Charter towards a global network of Metropolitan and Territorial Planning Agencies (MTPA-gn)

As Metropolitan and territorial planning agencies (MTPA), and National or Regional networks of Metropolitan and territorial planning agencies - public or non-profit organizations preparing metropolitan policies and strategies and monitoring metropolitan and territorial developments. They are memory, knowledge basis, permanent urban labs and vision providers of cities.

We consider the Metropolitan & Territorial Planning Agencies to be key instruments for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, adopted at the global level during Habitat II conference so as to reach objectives of the Sustainable development goals (SDG) adopted in New-York in 2015 by the United Nations, especially the SDG n°11 related to Sustainable, Resilient, Inclusive and Sure cities.

We consider that the next decades will face huge challenges regarding territorial planning and policies that should be supported by Metropolitan & Territorial Planning Agencies. New metropolitan areas and regions will emerge and MTPA are key tools to support the governance and to prepare smart metropolitan and territorial planning documents (strategies and urban policies). Several emerging metropolitan areas and regions will need support to create new MTPA.

We consider that smart planning is a key driver for change regarding inclusive development, climate change, new territorial paradigm and governance systems. However, it needs specific tools for financing design, implementation and monitoring of these policies. The global network of Metropolitan & territorial Planning Agencies will favour consulting for global and national decision makers to find the way to enhance smart planning.

We consider that peer to peer technical exchanges between Metropolitan and territorial planning agencies are a strong way to produce guidelines, common benchmarks and support for decision makers to prepare the future of cities. Knowledge, analysis and convergent guidelines should be built by experts of metropolitan areas and regions in partnership with all actors, including the civil society, researchers, decision makers and firms. This knowledge building is a crucial contribution to the new urban agenda and to its monitoring.

We consider the need to invite global actors, states, local authorities, funders, philanthropy, professionals of city development, academicians and researchers to support the initiative of creating the global network of Metropolitan & territorial planning agencies.

We decide to launch the process for the creation of a global network of Metropolitan & territorial planning Agencies during a networking event of Habitat III conference with the support of several Metropolitan and territorial planning agencies, national networking of such agencies and global actors. We invite Metropolitan and territorial planning agencies and National or regional networking of Metropolitan and territorial planning agencies to join this initiative, for defining the status, the role, the goals, the outputs, the governance of the global network of Metropolitan and territorial planning agencies.

We agree to share our experiences and methods about metropolitan and territorial planning, governance, strategies and urban policies with the aim to build a common knowledge about practices developed in each context.

We agree to assist and help, if needed, the creation or empowerment of metropolitan and territorial planning agencies.

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