

## 7<sup>th</sup> WORLD CITIES SUMMIT MAYORS FORUM DECLARATION



The World Cities Summit Mayors Forum, a highlight of the World Cities Summit, is a key knowledge platform for city leaders to discuss innovative solutions, share practical experiences and express commitments for tackling the complex challenges of cities. This 7<sup>th</sup> World Cities Summit Mayors Forum has centered on ***innovative cities of opportunity***.

We the Mayors and leaders representing 110 cities at this Forum in Singapore have shared best practices and urban solutions that are being pioneered in cities. Through these discussions, we have been inspired to implement our vision of cities, encapsulated in the liveability framework, that;

- Provide a competitive economy that generates and sustains income as well as creates opportunities for growth;
- Prioritize a sustainable environment through planning that reduces the long-term negative impact of economic development;
- Offer a high quality of life enriched by a vibrant economy, rich culture, and a city with nature.

We share this vision in consonance with the universal Agenda 2030: Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 11: *Making cities and human settlements safe, inclusive, resilient and sustainable* and align ourselves to the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and the New Urban Agenda.

We have also identified the following areas of action for cities as contributions to the New Urban Agenda to be adopted at Habitat III.

1. Using integrated plans made for 15-50 year time frames that aim to balance long-term sustainable development against short-term needs;
2. Building in flexibility to urban plans in order to adjust to changing social and economic conditions over time;
3. Implement and evaluate these plans, while making efforts to leverage on systemic innovations in technology, to produce a better living environment;
4. Learning to work with multiple levels of government;
5. Strengthening urban governance, with sound institutions and mechanisms that empower and include various stakeholders.

All who live and work in cities are both the actors and beneficiaries of sustainable development policies. Together, we will create a shared vision towards liveable and sustainable cities through innovation and opportunities.

# Liveability Framework

