

WORLD PLANNERS CONGRESS VANCOUVER DECLARATION 2006

We, representatives of the planning profession of the world, dedicate ourselves to working together, and with others, to tackle the challenges of rapid urbanisation, the urbanisation of poverty and the hazards posed by climate change and natural disasters.

We hold that urbanisation must become more sustainable if the global community is to realise the aspirations in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, especially that which seeks to “ensure environmental sustainability”.

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

We stand for Planning as an inclusive process. Planning is both strategic and local, integrative, participatory, creative, embracing cultural diversity and rooted in concerns for equity.

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

We will build the capacity for creating safe, healthy and sustainable settlements by mobilising, 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 have to offer.

We assert that there can be no sustainable development without sustainable urbanisation, and no sustainable urbanisation without effective planning: political will and investment is required for effective planning.

We will promote this Declaration to governments, international development organisations, 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.

Signatories:



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