

WORLD PLANNERS ABU DHABI DECLARATION 2020

We, representatives of the planning profession of the world, dedicate ourselves to working together, and with others, to tackle the challenges of the scale and pace of urbanization, informal settlements, the dire consequences of poverty and inequity, and the hazards posed to both humans and the environment by climate change and natural disasters.

We hold that urbanization must become more sustainable if the global community is to realize the aspirations in the United Nations New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

We have a responsibility, along with others, to future generations for custodianship of this planet and its habitats, and to those who are disadvantaged, especially the poor and those who lack adequate shelter.

We stand for Planning as an inclusive process. Planning is strategic and local, consultative, integrative, participatory, creative, embracing diversity in all its forms and rooted in concerns for equality.

We advocate that Planning must underpin any approach to managing rural, urban and regional development. It is practiced in the private sector, the public sector, by voluntary bodies and community organizations.

We will build the capacity for creating safe, healthy and sustainable settlements by mobilizing, sharing and developing the knowledge and skills of planners.

We advocate that Planning, and its values and ethics, are fundamental to good governance and a means to deliver more equal access to the benefits cities and regions have to offer.

We assert that there can be no sustainable development without sustainable urbanization and no sustainable urbanization without effective planning. Political support and financial and human resource investment is required for effective planning.

We will promote this Declaration to governments, international development organizations, civil society and other professions in a spirit of global partnership.

We dedicate ourselves to action now, and in the years ahead, in support of this Declaration.

Members of the Global Planners Network