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The Guangzhou Award Brief Introduction



The Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation (the Guangzhou Award) is co-sponsored by the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the World Association of the Major Metropolises (Metropolis) and the City of Guangzhou.

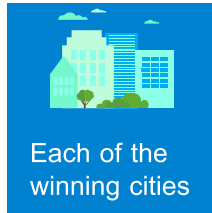
The aim of the Guangzhou Award is to recognize innovation in improving social, economic and environmental sustainability in cities and regions and, in so doing, to advance the prosperity and quality of life of their citizens.

The Guangzhou Award is also a platform for the sharing and exchange of lessons learned from successful innovation practices in support of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the local dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The 4th Guangzhou Award will take place in 2018.

What does the Guangzhou Award consist of?

The Guangzhou Award will be discerned to five (5) cities for each award cycle.



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USD 20,000 cash prize

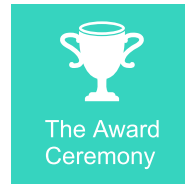
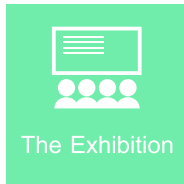
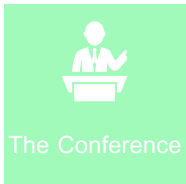


Trophy



Commemorative certificate designed for the award

& will be invited to



Who is eligible for the Guangzhou Award?

The Guangzhou Award is open to all cities and regions worldwide, including members of UCLG, Metropolis, ICLEI, etc.

What types of initiatives are eligible for application?

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The initiatives should represent an original undertaking such as a new policy or strategy, a new business model or practice that promotes social, economic and/or environmental sustainability in a city or region.

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It should be an ongoing or recently completed initiative (within the past two years).

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It should provide evidence and/or indicators of substantial impact and/or success in meeting the initiative's stated objective(s).

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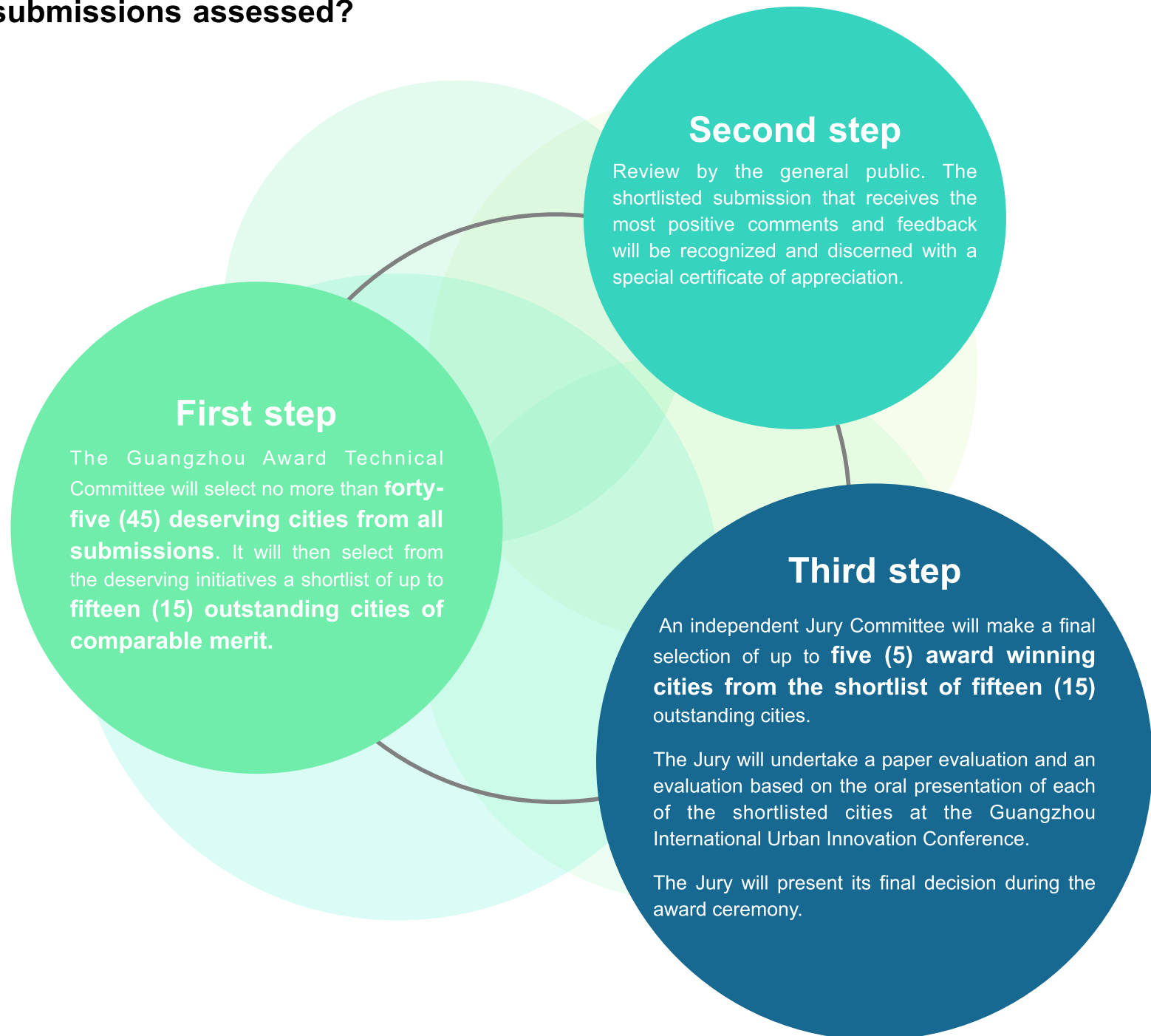
Relevance of the initiative to the principles and commitments of the New Urban Agenda and/or to Goal 11 of the Sustainable Development Goals: make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

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Submissions that do not succeed in being selected for the Guangzhou Award may re-submit in subsequent cycles should there be new evidence or indicators of impact or change.

Cities and local authorities are encouraged to submit up to three initiatives that support a given policy including those that are implemented in collaboration with private and civil society partners.

How are submissions assessed?



The Guangzhou Award Previous Cycles

Since 2012, three cycles of the Guangzhou Award have been organized, with submissions from more than 150 cities and local governments from around the world in each cycle. The Guangzhou Award has received more than 700 initiatives from more than 70 countries and regions in total, covering the fields of infrastructure and public services, participatory planning and good governance, partnerships, technology, resilience, social inclusion and gender equality, etc.



Winning Cities of the 1st Guangzhou Award in 2012



Lilongwe, Malawi
Lilongwe-Johannesburg cities mentorship program

Kocaeli, Turkey
Prepare before it's too late: learn to live with earthquake



Seoul, South Korea
Dealing with challenges facing youth and improving transparency in procurement



Vancouver, Canada
Visionary Vancouver: creating a welcoming and sustainable place for all



Vienna, Austria
Start Wien: a programme for new migrants to help them settle in and facilitate their integration in Vienna

Winning Cities of the 2nd Guangzhou Award in 2014



Winning Cities of the 3rd Guangzhou Award in 2016

Boston, USA

Youth lead the change: youth participatory budgeting

Boston continues to encourage youth to be involved in city decision-making and puts forward an initiative Youth Lead the Change. This initiative empowers youth to decide on how to use 1 million USD of the municipal budget every year. Youth collect ideas, distill those ideas into proposals, and vote to determine which projects get funded. It not only covers youth aging from 12 to 25, but also hears the voice of populations that are traditionally underserved such as homeless youth, disconnected youth and those from low income families.



Copenhagen, Denmark

Copenhagen climate resilient neighborhood

The cloudburst in Copenhagen in 2011 drew the attention of the city to the climate change risks. Because of this, The Copenhagen Adaptation Plan was prepared and St. Kjelds was selected as the pilot area to build neighborhood resilience and improve urban life for 24,000 residents. The interventions include sustainable storm water management through green solutions and creative planning and design to prevent flooding in the neighborhood; creating greener urban spaces through enhanced bio-diversity and branding of the neighborhood.



La Paz, Bolivia

The La Paz zebras: a citizen culture project

Across the world the freedom of the street has been stolen particularly from the young, the poor and women in many societies by the increasing domination of motor vehicles. However, this initiative is an example to raise public awareness on this challenge with humor and understanding. A citizen education program involves youth-at-risk whom are trained to become “civic educators” and be paid a minimum wage. They are disguised as zebras in reference to zebra crossings and with humor, begin to change, both driver and pedestrian behavior. This has resulted in less traffic congestion and accidents but, perhaps most importantly, it is providing youth at risk with a unique opportunity to become active and responsible citizens.



Qalyubeya, Egypt

Integrated community based solid waste management

Every year, more than 21 million tons of municipal waste is generated and Egypt would not be able to manage this escalating volume of waste without the contribution of the informal waste pickers and recyclers, known as the Zabaleen. The Qalyubeya initiative in the cities of Khosooos and Khanka involves the Zabaleen community and assigns differentiated roles to private, public and community sectors to implement an integrated community-based solid waste management scheme. The initiative has a strong positive social, economic and environmental impact, affecting the living conditions of over 750,000 inhabitants and improving the working conditions and livelihoods of 20,000 informal waste collectors and recyclers residing in the area.



Songpa-gu, South Korea

Songpa solar nanum (sharing) power plant

Songpa-gu was proclaimed the “Leading city for climate change response” in 2008, and constructed the “Songpa Solar Nanum Power Plant”, a public solar generation plant recognized by the world. The initiative aims to work towards a healthy environment and a cooperative community, setting a good example of sustainable energy and welfare projects. It devotes 25% of net profit to assist energy-poor households especially the elderly, and acts globally by devoting another 25% to help developing countries to adopt green energy.



10 Shortlisted Cities of the 3rd Guangzhou Award



Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Development of sustainable transport system



Asunción, Paraguay
Master plan for the historical center of Asunción



Brussels Capital Region, Belgium
1. Greenbizz incubator
2. Abattoir 2020: reconversion of the slaughter house side
3. Innovative initiative urban marketing



Jakarta, Indonesia
Participatory planning and good governance



Luleburgaz, Turkey
Sex, egalitarian approach and directives



Malang, Indonesia
Water banking movement: transforming Glintung go green from flood risk area



Menashe, Israel
Education towards co-existence between Israeli Jews and Arabs



Ramallah, Palestine
Smart city, freedom through technology



Tampere, Finland
Model of the best regional circular economy concept for cities, companies and citizens



Tlajomulco de Zuñiga, México
Environmental law prosecution local office

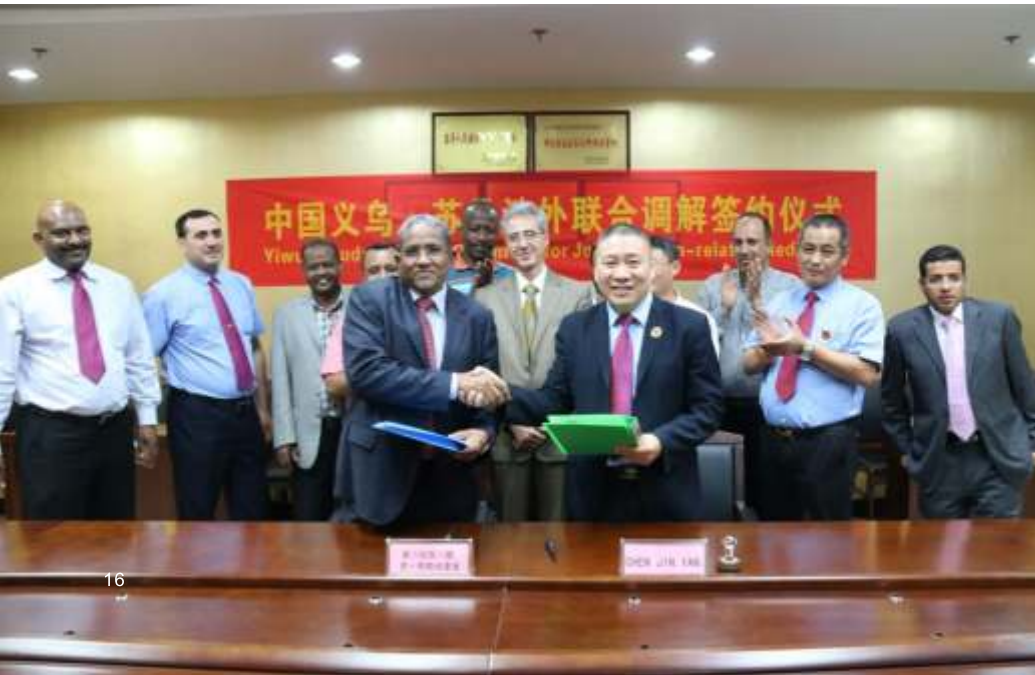
Special Mention Initiative of the 3rd Guangzhou Award in 2016

Yi Wu, China

Promoting social cohesion and integration through foreign national trade mediators

Yiwu, an export-oriented city, has 15,000 foreign residents from more than 100 countries and regions. With the rapid expansion of foreigners coming to China for living, tourism or business, Yiwu witnessed an increasing number of disputes involving foreign and domestic traders.

To deal with this situation, the Yiwu Bureau of Justice took the lead in establishing the Yiwu People's Mediation Committee for Foreign-Related Disputes (PMCFD). The PMCFD consists of 16 foreign mediators (represented by resident foreign business people who can speak several languages) and 37 Chinese mediators. This initiative is the first of its kind in China and provides great value of reference to Chinese cities confronting with the same problems.



2016 Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Conference & Guangzhou International Innovation Festival

Co-hosted by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the World Association of Major Metropolises (Metropolis) and Guangzhou Municipal Government, the 3rd Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation (the Guangzhou Award) and 2016 Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Conference were held in Guangzhou 5-8 December 2016. The Guangzhou International Innovation Festival was held at the same time.

Together, they were known as One Award, One Conference and One Festival, covering more than 60 events in the master agenda.



more than 1000 guests gathered in the series of events which centered on the theme of Global Wisdom for Local Solutions.



Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Seminar



The City of Innovation-Awarding Ceremony of the 3rd Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation



Plenary Session



Urban Innovation and Corporate Innovation Exhibition



Keynote Forum "Urban Governance Innovation: From Idea to Action"



Activity at Guangzhou International Innovation Festival

The Guangzhou Award Knowledge Platform

1 Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation



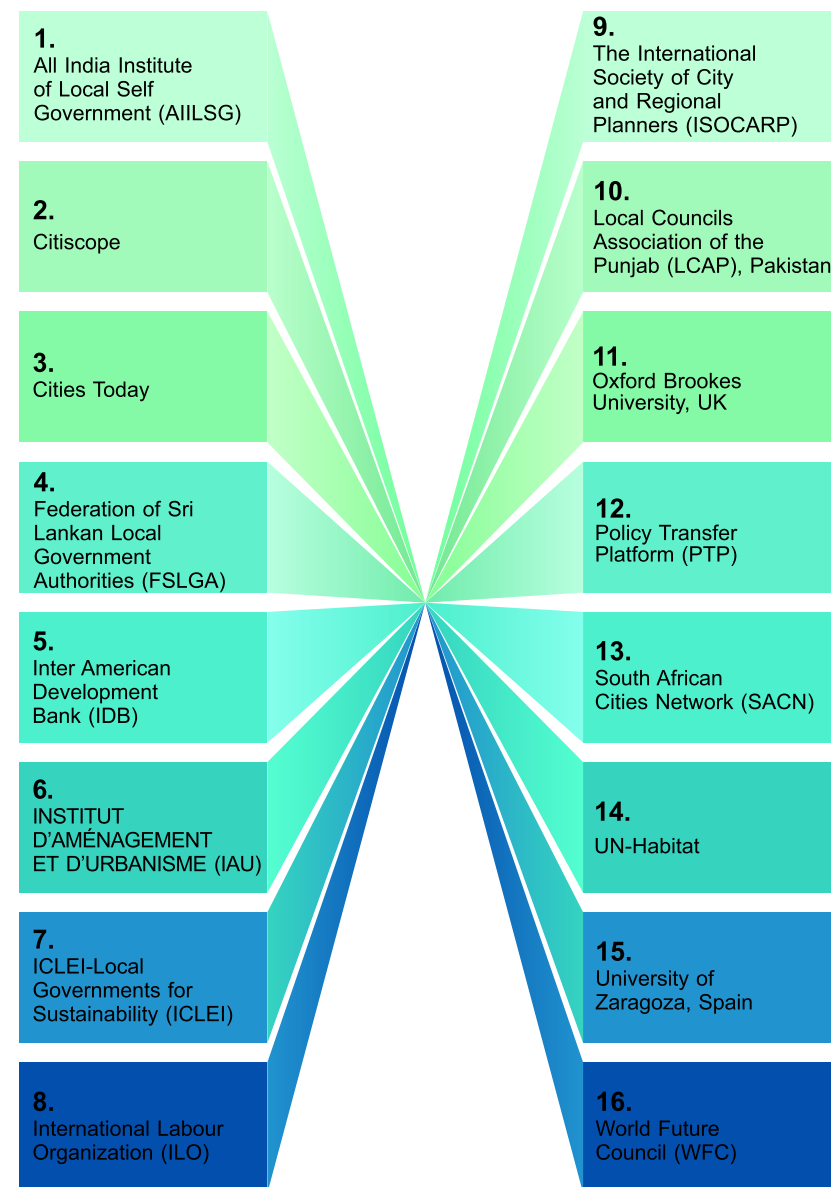
The Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation (hereinafter referred to as the GIUI) was established under the framework of the Guangzhou Award. GIUI is conceived as an international network of experts and institutions dedicated to furthering urban innovation concepts, tools and methodologies. Its members include research and academic institutions, professional associations, community-based organizations, industry leaders and individual experts.

Capacity Building and Dialogue

Case studies and analysis of lessons learned provide an important resource for capacity-building activities. These include conferences, seminars, workshops, study tours and exhibitions, such as workshops for Thought Leaders: Learning from Urban Innovation and policy seminars on Urban Innovation. These are tailored for city and civic leaders and designed to promote dialogue between public, private and civil society leaders.

International Cooperation

The current network of the GIUI includes the following institutions and partners:



* By alphabetical order

Publications

The GUI disseminates recurrent and periodic publications and newsletters dedicated to furthering lessons learned and knowledge gained from innovative urban initiatives. Recurrent publications include write ups of 15 shortlisted initiatives from each award cycle and articles on lessons learned from field visits and study tours to the same initiatives.



2 International Conferences

Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Conference is held concurrently with a series of events related to the biennial Guangzhou Award. The conference is being developed into an international convention on urban innovation featuring strong interactivity and extensive dialogue between city leaders, policy makers and civil society.

Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Seminar

The Guangzhou International Seminar on Urban Innovation is a unique event. It is designed as a learning experience featuring the 15 shortlisted cities of each cycle. Each city is coached on how to extract lessons learned and each city is also invited to give feedback to the 14 other cities. The seminar moderated by highly experienced professionals and is designed as an interactive event with ample time for questions and answers, comments and analysis.

The Award Ceremony

The Guangzhou Award is presented to the winning cities at the award ceremony. The award ceremony is designed to enthrall the audience and interweaves the recognition of the award winning cities with award presentation with cultural performances.

Forums Focusing on Global Issues

A series of forums are held to discuss hot issues facing cities around the world. These forums combine presentations, panel discussions and round table debates to enable scholars and practicing professionals to monitor how the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals are being implemented on the ground. .

The Urban Innovation Exhibition

This series of exhibitions are designed to showcase the latest initiatives, concepts, ideas, technologies, high-tech innovations and industry projects in the realm of urban innovation. With the use of multimedia presentations, the exhibitions provide a platform for cities around the world to present and share their knowledge on innovation and for the international community to learn about the Guangzhou Award and the latest urban innovation initiatives.

3 Urban Innovation Community



Urban Innovation Community was established in June, 2014 under the auspices of the UCLG Executive Bureau. The objective of the Urban Innovation Community is to promote knowledge sharing derived from urban innovation, drive innovation-driven development among UCLG member cities and to provide a platform for city-to-city cooperation on urban innovation.

4 Database

The Urban Innovation Database (www.urban-innovations.org) is being developed as an interactive information sharing platform that collects innovation initiatives and cutting-edge ideas from cities all over the world, and shares innovative ideas on livable communities and cities and offers insightful knowledge on sustainable development. Currently the database contains over 450 peer-reviewed initiatives submitted to the three cycles of the Guangzhou Award and is linked with the Policy Transfer Platform of Metropolis.

The Guangzhou Award Sustainable Development Goals New Urban Agenda

The Guangzhou Award fully supports the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda

In September 2015, the world's leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, more commonly referred to as the Sustainable Development Goals or the SDGs. These SDGs present a blueprint for humanity to achieve sustainable development within the next 15 years. A major new development in these SDGs is the recognition that cities will play a critical role in their attainment. Furthermore, Goal 11 of the SDGs is specifically devoted to making cities and human settlements 'inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.'

In addition, the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) was held from 17 to 20 October 2016 in Quito, Ecuador, and successfully concluded with the adoption of the New Urban Agenda which guides the sustainable urban development in the next two decades. The New Urban Agenda reaffirms the global commitment to sustainable urban development as a critical step for realizing sustainable development in an integrated and coordinated manner at the global, regional, national, sub-national and local levels, with the participation of all relevant actors.

The Guangzhou Award and the GIUI invite all interested partners to make use of its database, publications and events to further the exchange of knowledge, expertise and experience to help cities and communities implement the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda and to help all stakeholder groups to help identify what is working and why and what are the challenges that remain to be overcome.

SDG

Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

11.1 By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums

11.2 By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons

11.3 By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries

11.4 Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage

11.5 By 2030, significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected and substantially decrease the direct economic losses relative to global gross domestic product caused by disasters, including water-related disasters, with a focus on protecting the poor and people in vulnerable situations

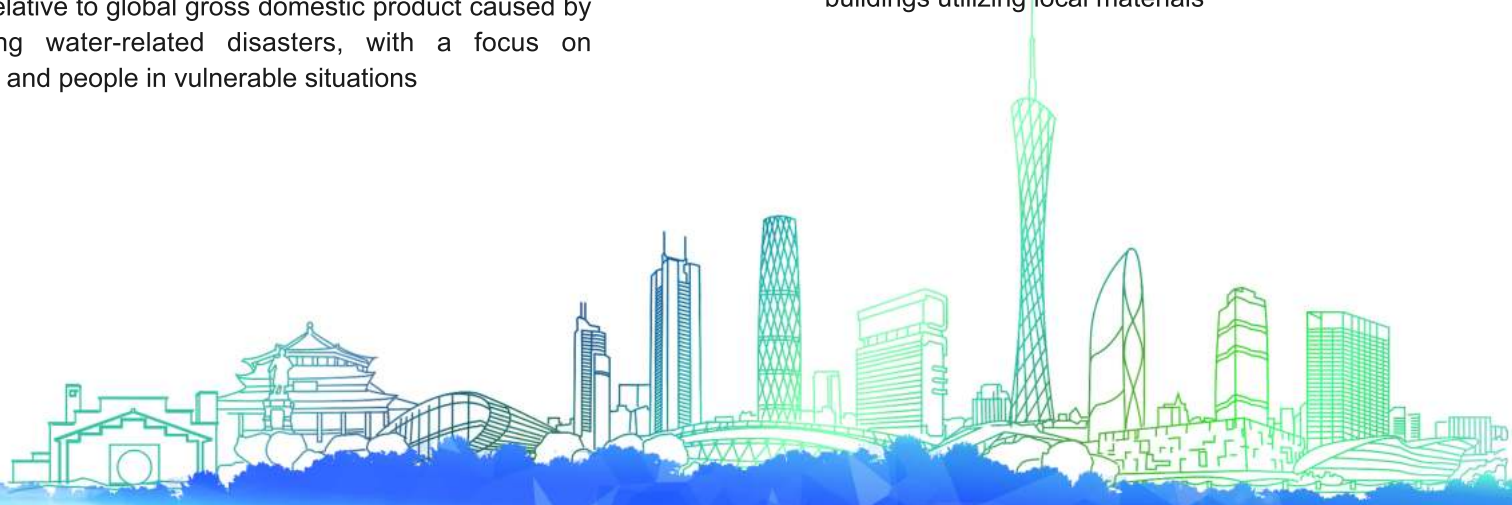
11.6 By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management

11.7 By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities

11.8 Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning

11.9 By 2020, substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, and develop and implement, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, holistic disaster risk management at all levels

11.10 Support least developed countries, including through financial and technical assistance, in building sustainable and resilient buildings utilizing local materials



New Urban Agenda Principles and Commitments

To achieve our vision, we resolve to adopt a New Urban Agenda guided by the following interlinked principles:

(a) Leave no one behind, by ending poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including the eradication of extreme poverty; by ensuring equal rights and opportunities, socioeconomic and cultural diversity, and integration in the urban space; by enhancing liveability, education, food security and nutrition, health and well-being, including by ending the epidemics of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria; by promoting safety and eliminating discrimination and all forms of violence; by ensuring public participation providing safe and equal access for all; and by providing equal access for all to physical and social infrastructure and basic services, as well as adequate and affordable housing;

(b) Ensure sustainable and inclusive urban economies, by leveraging the agglomeration benefits of well-planned urbanization, including high productivity, competitiveness and innovation; by promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all; by ensuring the creation of decent jobs and equal access for all to economic and productive resources and opportunities; and by preventing land speculation, promoting secure land tenure and managing urban shrinking, where appropriate;

(c) Ensure environmental sustainability, by promoting clean energy and sustainable use of land and resources in urban development; by protecting ecosystems and biodiversity, including adopting healthy

lifestyles in harmony with nature; by promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns; by building urban resilience; by reducing disaster risks; and by mitigating and adapting to climate change.

We commit ourselves to working towards an urban paradigm shift for a New Urban Agenda that will:

(a) Readdress the way we plan, finance, develop, govern and manage cities and human settlements, recognizing sustainable urban and territorial development as essential to the achievement of sustainable development and prosperity for all;

(b) Recognize the leading role of national governments, as appropriate, in the definition and implementation of inclusive and effective urban policies and legislation for sustainable urban development, and the equally important contributions of subnational and local governments, as well as civil society and other relevant stakeholders, in a transparent and accountable manner;

(c) Adopt sustainable, people-centred, age- and gender-responsive and integrated approaches to urban and territorial development by implementing policies, strategies, capacity development and actions at all levels, based on fundamental drivers of change.

