PRESENTATIONS
SIDE EVENT 8

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Pacific Partnerships Program
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• Dr. Jane Stanley, President EAROPH Australia  
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• Ms. Karibaiti Taoboa, Regional Director CLGF Pacific  
• Professor Ralph Home (by video), Global Compact-Cities

EAROPH Australia has been working with the CLGF Pacific Office in developing a program that fits with the UN City Partnerships Challenge. Last year, the organization encouraged a number of local governments to register their interest in participating.

In this session EAROPH Australia and the Commonwealth Local Government Forum sought feedback on a City Partnerships Challenge program. The program was originally developed to support local governments in local economic development, build capacity, and provide mentorship for project implementation. Following program delays and a lack of interest, the session was seeking alternative ways of delivering the program, priorities for participants, and alternative funding models.

The original proposal was to establish this programme through the Global Compact-Cities framework (City Partnerships Challenge). The purpose of the program is to work collaboratively with local government authorities across the Pacific Region to build their capacity for bottom-up local economic development, including providing mentoring support for project implementation. Expressions of Interest in the program had previously been received from Papua New Guinea’s National Capital District Commission, Port Vila City Council, Honiara City Council, Betio Town Council in Kiribati and Nasinu Town Council in Fiji. There has also been interest from the four local authorities in Hawaii in joining with other Pacific local governments for this type of initiative.

As there have been problems in the establishment of the City Partnerships Challenge, it is now proposed to initially start up as a separate programme, and to link with the City Partnerships Challenge at a later date if appropriate.
INCLUSIVE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE PACIFIC
PROPOSED PACIFIC PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMME

Ms. Jane Stanley

FACILITATION PARTNERSHIPS
EAROPH, CLGF, GLOBAL COMPACT-CITIES, ICLEI, UN WOMEN

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS
PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS
SPECIALIST EXPERTS
LOCAL COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peer group support for:

• Understanding the economy
• Achieving a sustainable economy
• Harnessing the informal economy
• Achieving decent work for all
• Planning for local economic development
• Project implementation

SDG 8
RECOGNISE DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES

- PNG wants to focus on the informal economy
- Melanesia may focus on the role of markets
- Small Island Developing States may be interested in waste and energy
- Hawaii wants to strengthen its Pacific networks
- Cross over from peer learning

STRENGTH OF PARTNERSHIPS

- Combination of skills and resources
- Foundation for innovation
- Worth more than the sum of the parts

- Shared objectives
- Business case
- Targeted and timely resourcing
- Accountability for results
• How can resources be used sustainably?
• What are the risks in doing it?
• What are the risks in not doing it?
• Who pays and who benefits?
• What is the return on investment?

- What are all the resources that are needed to implement your project?
- Who has them?
- Who can best deliver them?
- What will this cost?
- What would it cost if you had to buy them?
- What would the potential partners get out of it?
View economic development through the lens of climate change

- Programme facilitation by EAROPH Australia and CLGF
- Participating local governments to be identified
- Development partners to be identified and funding to be secured
INCLUSIVE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE PACIFIC

Ms. Mia Davison
THE TEN PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT

Human Rights
1. Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
2. Make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labour
3. Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
4. The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
5. The effective abolition of child labour; and
6. The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment
7. Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
8. Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and

Anti-Corruption
10. Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

Source: UN Global Compact Guide to Corporate Sustainability

THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS BY 2030

MAKING GLOBAL GOALS LOCAL BUSINESS

The UN Global Compact’s Ten Principles are derived from: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labour Organization’s Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, and the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.
THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT – CITIES PROGRAMME

ABOUT THE CITIES PROGRAMME

• Established in Melbourne (2003) by UN Secretary General approval
• Approach is based on the Melbourne Model of cross-sectoral collaboration between business, government and civil society
• 125+ signatory cities and regions in 29 countries
• The International Secretariat has been hosted by RMIT University in Melbourne since 2008:
  - Connecting cities with leading urban researchers and expert technical advice
  - Networking between cities and knowledge exchange
  - Capacity Development and facilitating cross-sectoral action through tools such as the City Scan, and programs such as the City Partnerships Challenge
  - Supporting signatory cities with their reporting to the UN Global Compact, the world’s largest corporate sustainability initiative

EXAMPLES OF CITIES PROGRAMME PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD

- Biogas business council on Climate Change San Francisco
- Sustainable cities and urban ecological systems development, Puerto Nilo
- World-leading creative transformation, Mauritius
- Water innovation: technology, research and culture, Lebanon
- City leading business on procurement, Oslo
- The Kasawari Compact: partner with industry, Kaweski
- Sustainability, ED: Main governance, Botswana
- Industry and urban social environmental sustainability, Caracas
- Mercosur/CIS Network model: sustainable innovation, Porto Alegre
WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT – CITIES PROGRAMME

1.

JOIN THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT

The initial and foundation stage of becoming engaged with the United Nations Global Compact and its Cities Programme is to become a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact.

This commitment is made by the Mayor who on behalf of the city or region expresses commitment to advance the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The municipal government is then required to document its progress on this commitment through submitting a Communication on Engagement (CoE) report to the UN Global Compact every two years.

There is no cost involved in joining the UN Global Compact for the city/municipality non-business category.

2.

COMPLETE A CITY SCAN

The ‘City Scan’ diagnostic and reporting tool was developed in response to cities’ need for tools that provided a collaborative understanding of challenges to support decision making.

The tool measures the city against 157 challenges in three key areas: City Development, City Sustainability and City Governance. It generally takes 3 to 6 weeks to complete with the data gathered from multiple departments in the city or regional government.

The City Scan helps local and regional governments to identify practice and policy areas with opportunities for improvement to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and promote the UN Global Compact 10 principles and is also used as part of the City Partnerships Challenge Process.
### Ways to Participate in the UN Global Compact – Cities Programme

#### 3.

**Participate in the City Partnerships Challenge**

A two year capacity development, facilitation and coaching process for city and regional city governments to produce people centred public private partnership projects to advance the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda.

**What is required from participant organisations?**

- A dedicated Development Leader (2 days a week) to be the focal point for the city and an executive level champion within the organisation to provide senior support and guidance throughout the two-year period.
- **USD35,000 per year for two years.** This financial contribution can be reduced depending on supporting contributions from local, regional, national and international partners. This financial contribution is required for facilitation, capacity building, coordination of partners, research and student support services.

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- Projects implemented with measured impact for SDGs and NUA.
- While applied skills, the development leader identifies new projects and starts process again.
- Development Leader can mentor new participants in region.

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**City Partnerships Challenge 2018 Expressions of Interest**

The City Partnership Challenge was launched globally in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in February 2018 during the World Urban Forum (WUF9) with the opening of an Expression of Interest process (EOI).

The response to the EOI process was impressive with 152 applications received internationally from cities in 59 countries by the November 2018.

The International Expressions of Interest for the City Partnerships Challenge is supported by the Danish Philanthropic Organisation, Resaldania.
WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT – CITIES PROGRAMME

CITY PARTNERSHIPS CHALLENGE
2018-19 PILOT IN AUSTRALIA

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT – CITIES PROGRAMME

4.

BECOME AN INNOVATING CITY

Innovating cities are local and regional governments who are completing multisectoral collaborative projects but are seeking further support to deepen their engagement and to promote and share their work with others.

Innovating cities and regions are by invitation and are recognised by the UN Global Compact – Cities Programme as champions of best practice. These cities lead by example, influence others through their practice, innovate and shape sustainable cities through collaboration and action.

Leeuwarden Water Campus
Leeuwarden, The Netherlands
• Multi partner innovation centre
• Aligned national, state and city governments
• Achieved shared value through collaboration
• Governance structures and process to progress partnered proposals
• Created special economic, social and environmental zones

The Sustainability & Citizenship Network
Vila Chocolatão, Porto Alegre, Brazil
• Development process for a cross-sectoral, participatory, collaborative network working with vulnerable urban communities
• Projects that addressed mapping, livelihoods, legal electricity, portable water, citizenship and care for children.
# HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

For more information on the City Scan, the City Partnerships Challenge, Innovating Cities or the Cities Programme more generally, please get in touch with us.

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