

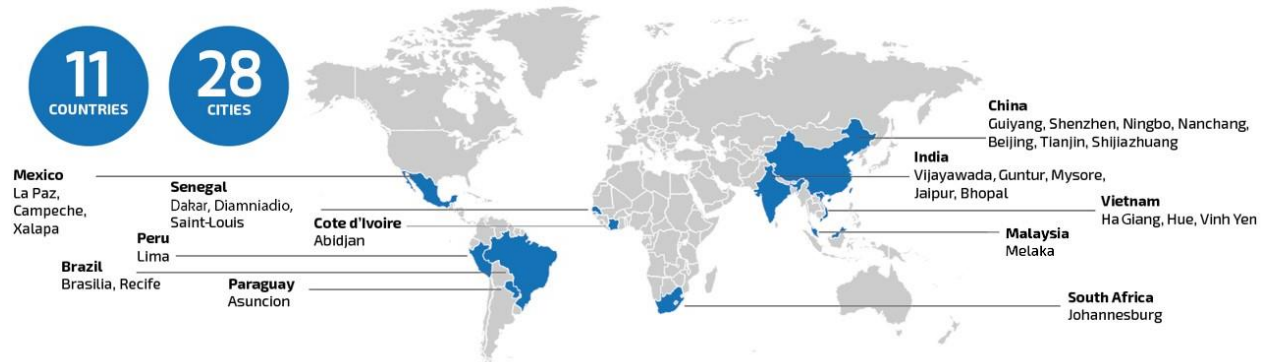
Global Platform for Sustainable Cities Side Event at the Global Environment Facility Assembly

“Leveraging Urban Solutions for Global Environmental Benefits”

Tuesday, 26 June 2018, 13:30 – 15:00

Hue Room, Ariyana Conference Center, Furama Resort, Da Nang, Vietnam

The Global Platform for Sustainable Cities, or GPSC www.thegpsc.org, brings collaborators together to scale-up sustainable development solutions that promote an integrated approach to urban planning. Led by the World Bank and supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the platform comprises 28 cities across 11 countries and a wide range of collaborators. These collaborators include multilateral development banks, the United Nations, and various other institutions, experts and Knowledge Partners.



GPSC’s event in Da Nang will demonstrate how cities can respond to their development challenges by tapping into the platform’s practical knowledge, scalable solutions, and financing opportunities which encourage urban solutions for environmental benefits. During the event UN-Habitat will be welcomed as a GPSC Knowledge Partner, along with the announcement that the International Finance Corporation (IFC) will join GPSC as an Investment Partner. An overview will be given of GPSC’s activities since being founded in 2016, along with the platform’s next steps heading towards GEF-7. Lastly, a panel comprising representatives from a diverse range of GPSC’s collaborators will discuss how cities can further leverage the solutions offered by GPSC to advance global environmental benefits. We hope you can join us for this event in Da Nang.



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GPSC Event Program

“Leveraging Urban Solutions for Global Environmental Benefits” Tuesday, 26 June 2018, 13:30 – 15:00 Hue Room, Ariyana Conference Center	
13:30 – 13:40	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Anna Wellenstein, Director, Global Practice for Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience, World Bank
13:40 – 13:50	GPSC’s Journey and Next Steps Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Xueman Wang, Senior Urban Specialist and GPSC Program Coordinator, World Bank
13:50 – 14:00	MoU Ceremony for UN-Habitat Joining GPSC as a Knowledge Partner <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UN-Habitat and the World Bank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, UN-Habitat Ms. Anna Wellenstein, Director, Global Practice for Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience, World Bank Remarks by UN-Habitat’s Executive Director
14:00 – 14:10	Announcement of IFC Joining GPSC as an Investment Partner <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Welcoming of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to GPSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Anna Wellenstein, Director, Global Practice for Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience, World Bank Remarks by IFC’s Cities Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Patrick Avato, Lead of the Cities Initiative and Senior Operations Officer, IFC
14:10 – 15:00	“Leveraging Urban Solutions for Global Environmental Benefits” Panel Discussion <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Anna Wellenstein, Director, Global Practice for Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience, World Bank <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Josué Tanaka, Managing Director for Operational Strategy and Planning, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Mr. Philippe Scholtès, Managing Director for Program Development and Technical Cooperation, United Nations Industrial Development Organization Ms. Merete Villum Pedersen, Chief Technical Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark; Representing the City of Aarhus as GPSC’s Knowledge Partner Mr. Guilherme Wiedman, Lead of the Technology for Sustainable Cities Program, Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation, and Communications, Brazil Mr. Patrick Avato, Lead of the Cities Initiative; Senior Operations Officer, IFC