



PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO LEADERSHIP IN POST CONFLICT DEVELOPMENT AWARD

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

After 14 years of existence - and numerous post conflict development projects in Haiti, Ivory Coast and Timor-Leste - the FPCD inaugurated its Prince Albert II Leadership in Post Conflict Development Award in August 2019. This award program aims at **empowering young leaders from different backgrounds by offering them training on post conflict development and global sustainability**. The FPCD believes in the power of education to inspire change and to build a new generation of leaders engaged in creating a sustainable world.



This program was named after **H.S.H. Albert II of Monaco** because of His historic patronage to the FPCD and His substantial help throughout the years. Thanks to His generosity, the Foundation was able to open maternal health clinics and youth recreational centers in Timor-Leste in the past. Thus, special relations arose between Monaco and Timor-Leste. This led the Foundation to identify **youth from Monaco and Timor-Leste for the first edition of its Prince Albert II Award program**.



Maria do Ceu, Francelina, Anaïs and Justine were chosen as the 2019 Award winners. They are four leaders from Timor-Leste and Monaco who came to New York City and Salt Lake City, Utah to **meet the FPCD experts, members of Civil Society, diplomats, and UN officials, and learn about international diplomacy, development and global sustainability.**

For eight days they not only learned from global experts but also from each other - as the goal of this program was also to **foster sharing about their different cultures,**

perspectives, and ideas on resolving post conflict and sustainability issues. They also had the great opportunity to discuss the role of the youth in communities all around the world, and to share their own views on what sustainability should be in the future at the 68th UN Civil Society Conference in Salt Lake City. The award program culminated with the **FPCD youth-led workshop entitled “Sustainable Communities and Post Conflict Development” at the UN Civil Society Conference,** which received praise from the audience.



LETTER FROM FPCD FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The FPCD has been a non-governmental organization in associated status with the United Nations Department of Global Communications since 2009. As such we have a responsibility to actively participate in the work of the Organization. The most important event of the year for civil society is the UN Civil Society Conference whereby we were asked to accredit youth participants. The FPCD answered the charge by devising a unique Award Programme that honours HSH Prince Albert of Monaco, the High Patron of the Foundation, on one hand and provides a unique and inspirational experience for outstanding youth leaders on the other.

FPCD has always engaged in country-led programmes that benefit women, youth and families. The Prince Albert II Leadership Award Programme mirrors this methodology by providing criteria to the Governments of Monaco and Timor-Leste of the ideal profile for the winners and allowing those governments to decide who should be chosen as they are in the best position to determine the leadership potential of their respective citizens.

There were 3 main goals of the Programme:

Goal #1 - Expose the award winners to the United Nations and international diplomacy

Goal #2 – Participate at the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference

Goal #3 – Foster cultural exchange and understanding

In this report it will be explained how the FPCD achieved the 3 main goals of the Prince Albert Leadership Award Programme. The FPCD provided an intensive framework and opportunity to four outstanding young women. who were open-minded, flexible, spirited, and kind.

There is a lot of room for reflection and improvement in future editions of the program, however it is certain that the FPCD will continue this unique programme...



Claudia Abate-Debat
FPCD Founder and Executive Director

THE FOUNDATION FOR POST CONFLICT DEVELOPMENT

The mission of the FPCD is to fulfill the UN Sustainable Development Goals in post conflict situations. The way we accomplish this is twofold:

- to empower **women** through creating access to maternal health services, improving maternal health culture, and providing training opportunities,
- to empower and engage **youth** by creating recreational spaces that promote inclusion, support education, and encourage positive participation in society.



The organization links post-conflict countries with good-willed partners to concretely address these needs. Different programs were implemented in Haiti, Ivory Coast and Timor Leste.

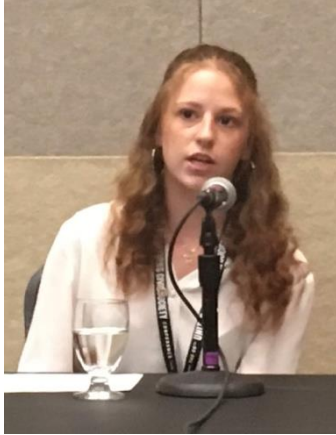
OUR AWARDEES



Anaïs Culotto, born July 30th, 1998, is a young leader from Monaco. She is a sophomore student at the International University of Monaco, majoring in Communication and Event Management. She currently works for the Grimaldi Forum and she participated in the organization of the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the rights of the child in Monaco. In her university, Anaïs initiated a project on ocean preservation and helped launching the campaign “Objective Zero Plastic” during the Monaco Ocean Week in March 2019.



Maria Do Céu Jorge Oliveira Gusmão, born July 21st, 1995, is a young leader from Timor-Leste. She is a student Institute of Business at Dili, majoring in Information and Communication Technology. She is a consultant for UNICEF Dili, chief of the division Information and Communication Technology of the Alumni Parlamentu Foinsa’e Timor-Leste (alumni parliament) and a former member of the Young Women Making Change group. Maria Do Céu was also a contributor to the media outlet Tafara.tl.



Justine Rose, born December 17th, 20002, is a young leader from Monaco. She is a high school student at *Lycée Albert I de Monaco*, majoring in literature. She is involved in several charity organizations and participated in Model United Nations sessions.



Francelina Soares de Jesus, born May 19th, 2001, is a young leader from Timor-Leste. She is a student at the Dom Thomas schools at Lique DOE. She represented the young women of Aileu in front of the National Parliament of Timor-Leste and participated in several meetings on young women leadership. Francelina is also a member of the Youth Parliament of Timor-Leste, as a representant of her municipality.

GOAL #1 – EXPOSE THE AWARD WINNERS TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY

On August 23rd the award winners were greeted at the **Permanent Mission of Monaco to the United Nations** by its Deputy Permanent Representative, Mr. **Cédric Braquetti**. Mr. Braquetti explained how important it is for the Monaco government to empower and give a voice to young leaders. His support to the Prince Albert II Leadership in Post Conflict Development Award is in the continuity of Monaco's diplomatic action in support of post conflict development and the promotion of the SDGs. Mr. Braquetti was really interested in the outcome of the forthcoming UN Civil Society Conference and hoped that it will be taken into account by the world leaders in September, for the UN General Assembly.

The Monegasque diplomats also took some time to answer questions from our Award winners and described how diplomats work at the UN. Finally, an engaging discussion started around the table on solutions to reduce single-use plastic use.

During this meeting, the award winners had the privilege to meet **H.R.H. Princess Camilla of Bourbon Two Sicilies**, who talked to them through Skype. The Princess congratulated them for being the first awardees of the Prince Albert II Award and reaffirmed her commitment to the mission of the Foundation for Post Conflict Development, as an FPCD international board member.



On September 23rd our award winners also shared their day with **Ambassador Julio Freitas from Timor Leste** who accompanied them on a tour of the United Nations General Assembly building.



Later this day, the awardees were invited by the **Consul General of Monaco, Mr. Gildo Pallanca Pastor**, to the restaurant Benoit NYC. They shared a great moment of gastronomy and discussion on Monegasque diplomacy and political system.



On August 24th, the award winners were invited to the FPCD founder's home for lunch and informal exchange with **Ambassador Grover Joseph Rees**, former U.S. Ambassador to Timor Leste. He helped the awardees understand better the importance of the United Nations in assisting post conflict countries and also his experience with global diplomacy.

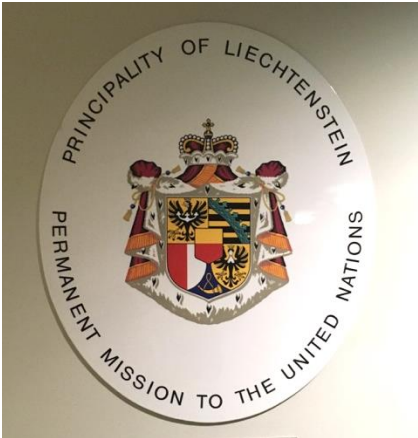


From August 25th-29th the youth traveled to Salt Lake City to participate in the **United Nations Civil Society Conference** whereby they were exposed to the way the UN conducts global consultations. As active participants, the youth were able to participate in diplomacy-in-action.



On the last day of the award program, the award winners and the FPCD experts were received at the **Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations**. Mr. **Georg Sparber**, Deputy Permanent Representative, addressed the award winners and detailed the activities of the

mission at the UN to promote the SDGs and increase the work of small States. The awardees asked questions on the policies implemented in Liechtenstein to mitigate climate change, amongst other international issues.



GOAL #2 – PARTICIPATE AT THE 68TH UNITED NATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The award winners were officially accredited to the UN as the FPCD delegation to the 68th UN Civil Society Conference which took place in Salt Lake City, Utah. The UNCSC takes place every year and gathers members of civil society to discuss important global issues, united under a common theme. This year's theme was **“Building Inclusive and Sustainable Cities and Communities”**.

These annual conferences provide a space for NGOs, local government representatives and entrepreneurs to meet, exchange and suggest actions through an “outcome document” that is communicated to the President of the UN General Assembly who in turn shares it with all 193 Member States in September 2019.

For the young award winners, this conference was an opportunity to discuss with global youth representatives and experts from Civil Society and to learn from others in order to build capacity to become impactful actors of change.

For three days, the FPCD delegation attended meetings on youth empowerment, gender equality, environmental initiatives, peace building, development programs, among others. They were free to pick the sessions they were the most interested in and to build their own schedule.



The award winners especially appreciated the youth-led workshops that gave the floor to young leaders who explained their career path and solutions for more sustainable communities. Their calls for action inspired the four awardees to do more in their respective communities and gave them novel ideas. **The UN organizers informed that 40% of the participants were aged 32 years old or younger – showing the importance of youth leadership at the UNCSC 2019.**

The FPCD delegation worked prior to the conference on the **draft outcome declaration and sent feedback** to the UN Department of Global Communications team in charge of the writing of this document. During the conference, new ideas were included in the writing of the declaration and were examined closely by the participants. The four award winners support the final

result of the outcome declaration and the additional Youth Climate Compact (*cf appendices*). María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the General Assembly, declared: *“It is a great honour to be the first President of the General Assembly to receive a UN Civil Society Conference outcome document. And you can count on me to be your advocate.”* The FPCD delegation was glad to see the importance given to the conference outcome by one of the highest-ranked UN system officials.

The award winners also participated in a lot of events organized to meet other youth and leaders in sustainability. The FPCD delegation to Salt Lake City participated for example to an opening reception on August 25th and to China night on August 26th. The award winners exchanged with participants from all over the world and made numerous friends.



THE FPCD WORKSHOP: “Sustainable Communities and Post Conflict Development”

The FPCD submitted a proposal to the United Nations to present a youth-led workshop within the context of the UN Civil Society Conference. The proposal was accepted and therefore provided the FPCD award winners to **explain their vision of sustainability as youth, to describe the initiatives implemented in their countries and to deliver a call for action**. The panel was moderated by Amanda Nesheiwat, FPCD Director and UN representative.

The awardees pointed out that while there are big differences between Monaco and Timor Leste, they were united on the **urgency for these two countries to engage in global sustainability**. They also underlined the possibility for states to collaborate and enhance sustainability through development cooperation: the assistance given to Timor Leste by Monaco to bring sustainable peace is a concrete example of this. The awardees described the development programs undertaken by Monaco in collaboration with the FPCD - maternity clinics and youth centers in rural areas – and the tangible positive effective effects on the local communities.

The workshop also provided an opportunity to **dialogue with the audience about the various dimensions of sustainability** and what individuals can do to contribute to the SDGs. The audience was impressed by the quality of the presentations of the FPCD youth panel and was glad to see young leaders so committed to sustainability. The discussion also touched upon issues of migration, disability, environmental protection, etc.

The award winners shared their impressions of the Prince Albert II Award program which enabled them to meet youth from a difference culture. They explained how new friendships started between them and how much their learned from their differences. They told the audience that they have new ideas for sustainability projects and that they would like to work on them together.



*Link to the video of the workshop:
(scan with a smartphone)*



GOAL #3 – FOSTER CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND UNDERSTANDING

During the 8-day program, the winners of the Prince Albert II Award spent all of their time together and therefore had to adjust to each other’s cultural habits. They shared numerous meals, traveled to Utah together and visited parts of New York and Salt Lake City on their free time. The four young women were obliged to work together

in order to represent the Foundation for Post Conflict Development at numerous meetings and during the workshop presentation. Real friendships were created and all of them hope that their paths will cross again. A **true cross-cultural exchange** occurred that was only made possible through the Award Program.





CONCLUSION

On August 30th, the award winners received a **Certificate of Award** signed by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, and Claudia Abate - Founder of the FPCD. The ceremony took place at the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN. H.E. Ambassador Christian Weneweser, a founding member of the FPCD International Advisory Board, was represented by Georg Spraber - Deputy Permanent Representative, who handed out the certificates together with Claudia Abate and Judy Tashji from the FPCD.

During this ceremony some individuals were recognized for their special contribution to the success of the program: Amanda Nesheiwat - head of the FPCD Delegation to the UN Civil Society Conference, Maria Julieta Ribeiro Mota of Plan International - chaperon of the Timorese awardees, and Gaultier Demeester – FPCD intern. Each received a Certificate of Appreciation.



TESTIMONIES OF THE AWARD WINNERS

Maria

She really liked having the opportunity to meet young leaders and to discuss SDGs with the “new generation”. She recognized the UNCSC gave her new ideas and she wants the Prince Albert II Award to be the beginning of a new involvement for sustainability. She also wants to share the things she has learned in Salt Lake City and New York with her community in Timor Leste. From this experience, she will especially remember her conversation with the President of the General Assembly: Maria asked her to find ways to reduce single-plastic use in UN headquarters in Dili, Timor Leste. She was grateful for the opportunity to visit New York City and come to the US, as it is a dream for many youths on Timor Leste.

Anaïs

She was inspired by the UN Civil Society Conference and she feels like she understands the United Nations and the SDGs better now. She is eager to continue working on sustainability, especially since she felt comfortable speaking at the workshop. She thinks she could be an actor of change and wants to start changing her consumption habits.

Justine

She was glad to have the opportunity to speak and have people caring about what she thinks as a youth. High schoolers' opinions are often neglected, and she thinks that it is a good thing that the UN asks the youth to help implement the SDGs. She was glad to meet many people from all over the world and engage with them. This experience convinced her to pursue a career in diplomacy.

Francelina

She found it inspirational to attend youth-led meetings at the UN Civil Society Conference, see how youth can engage and learn from them. She enjoyed visiting New York City and was impressed by the United States, a country that looks very different from Timor Leste.

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APPENDICES

- 1) 68th UN Civil Society Conference Outcome Document
- 2) UNCSC 2019 Youth Climate Compact



**“Building Inclusive and Sustainable Cities and Communities”
68th United Nations Civil Society Conference
Salt Lake City, Utah, United States of America
26-28 August 2019**

We, as members of civil society, adopt this document to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on the education and global citizenship focus of Gyeongju (2016) and the concept of people-centered multilateralism we developed in New York (2018). This year, we concentrate specifically on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11: “to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable by 2030.” We underscore the need to understand cities and communities as central to the achievement of all SDGs and not only SDG 11. We highlight the importance of inclusivity, peace, family, education, youth, and the empowerment of women and girls. Further, we explore the ethical development of the economy, infrastructure, and technology needed to support balanced, sustainable communities. We recognize the interdependence of rural and urban prosperity, as well as the need to address the specific conditions of mountainous areas and small island developing States. We also highlight the need for collaboration of governments, civil society, and the United Nations in this work and stress the urgent need for climate action. For each of these, we affirm our beliefs and shared values, urge others to partner with us, and commit ourselves to actions that uplift the human spirit, create humane cities in which people can flourish, and enhance the quality of life and dignity for all. Without recognition of the challenges to our quest for sustainable and inclusive communities, we will accomplish nothing.

Therefore, we affirm:

- The importance of inclusivity and respect for the dignity and human rights of all. Thus, sustainable cities and communities must foster opportunities regardless of age; gender; race; nation of origin; sexual orientation; religion; socio-economic status; disability; language; universal, societal, and individual traditions and values; or political opinion.
- “[The] family-related provisions of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits and their follow-up processes [that] continue to provide policy guidance on ways to strengthen family-centered components of policies and programs as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development.”^[1]
- The need for immediate and effective action in response to the climate crisis. It poses a grave threat today, not only to the sustainability of human society, but to life itself, especially in coastal communities and other vulnerable places. Furthermore, the window for effective action is closing rapidly.
- The need to recognize peace as a fundamental component of sustainable societies, defining it not just as the absence of war and civil strife, but as the active presence of justice, security, social stability, inclusivity, accessibility, and lives lived in harmony with one’s neighbors and the earth’s ecosystems. We specifically recognize the need to address forced migration and its impact on both migrants and communities of origin, transit, and destination.
- The engagement of all members of civil society in global and local governance. Good and accountable governance, free of corruption, is key to the achievement of the SDGs, rule of law, and justice for all.
- The significance and potential of youth. More broadly, we affirm the need to empower all generations with education, skills, and opportunities. These will allow youth to sustain themselves; contribute to the health, well-being, prosperity, and resilience of society; and thereby enable all generations to thrive.
- The need for adequate, affordable, accessible housing, public services, infrastructure, mobility, and land management. These will reduce poverty, homelessness, and hunger while sustaining connectedness, human and environmental health, and community-led development.
- The potential for the ethical use and development of technology to address critical challenges faced by communities, harness opportunities, meet the needs of our planet, and re-envision the way we live.
- The need for community-relevant, goal-oriented private and public investment at all levels of society.
- The pivotal importance of education, including technological literacy; it is key to raising awareness of the SDGs and to our capacity to achieve them, especially Goal 11.
- The central role of local governments in the localization of the 2030 Agenda, its 17 SDGs, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the New Urban Agenda. These global agendas are only as good as the positive transformation they trigger for people, planet, prosperity, and partnerships.

Simple recognition of a problem does not generate progress unless stakeholders actively facilitate solutions. Thus, we encourage all stakeholders to form integrated, goal-oriented action plans that are tailored to the unique circumstances of their cities and communities. Stakeholders include individuals, children, youth, families, women, farmers, indigenous peoples, non-governmental organizations, faith-based communities and organizations, scientific and technology communities, education and academia, workers and trade

[¹] [United Nations Resolution A/RES/73/144](#)

unions, persons with disabilities, volunteers, aging people, business and industry, philanthropies, and governments at all levels.

Therefore, we urge all stakeholders:

- To enhance inclusivity and respect for the dignity of all, from which human rights originate. Accordingly, we work to remove unjust systemic barriers to success, noting that bias and discrimination marginalize and segregate large segments of society. We especially call out racism, religious intolerance, and gender inequality.
- To support the family in its essential educating and nurturing roles, recognizing its important contribution to social integration.
- To recognize the severity and urgency of the climate change crisis and the destructive impact of our human footprint. We must act on clean, renewable sources of energy, low-emission mobility modes, and net-zero energy buildings. This change will mitigate greenhouse gas emissions by cities and will protect our air, water, and ecosystems, thus sustaining biodiversity. Further, we recognize that countries and cities will experience climate and environmental challenges differently and have different resources with which to address them.
- To replace excessive consumerism with balanced production, consumption, reuse, and recycling.
- To build and sustain safe, peaceful, and just societies, free from war, civil strife, human exploitation, hate speech, and other crimes. Conflict resolution; respect for the faith, values, and traditions of all; and access to healthcare, including mental and behavioral health, are central to this effort.
- To ensure a vibrant and sustainable future for our youth through educational, vocational, and mentorship experiences that meet individual needs and facilitate inclusive, effective intergenerational dialogue. These will develop skills needed to create or access local socio-economic opportunities.
- To invest in sustainable housing, public services, mobility systems, safe drinking water, sanitation and waste systems, and other infrastructure accessible to all citizens. This investment will enable resiliency and prosperity and reduce poverty and hunger. It will also ensure that development minimizes environmental harm while connecting people with jobs, services, commerce, and each other.
- To develop and appropriately use old, new, and future technology to address challenges to sustainability, inequality, accessibility, human and environmental health, education, climate change, communication, commerce, agriculture, and safety.
- To establish legal and institutional frameworks that enable community and business investments to positively impact every level of society and every social and economic group.
- To ensure that governments and organizations at all levels take human needs and the environment into account while addressing societal, economic, infrastructural, and administrative policy.
- To encourage and support all stakeholders in their efforts to collect, maintain, and monitor relevant SDG data, thereby allowing analysis by all demographic groups and by territory.
- To incentivize all educational organizations to encourage pluralistic mindsets and engagement in civic and political processes. These efforts should emphasize the role of civil society and contribute practically to the achievement of the SDGs.
- To enable local strategies that embrace the universal vision of the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the New Urban Agenda while remaining sensitive to local contexts.

Concrete actions and mechanisms for accountability must follow our affirmations and commitments if we are to build cities and communities that are economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable.

Therefore, as global citizens, we commit individually and collectively:

- To apply conscious inclusivity and respect for human dignity and rights in our daily lives while advocating for similar efforts in our corporate and organizational lives; in our laws, regulations, policies, and practices; and in our economy. This should facilitate the inclusion of marginalized, vulnerable, and deprived members of society.
- To practice environmental stewardship by proactively mitigating climate change and its adverse impacts.
- To promote sustainable peace as the presence of harmony, respect, and inclusive collaboration in our communities, within and among countries.
- To inspire and support youth in their visions of, preparation for, and access to a robust future.
- To urge governments, together with community partners, to build, upgrade, and repair infrastructure in ways that maximize sustainability, improve accessibility, minimize adverse environmental impacts, and ensure the ability to withstand climate change and natural disasters.
- To use appropriate technologies to ensure inclusivity and accessibility, economic prosperity, and to mitigate climate change and other adverse environmental effects.
- To mobilize public and private sector funds and investments to impact the implementation of SDG 11 related projects. Namely, these should include efforts to provide housing and basic services; upgrade slums; deliver sustainable transport systems; plan and manage participatory and integrated human settlements; protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage; reduce disaster risk and increase disaster resilience; reduce the adverse environmental impact of cities; develop green and public spaces; create links between urban, peri-urban, and rural areas; integrate policy making; and support Least Developed Countries in building sustainable, resilient infrastructure using local materials.
- To form civil society collaborations, including public-private partnerships, in order to formulate policies, mechanisms, and regulations that foster peaceful, prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable cities and communities. These efforts must include ways to track progress via key performance indicators.
- To protect a free press and make wise and productive use of social and conventional media to communicate, build consensus, and bring together policy makers, businesses, families, and individuals to advance shared interests for the common good.

To accelerate the ideas and principles expressed in this document:

We urge UN Member States and UN system entities:

- To engage and collaborate with ECOSOC and Department of Global Communications accredited organizations²² in strategic actions that support and advance the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the New Urban Agenda.

[²²] [ECOSOC accredited organizations](#)

- To build on the vision, values, and commitments enshrined in this Outcome to deliver concrete multi-stakeholder discussion spaces, policies, partnerships, and implementation tools for sustainable and inclusive cities and communities.
- To facilitate robust inputs and interactive discussions with UN Major Groups and Other Stakeholders during the SDG Summit on 24-25 September 2019. We call on the Secretariat of the SDG Summit to provide a visible platform and modalities for the public dissemination of relevant analyses and reports produced by UN Major Groups and Other Stakeholders.
- To establish robust monitoring mechanisms for the transformative initiatives that will be showcased at the UN Secretary General Climate Action Summit on 23 September 2019. This should be done via mechanisms existing under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- To provide meaningful spaces and mechanisms for the sustained engagement of civil society in the dialogues that mark the 75th anniversary of the UN. We underscore that this anniversary provides a much-needed opportunity to reflect on the direction of the UN and to ensure its ability to address the global challenges of the 21st century as experienced by people in their communities.

We call on governments at all levels and all other stakeholders:

- To commit during the SDG Summit to actions that accelerate SDGs implementation and localization with people-centered strategies. Furthermore, we underscore the need to understand cities and communities central to the achievement of all SDGs and not only SDG 11.
- To give follow-up to their actions to accelerate SDGs through Voluntary National Reviews and UN Major Groups and Other Stakeholders reports.
- To actively support and engage in the tenth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF10), convened by the UN Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat) on 8-13 February 2020 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. We underscore the critical importance of WUF to share practices, tools, and knowledge on how to achieve the SDGs and deliver climate change action in cities and communities.

We have only 11 years to deliver on the promises we made through the Sustainable Development Goals. We have less than 11 years to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

Therefore, be it resolved:

We, the participants of the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference, will continue to actively contribute to our communities individually and in collaboration with other stakeholders to further the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as we move toward the United Nations' 75th Anniversary in 2020.

We endorse and support the Youth Climate Compact, the objective of which is to identify specific actions that can be taken to reduce the devastating effects of the climate crisis and adapt our communities in mindset and structure.

We thank the people and the governments of the United States of America, the State of Utah, and Salt Lake City for the kind welcome and gracious hosting they have given to the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference and for their efforts to achieve United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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Youth Climate Compact

*Drafted in the spirit of the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference: "Building Inclusive and Sustainable Cities and Communities"
Salt Lake City, Utah, United States of America
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We, the youth, unite in action against the climate crisis. The Earth's climate is nearing the point-of-no-return from which life on the planet cannot recover. The cost of inaction is too immense. Threats to the climate menace every aspect of our world; and the sustainable communities we must build for the future depend on our collective will to meet and overcome these existential challenges.

This compact identifies specific actions we can take to reduce the devastating effects of the climate crisis and adapt our communities in mindset and structure. The large-scale changes that the world needs cannot happen without the cooperation of countries, cities, civil societies, and the private sector. However, each individual can play a role in this movement. Recognizing that access to resources varies throughout the world, we urge all to adopt pledges that resonate with them and incite climate action in their own communities. As each signature is added to this compact, a global network of motivated and concerned youth grows. Over half of the world's population are youth. Such a network will be able to tackle the systemic processes which have enabled and propelled the climate crisis.

Without an immediate paradigm shift, we will continue to see profoundly destructive consequences on human life across the planet. Rising sea levels and temperatures, water acidity and pollution, and abnormally severe natural disasters are causing the rapid decrease of Arctic sea ice extent, the decimation of biodiversity, the gradual disappearance of geographically

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- The pivotal importance of education, including technological literacy; it is key to raising awareness of the SDGs and to our capacity to achieve them, especially Goal 11.
- The central role of local governments in the localization of the 2030 Agenda, its 17 SDGs, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the New Urban Agenda. These global agendas are only as good as the positive transformation they trigger for people, planet, prosperity, and partnerships.

Simple recognition of a problem does not generate progress unless stakeholders actively facilitate solutions. Thus, we encourage all stakeholders to form integrated, goal-oriented action plans that are tailored to the unique circumstances of their cities and communities. Stakeholders include individuals, children, youth, families, women, farmers, indigenous peoples, non-governmental organizations, faith-based communities and organizations, scientific and technology communities, education and academia, workers and trade

⁽¹⁾ [United Nations Resolution A/RES/73/144](#)

unions, persons with disabilities, volunteers, aging people, business and industry, philanthropies, and governments at all levels.

Therefore, we urge all stakeholders:

- To enhance inclusivity and respect for the dignity of all, from which human rights originate. Accordingly, we work to remove unjust systemic barriers to success, noting that bias and discrimination marginalize and segregate large segments of society. We especially call out racism, religious intolerance, and gender inequality.
- To support the family in its essential educating and nurturing roles, recognizing its important contribution to social integration.
- To recognize the severity and urgency of the climate change crisis and the destructive impact of our human footprint. We must act on clean, renewable sources of energy, low-emission mobility modes, and net-zero energy buildings. This change will mitigate greenhouse gas emissions by cities and will protect our air, water, and ecosystems, thus sustaining biodiversity. Further, we recognize that countries and cities will experience climate and environmental challenges differently and have different resources with which to address them.
- To replace excessive consumerism with balanced production, consumption, reuse, and recycling.
- To build and sustain safe, peaceful, and just societies, free from war, civil strife, human exploitation, hate speech, and other crimes. Conflict resolution; respect for the faith, values, and traditions of all; and access to healthcare, including mental and behavioral health, are central to this effort.
- To ensure a vibrant and sustainable future for our youth through educational, vocational, and mentorship experiences that meet individual needs and facilitate inclusive, effective intergenerational dialogue. These will develop skills needed to create or access local socio-economic opportunities.
- To invest in sustainable housing, public services, mobility systems, safe drinking water, sanitation and waste systems, and other infrastructure accessible to all citizens. This investment will enable resiliency and prosperity and reduce poverty and hunger. It will also ensure that development minimizes environmental harm while connecting people with jobs, services, commerce, and each other.
- To develop and appropriately use old, new, and future technology to address challenges to sustainability, inequality, accessibility, human and environmental health, education, climate change, communication, commerce, agriculture, and safety.
- To establish legal and institutional frameworks that enable community and business investments to positively impact every level of society and every social and economic group.
- To ensure that governments and organizations at all levels take human needs and the environment into account while addressing societal, economic, infrastructural, and administrative policy.
- To encourage and support all stakeholders in their efforts to collect, maintain, and monitor relevant SDG data, thereby allowing analysis by all demographic groups and by territory.
- To incentivize all educational organizations to encourage pluralistic mindsets and engagement in civic and political processes. These efforts should emphasize the role of civil society and contribute practically to the achievement of the SDGs.
- To enable local strategies that embrace the universal vision of the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the New Urban Agenda while remaining sensitive to local contexts.