadership Programme in 2012, which invests in the development of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and continues as its director. Marvin's priorities are to tackle Bristol's housing crisis by building more homes, improve transport and people flow across the city, ensure early intervention in health and progress social mobility through education. Bristol is also the first UK city to launch a Voluntary Local Review of UN Sustainable Development Goal progress.



### **Mayor Bryan Barnett (Rochester Hills, USA) – President US Conference of Mayors**

Bryan K. Barnett is the longest serving mayor in the history of Rochester Hills' (MI, USA). At the time of his election, he was also the youngest mayor in the United States of a city with a population over 50,000. During his tenure, Rochester Hills has been recognized as "One of the Top Places to Live in America" numerous times by sources like CNN and Money Magazine. Mayor Barnett is currently the 77th President of the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM). As President, Mayor Barnett is focused on three key priorities for the nation's cities: Infrastructure, Innovation, and Inclusion. In this role, he will also advocate nationally about the importance of cities and advocate for the priorities of local government.



### **Sharmila Nebhrajani, OBE CEO Wilton Park, moderator of the GPM Summit 2019**

Sharmila is Chief Executive of Wilton Park, a forum for global dialogue, convening meetings in the UK and around the world on issues such as global health, security, prosperity, the environment and international justice. Her career spans medical research, business, technology and the media. A biomedical scientist by background, she was Chair of the Human Tissue Authority, regulating live organ donation and the use of tissue in research and Director of External Affairs for the UK's Medical Research Council. Earlier roles include Chief Executive of the Association of Medical Research Charities, and Chief Operating Officer of BBC Future Media and Technology where she managed the launch of iPlayer. She was also Deputy Chair of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, the organisation that regulates assisted reproductive medicine in the UK and advises on embryo research and related bio-ethics issues. Sharmila studied Medicine at the University of Oxford and was a World Fellow at Yale University specialising in innovation and practical cases in bio-ethics.





## PROGRAMME

### SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER: ARRIVE, EXPLORE, ENJOY

09.00 Registration desk is open at City Hall, eThekweni Municipality 63 Dr Pixley KaSeme (West) Street, Durban

13.00 - 16.00 **City Discovery Tour and City Heritage Tour (Optional Tours) (registration required)**  
Bus leaves for one of Durban's iconic landmarks, the City Exploration or the Heritage tour of South Africa's history. Please come to Durban City Hall entrance before 13.00. After the visit, buses will take you back to the Hilton Hotel or the city centre.

#### Welcome Session

17.00 - 17.30 **Welcome session for new GPM members**  
New GPM members are personally welcomed by GPM Mayors and Honorary Members  
Venue: City Hall - 63 Dr Pixley KaSeme (West) Street

17:30 - 18:00 **Arrival, Summit badge collection and Virtual Platform helpdesk**  
Welcome drinks and snacks  
Venue: Durban Art Gallery, City Hall, 2nd Floor, Anton Lembede (Smith Street)



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## SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER: ARRIVE, EXPLORE, ENJOY

- 18:00 – 18:45 **Welcome and presentation Dr. Barber Global Cities Award 2019**
- Mayor Mxolisi Kaunda, Mayor of Durban and Host of GPM Summit
  - Introducing Sharmila Nebhrajani, CEO of Wilton Park and GPM Summit Moderator.
  - Mayor Peter Kurz, Mayor of Mannheim and Co-Chair of GPM
  - Presentation of the Youth Mayor Programme with Mayor Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana and students of the Youth Mayor Programme (UWCM), by GPM Honorary Member Ed Johnson (former Mayor Asbury Park, USA)
  - Winner Dr. Benjamin Barber Global Cities Award by Mayor Daviz Simango, Mayor of Beira, Mozambique
- 18:45 – 20:00 **Cocktail reception and dinner**
- Opportunity to explore the Durban Art Gallery exhibition

## SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: DEBATE, DECIDE, VOTE

### SUMMIT BADGE REQUIRED

You are invited to visit the GPM Desk to secure your voting device for the plenary debates

- 08:00 – 08:30 **Arrival and registration**
- ICC, International Convention Centre, Inkosi Albert Luthuli Complex
- 08:30 – 09:15 **GPM Summit 2019 begins (plenary)**
- Please be seated in the ICC Conference Room
- Cultural Performance offered by the City of Durban
  - Welcome by Mayor Kaunda of Durban
  - Mayor Marvin Rees of Bristol and GPM Co-Chair opens the GPM Summit and reflects on last year's most memorable events
  - Minister Patricia de Lille, former Mayor of Cape Town and former Chair of the GPM speaks on good governance and city leadership
  - Mayor Barnett of Rochester Hills (USA), President of the US Conference of Mayors speaks on the changing role of mayors and global networks
- 09:10 – 09:35 **Official photo for Mayors**
- 09:35 – 09:45 **Moderator Sharmilah introduce the Virtual Platform by a Polling Test**
- 09:45 – 11:00 **From Arrival to Welcoming Cities**  
(plenary) (SDG8/SDG10/SDG11)
- ICC Conference Room
- The integration of new arrivals demands specific efforts by our cities, covering housing, access to work, providing social and health care, language courses, also confidence-building with public institutions. In collaboration with Welcoming International.

## SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: DEBATE, DECIDE, VOTE

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 12:45 **A multidimensional approach to safe and secure cities**  
(plenary) (SDG9/SDG11/SDG16/)

ICC Conference Room

All cities face multiple and interconnected risks of crime, extremism, and human-made disasters. Threats can be both real and virtual. Inter-personal and organized crime undermines public safety, good governance, economic progress and sustainable development. In collaboration with Igarapé Institute, UN-Habitat, Strong Cities Network and African Forum on Urban Security (AFUS).

12:45 – 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 14:45 **'Inoculating cities in the face of vaccine preventable diseases'** (plenary)  
(SDG3/SDG6/SDG11)

ICC Conference Room

Cities sit squarely at the forefront of public health and this year has already witnessed a diverse suite of significant infectious disease outbreaks in various localized urban communities. In collaboration with Georgetown University (Washington DC) and Nelson Mandela School of Medicine (Durban, SA).

14:45 – 14:55 **Flash Talk Talent Cities Programme by Mayor Ricardo Rio**  
(Braga, Portugal) (SDG4)

ICC Conference Room

Since launching the GPM Talent Cities initiative last year, GPM Mayors from Asia, Middle East, Africa, Europe and the US have expressed interest and taken action. We will start with a short video presentation on the GPM Talent Cities Programme followed by a flash talk by Mayor Ricardo Rio of Braga on his initiative to develop the city of Braga as the first GPM Smart Talent City in 2020.

14:55 - 15.30 **Coffee/Tea break**

15:30 – 16:30 **GPM Durban Declaration Final Voting**

ICC Conference Room

GPM Mayors will receive the opportunity to make a statement before the official voting round for the Durban Declaration 2019

The resolutions that will be voted on:

- Migration (SDG8/SDG10/SDG11)
- Urban Security (SDG9/SDG11/SDG16/)
- Health (SDG3/SDG6/SDG11)



## SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: DEBATE, DECIDE, VOTE

16:30 - 17:45 **Annual General Meeting for GPM Members**

Venue: Hall 3 B

### **Side Events for non-member Mayors and guests**

City strategies against gender-based violence SDG 5  
ICC Conference Room

Gender Based Violence is a scourge that is counterproductive to full emancipation of women and is counteractive towards attainment of SDG 5 - Gender Equality. Recent data from the South African Police Services (SAPS) suggests that a woman is murdered every three hours in South Africa with almost 100 rapes reported daily in the country. The World Health Organisation (WHO) indicates that death rate for women in South Africa is the fourth highest in the world, almost 4.8 times higher than the global average.

Join this discussion which will include sharing of promising practices to end Gender Based Violence in Cities and exchange ideas on the strategies employed by different Mayors to curb Gender Based Violence in their cities with eThekweni Municipality as the host city, taking the lead.  
Join in a Night Walk to assess Women Safety through Safetipin

**Mayors as drivers of climate-ready cities SDG 13**

Venue: Hall 3 C

Climate change can undermine cities' efforts to manage migration, deliver health services and ensure urban security. Yet Mayors and their cities can also lead the response, acting as role models nationally and internationally for how to be climate-ready. How can Mayors lead the response, acting as role models nationally and internationally for how to be climate-ready and carbon-neutral? Join this discussion and share your experiences of being on the forefront of climate ready cities, as well as identifying other opportunities for Mayors to be the drivers of climate-ready cities.

17.45 – 18:30 **Cocktail Reception and Meeting Slots**

Venue ICC: King Shaka Suite, Mahatma Gandhi Suite, Albert Luthuli

We offer you an optional meeting slot to meet with mayors and experts and to discuss further actions, possible projects and/or sister city collaborations.

18:30 – 20:30 **GPM Summit 2019 Reception and Dinner (business attire)**

ICC Arena Main Foyer

## SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: DEBATE, DECIDE, VOTE

20:30

### Optional Jazz Summit Pre-party at The Chairman

A night of unforgettable vibrant jazz, African swing and city blues with an exceptional selection of talented live musicians.

Transportation provided to and from The Chairman.

The Chairman Live: Mahatma Gandhi Road 146, Durban

## MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: COLLABORATE, COMMIT, DECLARE

### SUMMIT BADGE REQUIRED

08:30 – 09:00

### Arrival and Morning Coffee

Venue: Arena Main Foyer

09:00 – 09:35

### GPM Summit 2019 Governance Day Opening

Conference Hall

Wake-up performance and recap of the GPM Summit 2019

#### Key Note Speakers

- Maimunah Sharif, Executive Director Secretary UN-Habitat speaks on the SDGs as a renewed opportunity for new forms of multilevel governance. Governments will not be able to achieve the SDGS alone; they will need the contribution of private sector, local communities, civil society as well as citizens.
- Emilia Saiz, Secretary General UCLG, speaks on the Global Taskforce for local and regional governance

09:35 – 11:00

### Global Governance: Shaping Multilevel Governance on a Global Scale (SDG11, SDG16, SDG17)

Conference Hall

The centrality of cities to all current and foreseen global challenges is starting to be acknowledged; however, cities are still largely excluded from international policy making. The focus is on how city networks and international organisation can successfully influence or shape the global agenda. In partnership with Georgetown University.

11:00 – 11:15

### Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30

### The voice of cities through digital democracy (SDG9 / SDG16/ SDG17)

Conference Hall

In our increasingly globalized and digitalized world even democracy needs to enter the online arena. How do the GPM and its Mayors use digital democracy to advance city rights? How will the Virtual Platform evolve?

## MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: COLLABORATE, COMMIT, DECLARE

12:30 – 12:40 **Flash Talk GPM Annual Summit 2020**

Conference Hall

Mayor Orlando welcomes you to the GPM Summit 2020 in Palermo, Italy

12:40 – 12:50 **Presentation GPM Durban Declaration 2019**

Speaker GPM Chair

13:00 - 14:00 **Farewell and Network Lunch, open to UCLG representatives**

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14:30 – 17:30 **Optional Safari Tour (registration required)**

Durban Tourism invited you to the Valley of 1000 Hills

21:00 **Optional After-party African Jazz Night**

To close the GPM Summit, eThekweni Municipality invites you to one last night of unforgettable vibrant jazz, African swing and city blues with an exceptional selection of talented live musicians.

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# Join the Global Parliament of Mayors and be the Voice of Empowered Cities

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## What?

The Global Parliament of Mayors is an unique governance body of, by and for mayors from all corners of the world. The GPM unites, aligns, and amplifies the voices of mayors in global strategy debates with national states and international organisations.

The GPM offers a complimentary 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.

## Hence, the GPM's vision:

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

## Why join?

Cities are, and will increasingly be the drivers of change. Their mayors are the crucial link in cascading global decisions to local level (top-down) and, equally importantly, in presenting progressive, tangible, practice-based solutions to global issues (bottom-up). The goal is to enable the physical and

online debates between mayors without affiliation and within their competence and to give a common voice to the many distinct and important voices of mayors from around the world. The more mayors join the GPM, the stronger the voice of mayors will be.

The GPM membership will offer you to

- Strengthen your leadership and advocate for global issues at the international level;
- Exclusive access to the Virtual Platform for mayors;
- Participate in on-line global debates and voting on global critical issues;
- Communicate directly with fellow mayors;
- Receive personal support from fellow GPM mayors and experts to exchange skills and knowledge;
- Free participation at the annual GPM Summit;
- Contribute to city-to-city partnerships, and enhance cooperation, connectivity and solidarity among city leaders

## How?

- The GPM functions as a parliament, debating proposals, voting resolutions and acting on decisions taken by the majority of votes. In the autumn, at the Annual Summit of the GPM, members

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get together to freely exchange ideas, knowledge, experiences and expertise, engaging in an open dialogue in a parliamentary setting. Experts and representatives of city networks and international organisations are invited to join the Annual Summit and provide valuable input for the mayoral debates.

- The GPM aims to grow to a membership base of 1,000 cities by 2030, to become a recognised force in the 21st century solely guided by mayors offer the common global voice for cities all over the world.

## How to become a GPM member?

It takes only one step to become a GPM member for Mayors

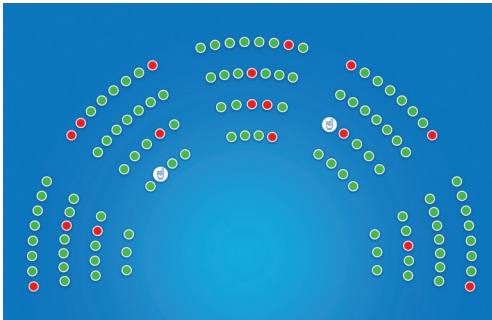
- Contact [gpm@denhaag.nl](mailto:gpm@denhaag.nl) and fill in the membership form

## How much is the membership fee?

The GPM strives for inclusion by connecting cities of all sizes at the global level. Annual membership fees are based on the Gross National Income and the Population of the city, and range from €483 to €7,734.

## Virtual Parliament

Throughout the year, debates and (real time) voting take place on the Virtual

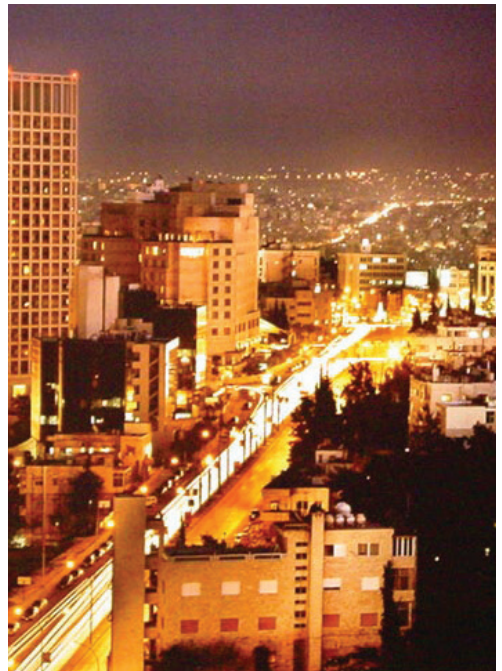


Parliament, the GPM's online platform, according to a set and structured calendar. The platform is a valuable tool, allowing members to interact and share information and inviting city networks and experts to support online mayoral discussions.

## Meet the GPM Secretariat

The GPM Secretariat, based in The Hague, the Netherlands, will be present at the GPM Summit together with our 'Virtual Parliament' desk.

We wish all our participants, GPM mayors, representatives of city networks, international organisations and experts a wonderful and prospective summit and hope to include new members to the GPM.



### THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

“Cities are where the battle for sustainable development will be won - or lost” (UN Secretary General, 2015).

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a unified global strategy for what we want the world to look like in 2030. They address transboundary challenges that will require coordinated action, with cities recognized as critical players. The SDGs can provide a framework for understanding which activities and initiatives in a city are interrelated and as such where synergy and interconnections can be best utilised. The Global Parliament of Mayors prioritises actions that generate positive impact in cities around the world, and contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). You will see references to different SDGs throughout the programme.



For more information:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300>

Useful information:

#### Social Media

GPM uses #GPMSummit2019 throughout the Programme

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Facebook: [@globalparliamentofmayors](https://www.facebook.com/globalparliamentofmayors)

Instagram: [@gpmayors](https://www.instagram.com/gpmayors)

or Durban social media pages on “eThekwinIM



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