



GPSC is a knowledge platform that provides access to tools and promotes an integrated approach to sustainable urban planning and financing. The successful close of the GPSC 2nd Annual Meeting marks a year of collaborative projects involving implementing agencies, partner cities and urban development practitioners. In 2018, the GPSC will further engage with cities through joint-undertakings to strengthen their sustainability action planning processes.

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GEF Proposed Double Support for Sustainable Cities



At the [One Planet Summit](#) in Paris today, [Global Environment Facility](#) (GEF) CEO and Chairperson, Naoko Ishii, proposed an increase in GEF's support for [sustainable cities](#).

"Going forward, we want to do even more, and I am extremely pleased to tell you that the GEF Secretariat is proposing to double the GEF financial contribution to our cities program for the next four years," Ishii said. "In collaboration with our network of city based associations, the World Bank and other MDBs, we are aiming to bring 500 more cities into the Global Platform of Sustainable Cities by 2020." [READ ON..](#)

GPSC Calls for Better City Planning



The GPSC 2nd Annual Meeting attracted participants from 19 countries, 30 cities, and 35 organizations – including 230 mayors and other municipal officials, academics, and business leaders. The theme of the 2017 forum ‘Better Planning Better Cities: Solutions to Urban Sustainability’ was illustrated throughout the scheduled events, which includes a Mayors’ Roundtable, High-level Panel Discussions and a series of in-depth Learning Events.

During the Integrated Approach Pilot-GPSC coordination meeting, a holistic discussion took place around the development of common approaches among individual targeted programs under the SC-IAP. Program components outlined included scaling up the SAP to other interested GPSC participating cities, and developing more knowledge products on topics related to core GPSC components, such as Transport Orientated Development, municipal Private-Public Partnerships, and the development of a geospatial data capacity assessment tool, among others.

Learn more about the Annual Meeting and download the Summary Report and presentations [here](#).

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Key Achievements in the Second Half of 2017

September 8 – 9, 2017 | GPSC Participated in the Shenzhen International Low-carbon City Forum

In Shenzhen together with over 2,000 guests from more than 40 countries and

international institutions, the GPSC shared its vision and goal of low-carbon city development. This included setting a path forward, utilizing innovation and practice in the financial system, along with green technology, and low-carbon oriented urban planning. GPSC's participation in the Forum saw the launch of the initial Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) for Melaka, Malaysia. The SAP process is built upon the Urban Sustainability Framework (USF) and aims to create an action plan for a city's urban growth opportunities and challenges using indicators from the USF.

October 2017 | India Seeks Multi-sectoral Partnership Through a National Sustainable Cities Platform

In addition to the Sustainable Cities Integrated Approach Pilot (SC-IAP) project led in India by UNIDO in cooperation with the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), the Municipal Corporations of Jaipur, Bhopal, Mysore, Vijayawada and Guntur, as well as the respective State Governments, the country is seeking multi-sectoral partnerships by bringing together technical, financial, political, social and business partners in the country to create a national sustainable cities platform.

The establishment of the India Platform for Sustainable Cities (IPSC) promotes the implementation of sustainable city strategies and encourages the sharing, learning, and dissemination of knowledge among participants and other stakeholders. This collaboration will happen at the national level, between the cities and other urban areas within India, and at the international level with external networks, including the GPSC that is led by the World Bank.

October, 2017 | A New Platform for Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing on Urban Sustainability

The newly launched GPSC website offers insights into the program, best practices and practical know-hows, thematic knowledge products, and will soon have an Urban Dashboard promoting evidence-based urban planning.

The website aims to provide cities and non-GPSC-partners an opportunity to leverage global knowledge and operational experience on urban sustainability. Submission of knowledge products under the [five GPSC focused categories](#) are most welcome. Please visit our website www.thegpsc.org for the latest program updates.

October 31, 2017 | Urban Sustainability Framework (Conference Edition) Released

After extensive consultation with the global urban development and sustainability community, the Conference Edition of the Urban Sustainability Framework was released during the GPSC's 2nd Annual Meeting.

The USF draws experiences and existing content together from organizations such as IDB, ADB, EBRD, UN-Habitat and the GPSC Resource Team, to elaborate upon the key components of urban sustainability and lay out a four-stage process for achieving urban sustainability. Cities are guided by the USF to develop or enhance a sustainability plan through the stages: Diagnosis; Vision and Priorities for Action; Financing the Plan; and Monitoring Framework. In addition, the USF will facilitate the coherence of the GPSC and city level projects under the GEF Sustainable Cities program. The final report is scheduled to be launched at the 2018 WUF.

October - December, 2017 | Summary of the Melaka Sustainability Action Plan

The SAP for Melaka aims to assess the city's current urban planning processes, including their Structure Plan 2035. In collaboration with the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT), a team of international and Malaysian experts was formed and conducted a rapid analysis mission to Melaka in October. Stakeholders were met from various agencies in the public sector, along with local institutions and the private sectors. The recommended actions of the report are currently being finalized and the document will be launched at the 2018 World Urban Forum (WUF) – which is advantageously being held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in February 2018.





GPSC Photo Competition: What do "Sustainable Cities" look like to you



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What's next for the GPSC in 2018?

- Urban Sustainability Framework final report launch
- Regional training on municipal finance & PPP
- Sustainability Action Plan for Melaka and other interested cities
- Working Group Meeting on GHG Impact on Compact Urban Development
- Knowledge products on Municipal PPP, TOD and Geospatial Data Assessment Tool

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