



18TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE
“YOUTH ENGINEERING A SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION”
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DECLARATION

1 PREAMBLE

- 1.1 We, the 140 young people from 42 countries around the world, attended the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), convened in Melaka from 24th– 28th June, 2018 for an annual program organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY).
- 1.2 Recognising the vital role of young people on sustainable urbanisation, and following the recent adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and latest Urban Agenda, WAY has made an obligation to encompass the sustainability of urbanisation and resilience of all cities as an enduring concern faced by the youth and themed the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue “Youth Engineering A Sustainable Urbanisation”.
- 1.3 This theme has emphasised on the actions that young people and other stakeholders should take towards addressing and attaining sustainable urbanisation. This dialogue has identified the roles and concerns of all stakeholders towards urbanisation issues, and declared that now is the right time and opportunity to act in partnership.

The guiding principles for this declaration were based on the following objectives:

- To find effective and efficient solutions in ensuring adequate shelter for all;
- To discover means to promote security of residence, especially for those residing in the developing world;
- To come up with mechanisms to support vulnerable groups as well as minorities, especially women and the poor;
- To uncover proper methods in providing adequate and equitable access to basic urban services;
- To search for appropriate approaches in promoting decentralisation and good urban governance globally.
- To promote awareness and analyse problems as well as inventories of programmes, services, facilities, and resources available related to youth roles in solving issues of urbanisation;
- To foster action and establish methods in order to effectively promote sustainable global urbanisation;



- To increase availability of more coordinated private and public investments in urban development and consequent improvement of cities' productivity, inclusiveness and environmental conditions.
- To identify the roles and contribution of different sectors i.e. public sector, private sector, city and national councils, NGOs and others, in promoting strategic urbanisation and supporting constructive youth development as well as youth leadership;
- To gather and select good practices, challenges, experiences, and lessons learned from the national youth councils towards improving or amending the current policies in order to contribute in promoting the on-going urbanisation schemes;
- To distinguish well-defined responsibilities for the qualified agencies, institutions and personnel involved in preventive efforts;
- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing the attainment of sustainable urbanisation;
- To foster networking, collaboration and partnership among youth and all stakeholders in order to address the issue of urbanisation;
- To advance the role of youth and actively involve them in the social development and attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Participants have identified key recommendations for implementation by stakeholders including: public sector, private sector, NGOs/IGOs, media, and young people alike. In addition, participants also established commitments and outcomes in pursuit of sustainable urbanisation globally.

2.1 PUBLIC SECTOR

- 2.1.1. To initiate, establish, implement and enforce local, national, and regional policies related to Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time Bound (SMART) pre-planning of urban and rural areas.
- 2.1.2. To review and strengthen existing laws in line with global agreements, communicate and resolutions in order to attain sustainable urbanisation.
- 2.1.3. To ensure meaningful youth participation and engagement in policy and decision making processes in order to achieve sustainable urbanisation.
- 2.1.4. To encourage partnership between youth and all stakeholders and conduct capacity building and awareness programmes in order to address issues faced by the youth within urban and rural areas.
- 2.1.5. To introduce educational curriculum that encourages and promotes the concept of sustainable urbanisation starting at primary level.



- 2.1.6. To provide and allocate adequate resources to the youth and youth organisations in order to acquire the required skills and knowledge to tackle issues related to urbanisation.
- 2.1.7. To provide equal facilities and opportunities in rural and urban areas that would strive towards a balanced sustainable and economic development at the national level.
- 2.1.8. To ensure that relevant stakeholders comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in order to mitigate the negative impact of their activities on the environment.

2.2 PRIVATE SECTOR

- 2.2.1 To allocate and invest an adequate amount of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) resources for the pursuit of related sustainable urbanisation programmes and activities.
- 2.2.2 To provide interest free loans and grants for the youth to facilitate growth and developments in the rural and urban areas.
- 2.2.3 To adapt the 5R principles (Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot) in corporate policy planning and implementation to ensure a sustainable urbanisation.
- 2.2.4 To pursue a healthy balance of economic and social development in order to achieve sustainable urbanisation.
- 2.2.5 To encourage partnership with relevant stakeholders, youth inclusive, using directed sustainable urbanisation awareness campaigns.
- 2.2.6 To allocate sufficient resources towards research and development for sustainable urbanisation.

2.3 NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

- 2.3.1 To design, support and carry out participatory programmes on sustainable urbanisation at urban and rural areas.
- 2.3.2 To carry out evidence based research and advocacy on urban and rural issues at all levels.
- 2.3.3 To develop impactful sustainable urbanisation oriented awareness and campaign programmes targeted at all stakeholders.
- 2.3.4 To create training and capacity building programmes designed to empower the youth in the field of sustainable urbanisation advocacy to the decision makers.
- 2.3.5 To provide resources to other organisations that promote, tackle and support sustainable urbanisation projects and programmes.



- 2.3.6 To design and deliver fellowship and training programmes for young people on sustainable urbanisation.

2.4 MEDIA

- 2.4.1 To dedicate space in all media outlets that would promote and educate the people on the importance of sustainable urbanisation.
- 2.4.2 To periodically share impactful and quality information and good practices on sustainable urbanisation to the broader public through public and private media.
- 2.4.3 To create awareness and educational programmes on sustainable urbanisation at all levels.
- 2.4.4 To encourage and influence all stakeholders in developing and implementing vital policies in order to achieve sustainable urbanisation.

2.5 YOUTH

- 2.5.1 To create and implement sustainable urbanisation awareness and advocacy programmes to be carried out by the youth for the youth.
- 2.5.2 To ensure meaningful youth participation on activities that promotes sustainable urbanisation for all.
- 2.5.3 To voice out issues and present solutions related to urbanisation via social media and other avenues.
- 2.5.4 To establish platforms on sustainable urbanisation that would strengthen meaningful youth participation at the local, national, regional and international level.
- 2.5.5 To engage young people in urban and rural areas on sustainable urbanisation and ensure inclusiveness at all levels.

3 CONCLUSION

We, the participants of the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, recognise the importance of empowering and equipping the young people with the right knowledge, skills, proper attitude and approach for achieving sustainable urbanisation. Recognising that in line with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Urban Agenda, we the young people, should be at the forefront of universal transformation taking actions in order to advocate and protect the cities and human settlements that are inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. Hence, we believe that with the continuous support of all the stakeholders, we should reach our desired goal which is, sustainable urbanisation for all.



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