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*shaping multilevel governance
on a global scale*

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“Our promise to our citizens and to the world is that the GPM will be a milestone in the commitment of cities to an action-oriented platform in our interdependent world,” said Dr Benjamin Barber, founder of the Global Parliament of Mayors (GPM).

“The GPM shared goals unite the many cultures and opportunities around the world, having an equal seat at international decisionmaking tables and fostering meaningful multilevel governance for the good of all.”
Mayor Peter Kurz, Co-Chair

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. The GPM is an unapologetic champion for mayors and city leaders across the globe, their issues, their agendas and their voice is united and directly represented by cities large and small, developed and emerging, from all points on the globe.

“Today’s global challenges cannot be solved by national governments working alone. The world needs cities, their leaders and networks to collaborate alongside national governments and international organisations to design the next iteration of effective global governance.”
Mayor Marvin Rees, Co-Chair/Treasurer

The GPM was founded on the belief that mayors can drive solutions to the challenges they face, that are more progressive, more targeted and faster-acting than those delivered at national and international levels. GPM is a global city rights movement based on local self-governance and supports mayors to create a safer, sustainable and inclusive world.

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GPM Summit 2019

The Annual Summit 2019 took place in Durban, South Africa from 9-11 November 2019. Sixty mayors from 27 countries joined with leaders from 15 global city networks and experts from international organisations and UN agencies.

The summit was the first gathering hosted by an African city, that made it possible to unite more than 25 city leaders from Africa, plus followed directly by the UCLG World Congress.

“Global city leaders that walk the talk”

“Urban migration, urban security and shaping multilevel governance on a global scale, health and climate change. These issues are critical topics for discussion as they are issues that affect us all.

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. Ethekewini Municipality is pleased to have welcomed so many mayors from around the global to the Global Parliament of Mayors.

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.”

Mxolisi Kaunda, Mayor of Durban and Host of GPM Summit 2019, South Africa.



“Cities are the drivers of change and the engine rooms of our economy. Two of our greatest issues of our time are urbanisation and climate change. GPM Mayors must work towards actions that will respond to these challenges creatively and innovatively and connect to exchange ideas and solutions. To advance human rights, to build sustainable cities that benefits the people, to grow our economies, we simply must do more and work together as a collective. Implementation is the key. Let us be the city leaders that walk the talk.”

Patricia de Lille, Minister of Public Works, South Africa, former Mayor of Cape Town, former Chair and Honorary Member of the GPM.



Mayor Bryan Barnett, Mayor of Rochester Hills, Michigan, USA, President of US Conference of Mayors: “We must find a way to work together in our interdependent world. The GPM can serve as a platform to deliver this message. The mayors have the potential to be the voice that makes our communities stronger by making sure that 21st century problems are confronted with 21st century solutions led by those who are making changes on the ground and have the trust and confidence of those they serve.”



Outstanding city leadership

Mayor Pawel Adamowicz

The GPM posthumously awarded the Dr Benjamin Barber Global Cities Award to late Mayor Pawel Adamowicz of the city of Gdańsk, Poland. Late Mayor Adamowicz tragically died after a targeted attack during a charity event in Gdańsk on 14 January 2019.

Mayor Adamowicz was known for his liberal political views for his city, country but also the world, which distinguished him from other mayors and made him a force to reckon with. He was a strong leader and defender of the core value of freedom of speech and expression. Adamowicz served his city for 20 years. The award was accepted by Deputy Mayor of Gdańsk Piotr Grezelak who said, "Mayor Adamowicz stood out as a strong charismatic leader, full of empathy and sensitivity for his community. It is an honour to receive this award on his behalf. He would have been very proud."

Mayor Leoluca Orlando of Palermo, first winner of the Dr Benjamin Barber Award in 2017 and the Chair of the Selection Committee said: "Pawel Adamowicz strongly defended the role of the mayors as defender of the citizens and human rights. Mayor Pawel Adamowicz and Benjamin Barber, two persons, two leaders, two splendid friends who influenced the life and experience of the cities in the world, a model for all mayors for all over the world. By remembering them is a way to say that tomorrow will be better than yesterday and change is possible."



Honouring Dr Benjamin Barber

Our annual award honours the GPM's founder, Dr Benjamin Barber. It recognises and celebrates outstanding city leadership and is awarded to the candidate who has best represented the values and principles set out in the GPM's constitution during the past year.

Building Global Governance for an Inclusive and Sustainable World

Strength in Unity

The GPM is a unique governance body of, by and for mayors from all corners of the world. It unites, aligns, and amplifies the voices of mayors in global strategy debates with nation states and international organisations, such as the UN.

Vision

A world in which mayors, cities and networks are equal partners in building a global governance structure for an inclusive sustainable world. In line with this vision, the GPM is committed to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and partners with international organisations such as the Global Taskforce, UN-Habitat, UNHCR and UNICEF and city networks such as EUROCITIES, ICLEI, C40 and the US Conference of Mayors.

Mission

The GPM is a city rights movement that brings a different voice to the global

political arena. The voice of mayors, cities and citizens. Cities are the drivers of change and are strengthened through the voice of their mayors. Mayors are the crucial link in cascading global decisions to a local level (top-down) and, equally important, in presenting progressive, tangible, practice-based solutions to global issues (bottom-up).

Online Community

Mayors have direct access to the GPM Virtual Parliament and existing urban networks that offer research, best practices and city-to-city cooperation. The GPM's goal is to enable the physical and online debate between mayors without political affiliations and within their competence and to give a common voice to the many distinct and important voices of mayors from around the world.

Executive Committee

During the Annual General Meeting on 11 November 2019 a new Executive Committee and Daily Board chaired by Mayor Kurz (Mannheim, Germany) have been appointed. Mayor Peter Kurz said "It is an honour to chair the Global Parliament of Mayors, together with my fellow Daily Board colleagues from the USA, Uganda and Portugal. National leaders and their international organisations 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. The GPM offers a complementary governance approach to the current politics of national states."



Daily Board (from left to right)

Mayor Steve Benjamin of Columbia (USA) – 1st Vice Chair of the GPM

Mayor Peter Kurz of Mannheim (Germany) – Chair of the GPM

Mayor Grace Mary Mugasa of Hoima (Uganda) – 2nd Vice Chair of the GPM

Mayor Ricardo Rio of Braga (Portugal) – Treasurer of the GPM



Members of the Executive Committee (from left to right)

Mayor Leoluca Orlando of Palermo (Italy)

Mayor Marvin Rees of Bristol (UK)

Mayor Jefferson Kojee of Monrovia (Liberia)

Mayor Baikuntha Nath Neupane of Vyas (Nepal)

Member of the Global Taskforce

The GPM is member of the **Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments**, a coordinating and consultation mechanism that brings together the major international networks of local governments to undertake joint advocacy work relating to global policy processes in particular to bring the perspectives of local and regional governments to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), climate change agenda and New Urban Agenda.

The very existence of the Global Taskforce represents a landmark achievement for the international municipal movement. Local and regional governments are the only UN non-state stakeholder to have a mechanism to develop and coordinate inputs into all policy processes. The Global Taskforce contributes to amplify the voice of the local and regional government constituency on the global stage.

At the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit, world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda, a set of 17 SDGs and 169 targets to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2030. The SDGs are universal, meaning they apply to every country in the world. Local and regional governments played an important role in influencing the definition of the SDGs, successfully campaigning for a stand-alone goal on Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG11), and for international recognition of the pivotal role of local and regional government in sustainable development.



The Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals

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 partnerships to guarantee the shared blueprint for peace and prosperity on the implementation of the SDGs across national and international boundaries.



Declaration theme 1

Shaping Multilevel Governance on a Global Scale

The GPM stands at the forefront of the city empowerment movement in which city leaders and global networks are exerting newfound influence on the historically states-only institutions of global governance.

“Thinking global and acting local needs to be changed. We need to think local and ensure communities to own the agenda before we can transform the world. This is what the Global Taskforce, of which the GPM is a member, will bring,” said Emilia Saiz, UCLG Secretary General, Global Governance keynote speaker.

The centrality of cities to all current and foreseen global challenges is starting to be acknowledged in a growing number of international agendas, such as the SDG11 on sustainable cities and communities.

The Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments is an even more robust example of the ways in which cities are inserting themselves into the center of international governance.

The level of influence that cities can exert in international governance directly correlates with the number of participants involved: as the number of participating mayors, city networks and urban leaders increases, so too does their influence. This involvement of mayors on issues such as migration can lead to better global policies for three specific reasons: their involvement increases the democratic legitimacy of the international decision making process, ensures that international decisions are more compatible with local needs, and most importantly, increases the likelihood that international agendas and policies, such as the SDGs, will be effectively implemented. To achieve greater mayoral influence, the coordination and transaction costs of mobilizing mayors and local leaders toward a common purpose must be minimized so they can speak collectively, with one unified voice.

Mayors' debate and commitments

Governance

The GPM is uniquely situated to provide this voice, and more specifically, to organize, coordinate, and scale up the collective action of cities and their leaders. The GPM is not a city networks, but a global city rights movement based on local self-governance by engaging in open policy debates, deliberating on resolutions, and using digital technology. Digital technology holds the potential to be scaled up and to reach a broader body of GPM members and audiences.

Declaration pledges

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.
- Recognize the need for, and the democratic virtues of, including cities in international policy-making processes, and create formal platforms for them to fulfil this realization.

The Governance Panellists:

Peter Kurz, Mayor of Mannheim, Germany, **Jan van Zanen**, Mayor of Utrecht, the Netherlands, and Chair Dutch Association of Municipalities, **Octavi de la Varga**, Secretary General Metropolis, **Kobie Brand**, Executive Director ICLEI Africa.

With contributions from

Sheila Foster, GPM Co-Chair Advisory Committee, Professor Georgetown University, **Chrystie Swiney**, Research Fellow Georgetown University, **David Linse**, City of Mannheim.



Governance

Digital Democracy

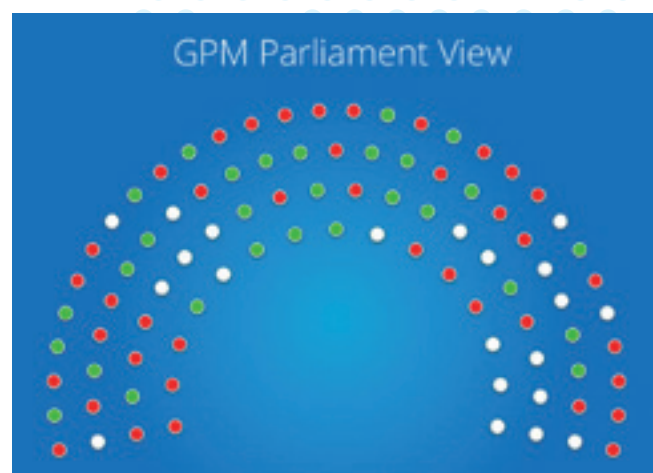
For the first time the GPM opened the Virtual Parliament, GPM's online tool, for city networks, NGOs and civil society organizations. As part of the expansion of the Virtual Parliament, the GPM organized the Digital Democracy session to unwrap the potential to amplify the voices of mayors, city networks and eventually citizens within global governance processes.

The GPM believes that the concept of digital democracy, a way in which future political processes will be shaped, offers great opportunity for city leaders to influence the global decision making process. Digital democracy is one way to help by implementing digital technology to improve democratic processes and increase engagement by citizens.

The Virtual Parliament is an important tool to increase connectivity and efficiency to call on all mayors to unite. The GPM has shown the platform as a key mechanism to facilitate collective decision making for



hundreds of mayors and demonstrate concretely how the GPM together with city networks can collaborate to address global challenges.



Panellists:

Mayor Marvin Rees of Bristol, United Kingdom, **Mayor Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr** of Freetown, Sierra Leone, **Mayor Christopher Cabaldon** of West Sacramento, USA, **Veronique Lamontagne**, senior advisor, Mayors Migration Council, **Nanjira Sambuli**, member UN High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation and the World Web Foundation in Kenya.

Declaration theme 2

From Arrival to Welcoming Cities

There are more than one billion migrants in the world right now (UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 2015). While 75 percent are internal migrants, moving within their home country, and estimated 244 million are international migrants. The year 2015 when the SDGs were adopted, was also the year with the highest-recorded number of forcibly displaced people: 66.3 million people.

Cities have turned out to be preferential destinations for migrants. Current urban populations growth is primarily rapid rural migrations towards urban centers within the same country, and international arrivals due to instability.

The integration of new arrivals demands specific efforts by our cities, including housing, access to decent work, social and health care, and language courses. In many cases, public institutions must build the trust of the newcomers. In this "arrival phase," all integration efforts are focused

exclusively on the newcomers and their needs. Specific, short term measures are implemented by service providers with specialized expertise. In contrast, long-term integration efforts must be focused on the local community as a whole.

The crucial link between short-term assistance for newcomers and long-term embedding into the city's society becomes evident with regard to the spatial structure: urban immigration generally occurs in specific "arrival spaces." To prevent spatial segregation, cities have to pay special attention to the transitional infrastructures which exist between formal (regulated), informal (unregulated), and non-formal (legal, but unrecognized) spaces. Our success achieving social cohesiveness in our cities depends on our ability to improve, desegregate, and further prevent deprived urban areas.

Mayors' debate and commitments

Migration

Declaration pledges

1. 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.
 2. 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.
 3. Implementing the Global Compact for Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees in our cities.
 4. 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.
- Create multilevel governance structures within the international policy-making system so that cities and their networks can shape migration-related policies.
5. Commit the GPM to work in the following partnerships:
 - The International Organization of Migration, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, UNICEF, and other international organizations focused on supporting migrants.
 - Welcoming International and other NGOs and city networks focused on supporting migrants.
 - Universities, colleges, and institutions that research all aspects of migration, including the challenges, promises, costs, and benefits.



Through open policy debates the GPM takes position on critical challenges that faces humanity to create better solutions for the world and its citizens.

Mayors' debate and commitments

Migration

Migration Panellists:

Mayor Yvonne Aki-Sawyer of Freetown, Sierra Leone, **Mayor Syed Salar Jehan** of Gagra, Pakistan, **Anna Piccinni**, OECD Policy Analyst, **Charles Kwenin**, IOM Regional Director South Africa.

Migration contribution from

Eric Corijn, Member GPM Advisory Committee, Emeritus Professor of Social and Cultural Geography Free University Brussels, **Claus Preißler**, Commissioner for Integration and Migration, City of Mannheim, **Bongumusa Zondo**, Acting Head Safer Cities Unit, eThekweni Municipality Coordinator African Forum on Urban Security (AFUS) and **David Lubell**, Founder/Executive Director Welcoming America.



"Cities are often, if not always, incredibly more ambitious than national governments. Look at the climate challenge, cities are often more pragmatic, look at how mayors have been welcoming and providing the integration of migrants on a daily basis in difficult situations (...). The Global Parliament of Mayors is a force to help this very narrative to become stronger and does it at the global level. EUROCITIES holds this narrative at the core. Cities and mayors are worth sitting at the table with those that have and hold the decision making power."

Anna Lisa Boni, Secretary General EUROCITIES and GPM Advisory Committee Member

Declaration theme 3

Pursuing a Multidimensional Approach to Safe and Secure Cities

Cities around the world face multiple and interconnected threats to public safety and security. These can include political violence, criminality, radicalization and extremism, and human-made disasters. Threats are both physical and digital with far-reaching consequences on the functioning of cities and their wellbeing of local residents. Not all cities are equally prepared for these complex and overlapping challenges.

The GPM supports a comprehensive approach to public safety and security that leverages both law enforcement and social prevention and is built on foundations of scientific practice and respect for human rights. The GPM advocated for integrated approaches that privilege intelligence-led and community policing, social prevention, urban planning and shared ownership, over public spaces and the co-production of security and safety priorities with citizens.

The GPM is committed to accelerating the SDGs, in particular SDG16 on peaceful, just and inclusive societies. Specifically by advocating for the significant reduction of all forms of violence in line with SDG16, through data-driven strategies that are evidence-based and respect basic human rights.

Moreover, where possible, cities should adopt transparent and open data policies to incubate local security solutions together with appropriate cyber-security competencies, education strategies to build awareness of cyber-security threats, and safeguards to avoid misuse of data.



Mayors' debate and commitments Urban Security

Declaration pledges

1. Reducing all forms of violence in cities by 50% within our jurisdictions by 2030.
2. Advocating for the adoption and financing of smarter security measures within our jurisdictions.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
 - Collaborate with cities and their law enforcement officials to strengthen municipal security and safety measures, technology, equipment, and training.
6. Call on international institutions to:
 - Invest in global standards for urban security that are aligned with SDG16 and the New Urban Agenda.
 - Advocate for transparent, data-driven and evidence based approaches to

enhance urban security, including cybersecurity.

- Create and support formal platforms for cities and their networks to be involved in the shaping of international policies pertaining to security, including cybersecurity.
- 7. Commit the GPM to working with the following partnerships:
 - UN-Habitat, UN Counter-Terrorism Directorate, Strong Cities Network, SecDev Group, African Forum for Urban Security, European Forum for Urban Security, and other groups devoted to improving the safety of our cities.

Urban Security Panellists:

Mayor Nan Whaley of Dayton, Ohio, USA, **Mayor Soham el-Wardini** of Dakar, Senegal, **Mayor Mxolisi Kaunda** of Durban, South Africa, **Juma Assiago**, UN-Habitat Coordinator Safer Cities Programme.

With contributions from **Robert Muggah**, GPM Co-Chair Advisory Committee, Director Igarapé Institute and SecDev Group, **Rebecca Skellett**, Head Strong Cities Network/Institute for Strategic Dialogue, **Bongumusa Zondo**, Acting Head Safer Cities Unit, eThekweni Municipality Coordinator African Forum on Urban Security (AFUS).

Declaration theme 4

Inoculating Cities in the face of Vaccine Preventable Diseases

Cities sit squarely at the forefront of public health and this year already witnessed a diverse suite of significant infectious disease outbreaks in various localized urban communities.

The devastating impacts of these infectious disease outbreaks on local urban communities cannot be overstated.

The implementation of quarantines and other isolation activities, closing ports of entry, and other public health measures can have socially divisive impacts as well as local economic impacts which take years and in some cases decades to overcome. The ongoing stigma on local communities is immeasurable. The threats posed by them are complicated by a reality that they all have the potential to quickly spread both within cities and to other cities as a result of our highly connected and globalized world. Conversely, mitigating their potential infectious spread is a highly localized, community-based, urban health practice.

International guidance and frameworks recognize the threats posed by infectious diseases. The third Sustainable Development Goal calls for numerous actions to reduce these threats, and additional frameworks such as the International Health Regulations (2005), the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030), and the Global Health Security Agenda are used to frame discussions regarding health threats and concentrate efforts to address these risks.

A notable gap in other city networks is the lack of an explicit focus on infectious diseases. As a result, cities not only run the risk of acting as incubators for the diseases themselves but also as hubs for more social threats such as the spread of misinformation that fuels dangerous movements like scepticism in healthcare research and systems.

The GPM is ideally situated to complement the public health efforts of other city networks by taking the lead in elevating

Mayors' debate and commitments Public Health

and prioritizing infectious disease threats. This can be done by advocating for measures to improve public health in cities by addressing the challenges posed by preparing for and responding to infectious disease threats.

Declaration pledges

1. Promoting the achievement of at least 80% vaccination coverage for all vaccines in national immunization programs.
2. Promoting the achievement of at least 90% vaccination coverage in cities 12-month old population with at least one dose of measles-containing vaccine.
3. Reducing the spread of misinformation and improving health literacy, especially among vulnerable populations.
4. Call on national governments and institutions to:
 - Prioritize funding for developing sub-national capacities required to implement the International Health Regulations in cities.
 - Develop regional and local networks to advance the dissemination of trusted public health information.

5. 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.
- Prioritize the research and development of antibiotics, vaccines and other medicines for communicable diseases.

Public Health Panellists:

Mayor Grace Mary Mugasa of Hoima, Uganda, **Mayor Olivier Hoarau** of Le Port, Reunion Island, **Mayor Elizabeth Kautz** of Burnsville, USA, **Professor Karim**, Nelson Mandela School of Medicine, South Africa.

With contributions from **Rebecca Katz**, PhD, MPH, Professor and Director, Georgetown University, Center for Global Health Science & Security, USA, **Professor Karim**, Nelson Mandela School of Medicine, Durban, South Africa.

Tom Frieden, MD, MPH President & CEO,
Resolve to Save Lives,
Initiative of Vital Strategies

"I'm inspired by your commitment to improve the health in your cities and protecting your people from outbreaks. Urban outbreaks are the new normal. In many places city leadership is not included in critical epidemic preparedness and response evaluation."

Peter Hotez, M.D. Professor,
Baylor College of Medicine

"We need an unprecedented level of continuing dialogue between different branches of government, groups of academics and this distinguished group of mayors."

Side event

City strategies against gender based violence

The eThekweni Municipality organised the Gender Based Violence side event. The discussion included sharing of promising practices to end Gender Based Violence (GBV) in cities and exchange of ideas on the strategies employed by different mayors to curb GBV in their cities with eThekweni Municipality as the host city, taking the lead.

GBV is a scourge that is counterproductive to full emancipation of woman. It is counteractive towards attainment of SDG5 on achieving gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls. Gender equality by 2030 requires urgent action to eliminate the many root causes of discrimination that still curtail woman's rights in private and public spheres. Skewed power relations particularly in heterosexual relationships are often cited

as the main cause of GBV. 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 indicates that death rate for woman in South Africa is the fourth highest in the world, almost 4.8 times higher than the global average. Furthermore, based on data from 97 countries, 1 on 5 women and girls under the age of 50 will experience physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner within the coming 12 months.

The eThekweni Municipality presented the interactive Night Walk to assess Women Safety through a SafetyPin.



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Side event

Mayors as drivers of climate-ready cities



According to IPCC and World Bank reports 1.6 billion people will be regularly exposed to extreme high temperatures, and another 800 million in 570 cities are vulnerable to sea level rise and coastal flooding.

The eThekweni municipality in Durban is the first city in Africa to develop the Climate Change Action Plan aimed at reducing carbon emissions. "The plan will go a long way towards creating a climate resilient and carbon neutral city" said Mayor Mxolisi Kaunda of Durban. The GPM together with Wilton Park, one of the front-runner on harnessing the power of dialogue, organised a side event on how Mayors can ensure that climate change does not undermine a cities' efforts to manage migration, deliver health services and ensure urban security. The conversation addressed an external perspective on how Mayors, both

individually and collectively, can be drivers of climate-ready cities, as well as collate Mayors' own reflections on how they can be better supported in this role. Some innovative ideas were shared by the panellists and participants of what is happening on the ground, raising awareness of climate change within cities, leading by example in their choice of transport (by bicycle in the Gambia) and what Mayors are doing to find solutions to cope with the climatic changes. Their personal leadership is critical, working with others including the private sector. Supporting busy mayors in these endeavours is called for.

Panellists

Deputy Mayor Winston Ennis, Kingston, Jamaica, **Kobie Brand**, Executive Director, ICLEI Africa, **Charles Kwenin**, Regional Director, IOM South Africa, chaired by **Robin Hart**, Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park.

Flash talk

Talent Cities Programme



Talent of people is one of the most important driver for economic competitiveness. With the rise of global knowledge the GPM will support the clustering and exchange of talent in cities and urban areas. Mayor Ricardo Rio of Braga, Portugal, presented Braga as model for the creation of the first International Talent Hub in 2020 as part of the GPM Talent Cities Programme.

“Cities now need active policies to promote and retain talent and Braga is committed to creating an international talent hub to attract new cities to this initiative, but also to leverage Braga’s economic structure and all existing talent in the city,” said Mayor Rio. All partners have to be included in this project, from companies, public institutions to universities that meet the needs of people. With the foundation based in Braga, Mayor Rio will lead new approaches in the area of talent development serving as a global model to others.

Braga will support and facilitate a community of partners and sister cities on a regional, national and international level, to match the gaps and the potential of talent readiness. It will contribute to the creation of a healthy and interdependent society and economy that has the strength to grow and fulfil the opportunities of the future.



Mayor Rio: *“In an era where cities compete with each other to attract the best, mayors have an obligation to put all partners at the same table and discuss and implement solutions to success.”*



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Delroy Williams @MayorWilliams06

Our Deputy Mayor Winston Ennis joined by Councillor Vernon McLeod and City Engineer Norman Shand are attending the @gpmayors summit in Durban, South Africa.



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There is not a single #localgov network that can face all challenges. As part of the @GlobalTaskforce, we must seek complementarities and foster cooperation to connect the diversity of our expertise and empower local governments globally - SG @octavidelavarga #GPMSummit2019



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"It's no longer possible to be a mayor of a city & not deal what is happening globally. We need to take a seat at the global table to change the governance!" @UCLG_Salz at the opening of "Empowering Cities for the 2020s a Decade of Change" @DurbanCC @gpmayors #GPMSummit2019



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Yvonne Aki-Sawyer @yaskinsawyer · 11 nov. 2019

I have been Mayor for 1yr 6mths today & Tar Road Community is getting a new road as winners of the #CleanestZoneCompetition! Excited to share this and how #findmeinfreetown is helping residents locate their #zones & #WasteServiceProviders. #GPMSummit2019 #Transform-freetown



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Honorary Member Distinction

This Honorary Membership is granted to **Former Mayor Daniel Termont (Ghent, Belgium)** by the General Meeting

for your substantial contribution, outstanding support, and long-time devotion to the values and principles set out by the Global Parliament of Mayors.

November 10, 2019.

GPM Co Chair
Executive Committee
Peter Kurz

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Treasurer
Executive Committee
Marvin Reese



Welcome to the Summit 2020



Mayor Leoluca Orlando of Palermo, Italy:

"Sicily and Palermo have played a role in the world history as a bridge between Europe, Africa and the Middle East, with the Mediterranean as a great connecting element rather than a border. I am proud to host the GPM Summit 2020 in Palermo on 3-5 October 2020 and welcome you all to my city."



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