



VENICE DECLARATION

We, representatives of cities, regions and local authorities of all sizes and from around the world,

DECLARE AS FOLLOWS

WHEREAS at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit on 25 September 2015, more than 150 world leaders adopted the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and a dedicated goal for urban development, SDG11, which calls to “make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”;

WHEREAS a year later, at the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, Habitat III, Member states signed the New Urban Agenda, an action-oriented document which sets global standards of achieving SDG11, rethinking the way we build, manage, and live in cities.

WHEREAS the New Urban Agenda acknowledges that while most of the global population and capital goods are concentrated in cities, urban areas remain crucial to social development, economic prosperity and poverty eradication.

WHEREAS cities and territories drive most of the economic growth and are a source of innovation, facing sanitation and security challenges while acting as cultural centres.

WHEREAS families are crucial development agents provided they can find adequate environment is needed to facilitate their role and make possible an accurate assessment of the needs for inclusive cities, especially in terms of investment in infrastructure.

WHEREAS building cities that are inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable require intensive policy coordination and investment choices for families to reach to reach their potential as productive, engaged, and capable agents of sustainable development, contributing fully to their members and communities.

IN SIGNING THIS DECLARATION, we proclaim the commitment of the regions, cities and territories we represent to follow this universal call through the following common endeavours, as proposed by the International Federation for Family Development:

1. HOUSING

Cities design should include all family situations and social groups, flexible urban and environmentally sustainable planning, and social services to meet every need.

2. NEW TECHNOLOGIES

The need of connecting people through new technologies should be also included to ensure social inclusion, to bridge the digital gap via training of older persons, professional carers and families in vulnerable situations.

3. EDUCATION

Inclusive and quality education for all and promotion of lifelong learning should lead to the improvement of accessible and affordable childcare facilities in locations close to the residence or workplace of parents, parenting education, participation of older persons in educational activities for the youth, intergenerational meeting places

for cultural and leisure activities, youth integration practices as well as second chance schools and chances to reintegrate in society.

4. HEALTHCARE

Organization of campaigns to promote healthy habits and lifestyles, especially those targeted to prevent mental disorders and to meet the needs of older persons, setting the necessary structure to stimulate innovation and intergenerational relations in hospitals as well as medical attention of visitors and tourists.

5. SAFETY

Creation of a welcoming environment in the streets based on solidarity, mutual support and social interaction, through instruments like promoting volunteers, a community police, the use of technology, information and training on crisis situations.

6. CLEAN AIR

Creation of as many green areas as possible, tax benefits for garden buildings, progressive reduction of pollution produced by public transportation, increase of charging points for electric cars and support for circular economy.

7. TRANSPORTATION

Plan and design rational and accessible public transportation system, while promoting teleworking and recognizing and valuing time at home, unpaid care and domestic work.

8. AFFORDABILITY

Plan to facilitate access to housing for families in vulnerable situations, including youth, persons with disabilities and older persons; develop smart intergenerational living arrangements with shared services, efficient energy-saving, flexible buildings and care provisions.

9. LEISURE AND TOURISM

Foster of active engagement in the volunteering sector to conserve and restore the cultural and touristic of the city, as well as tools to facilitate access to cultural activities for all through special prices and adhoc exhibitions and locations for museums, theatres, etc.

10. VULNERABLE FAMILIES

Establish specific programs to recognize the value of unpaid work and care, and address the needs of families in vulnerable situations, including single-parent families, large families, migrant families, etc.

TO ENSURE THE INTENT OF THIS PLEDGE IS REALIZED, we commit to submit a Monitoring Report every year before the 31st March to be presented to the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs by the International Federation for Family Development secretariat, with information of the previous year on the progress made in the 10 points mentioned above.

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