

Second Annual Meeting of the Global Platform for Sustainable Cities

Agenda

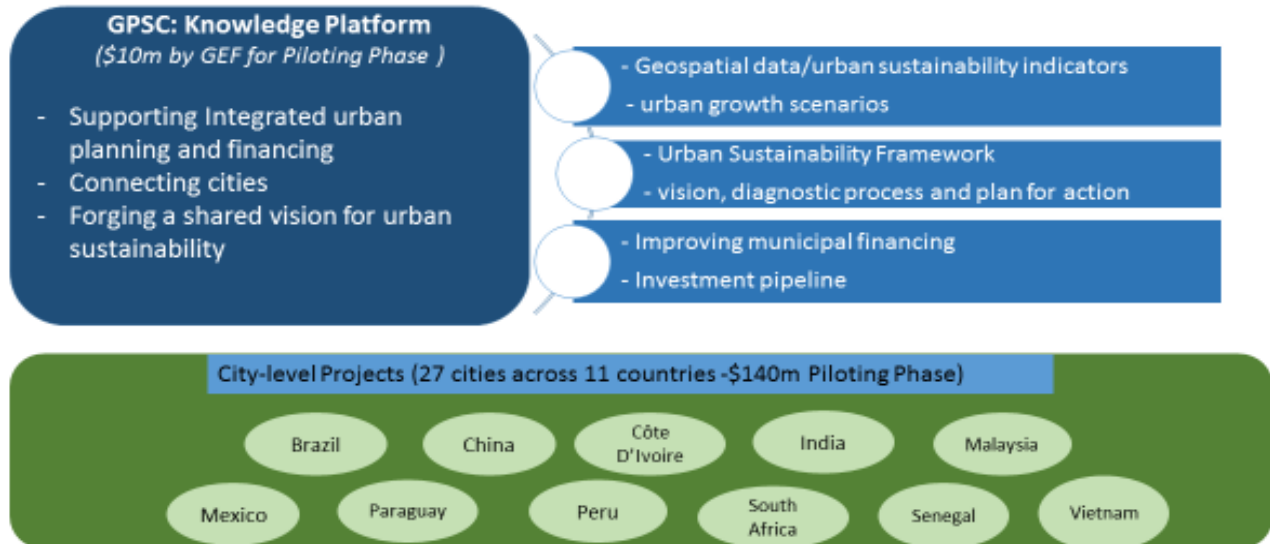
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October 30 – November 2, 2017



The Global Platform for Sustainable Cities (GPSC), led by the World Bank in collaboration with other multilateral development banks and UN agencies, supports cities to adopt an integrated approach to urban planning and financing. As part of a \$150 million program funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the GPSC currently covers 27 cities across 11 pilot countries with the prospect of more cities joining in the near future.

Global Platform for Sustainable Cities



GPSC Second Annual Meeting: Innovation & Smart Solutions for Urban Sustainability

The GPSC Annual Meeting is a yearly event that brings together mayors, city leaders, experts, representatives from financial institutions, organizations, UN agencies and private sector to learn and share best practices principles in order to forge a common vision of urban sustainability. The GPSC 2017 Meeting theme is **“Innovation & Smart Solutions for Urban Sustainability”**. This theme will be illustrated through a Mayor’s RoundTable, high-level panel discussions and a series of in-depth learning events.

A brief overview of the program is outlined below:

Parallel Learning Events	
Monday, 30 th October	Learning event 1: Smart solutions for urban services Learning event 2: Municipal finance, bonds and PPPs
GPSC Official Meeting	
Tuesday, 31 st October	Morning Sessions
	<u>Opening Session (9:00 to 12:30pm)</u> Keynote speeches Mayors Roundtable
	Afternoon sessions
	<u>Session One (14:00 to 15:30)</u> Launching Urban Sustainability Framework: Urban sustainability action plans <u>Session Two (16:00 to 17:30)</u> Financing Sustainable Cities Initiative and Action Planning
Wednesday, 1 st November	Morning Sessions
	<u>Plenary session (9:00 to 12:00)</u> Climate Change Dimension of Integrated Planning – Paris Agreement and city actions
	Afternoon sessions
	<u>Closing session (13:30 to 16:30)</u> Keynote presentations Panel discussion – ‘Managing Urbanization’ Reflections & next steps
Thursday, 2 nd November	Site visits and learning

The description of the learning events and the GPSC official meeting sessions is included in Annex I.

Annex I

Meeting Program Description

Learning Events

30th October, Monday

Learning event 1: Smart solutions for urban services

Public and private sector leaders at the national, state, and local level are constantly searching for ways to better manage larger populations, deliver effective urban services, and unlock greater economic potential. Whilst experiencing rapid urban expansion, many countries are seeking innovative solutions for urban living - “smart cities” is one of them. This session will demonstrate best practice principles in integrating smart and sustainable city methodologies into urban planning and service delivery across multiple sectors – including housing, waste management, and transport. Leading examples of smart cities will share the planning strategies and innovative tools they use to enhance the cities’ efficiencies in service delivery, competitiveness and sustainability.

Learning event 2: Municipal finance, bonds and PPP

With rapid urbanization, providing efficient urban services and adequate pools of financing will be one of the most challenging issues for many cities. Cities with the most infrastructure needs often lack the capacity and knowledge to develop projects that will attract investors. This is exacerbated by limited access to credit and an insufficient ability to take advantage of endogenous sources of finance, which could be used to invest in core urban services such as provision of water, housing, and waste management. To ensure that a city’s vision and strategy can be implemented, the ability to source and secure adequate financing sources is paramount. Supporting cities in enhancing their capacity for financial performance and identifying investment options is a key objective of the GPSC. This session introduces the fundamentals of creditworthiness and municipal finance, and discusses strategies for municipal governments to implement PPP projects.

GPSC Official Meeting

October 31st, Tuesday

9:00 – 12:30 | Opening Plenary Session and Mayors Roundtable

The session will kick off the opening of the second GPSC Annual Meeting with a series of keynote speeches and important announcements, including the launch of the National Platform for India Sustainable Cities.

The opening session will be followed by a Mayors Roundtable, with the theme “**Action Planning: From Vision to Action**”. The Singapore Urban Roundtable in the 1st Annual Meeting facilitated dialogue, understanding and exploration of future opportunities for collaboration among the World Bank, its clients and public and private sector entities in Singapore. On the occasion of the World Cities Day, the Mayors Roundtable will bring together mayors and senior policy makers from around the world to discuss and share insights on translating the plan to action and building a pathway to urban sustainability.

The session will provide representatives the opportunity to:

1. Present and discuss the need to create robust and sustainable action plans that capture the ambition and vision of its citizens, but are also implementable; and
2. Exchange city examples that represent both challenging scenarios and good practice principles that bridge the gaps in mobilizing finance, creating jobs, tackling climate change, spurring green growth and promoting sustainable and inclusive growth.

14:00 – 15:30 | Launching GPSC Urban Sustainability Framework: from Plan to Action

An action plan serves as a roadmap for the city towards its path to sustainability and clarifies the visions, actions and resources available for the planned interventions. The implementation of action plans guides a city’s planning policy to achieve environmental and economic priorities for greater sustainability. The GPSC’s Urban Sustainability Framework (USF) provides a basis for cities to assess their urban sustainability status and develop the action plans. The session will share early insights of rapid assessment undertaken by GPSC and other initiatives, as well as lessons learned from cities on the implementation of action plans.

16:00 – 17:30 | Plenary session: Financing Sustainable Cities Initiative and Action Planning

International Financial Institutions (IFIs) play a strategic role in the successful implementation of Sustainable Development Goals. A number of IFIs have launched respective city initiatives to link technical assistance programs to urban investments. In this session, representatives from various IFIs will discuss the value chain of translating upstream technical support to downstream investment, and

opportunities for leveraging different sources of financing.

18:00 to 20:00 | Reception

1st November, Wednesday

9:00 – 12:00 | Climate Change Dimension of Integrated Planning – Paris Agreement and city actions

The historic Paris Agreement signed by 195 countries during COP21 committed countries to reducing Green House Gas emissions (GHG) by 2020. Countries also committed to holding global temperatures to below 2.0 degree Celsius. Cities are increasingly playing a leadership role in implementing ambitious development plans to tackle climate change.

This session in the lead up to COP23 will explore how cities are adopting integrated planning to develop low-carbon, resilient. Presenters will also share innovative approaches and initiatives in various regions and cities, highlight tools, technologies and investment opportunities that can help cities build a road map towards low carbon and resilient development.

13:30 – 16:30 | Closing session: Managing Urbanization

Keynote presentations will be delivered by experts on the topic ‘Managing Urbanization’. The presentations will be followed by a panel discussion, where city leaders and experts discuss challenges of rapid urbanization and share experiences, strategies on how to better manage these challenges. Finally, city leaders and participating agencies will reflect on the Annual Meeting’s highlights and share their key takeaways from the event.

GPSC will introduce its work plan for 2018 and, together with participants, share a common outlook on the collaborative agenda for sustainable urban development.

GPSC Second Annual Meeting Program Schedule (Tentative)

Day 1 30 th October Monday		Day 2 31 st October Tuesday		Day 3 1 st November Wednesday		Day 4 2 nd November Thursday			
Morning Sessions									
<u>Parallel Learning Event</u> Smart solutions for urban services		<u>Parallel Learning Event</u> Municipal Finance, bonds and PPP		<u>Opening Session and Mayors Roundtable</u>		<u>Plenary Session</u> Climate Change Dimension of Integrated Planning – Paris Agreement and city actions		Site visits and learning	
Exhibition booths for printing materials									
Networking lunch									
Afternoon Sessions									
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				<u>Plenary session</u> Financing the Plan					
				Dinner Reception					