

Athens Multi-stakeholder Pledge on the OECD Principles on Urban Policy

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We, Mayors, Ministers and leaders from public, private and non-profit organisations, actively engaged in OECD work on cities and urban policies:

1. Fully support the OECD Principles on Urban Policy as a valuable framework to help national and subnational governments design and implement better urban policies for better lives, in shared responsibility with public, private and non-profit sectors;
2. Commend the bottom-up, multi-stakeholder and inclusive consultation and co-production of the Principles on Urban Policy, led by the OECD Working Party on Urban Policy and the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee, in close co-operation with a broad range of stakeholders, including umbrella organisations of cities and local governments, UN agencies and the private sector;
3. Call upon governments from OECD member and partner countries to raise the profile of the Principles on Urban Policy at local, national and global levels; to use them to guide decisions and policies, notably in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals, and to share and scale up best practices for smart, sustainable and inclusive cities;
4. Invite the OECD to support the implementation of the Principles on Urban Policy, notably by:
 - Expanding the data and evidence base on cities and urban policies, and disseminating the findings to local and national decision-makers to guide public action.
 - Providing policy advice and technical support to advance smart, sustainable and inclusive development in cities, through policy dialogues, policy recommendations and action plans.
 - Leveraging OECD platforms and networks to share experience and facilitate peer-to-peer learning – notably within the Working Party on Urban Policy, the National Urban Policy Programme, the Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth Initiative, the Roundtable of Mayors and Ministers, the Roundtable on Cities and Regions for SDGs, and other partner platforms and networks.
 - Using the Principles on Urban Policy as a framework to help assess urban policy outcomes through Metropolitan Reviews, National Urban Policy Reviews and thematic reports.
 - Developing user-friendly implementation tools that can facilitate and accelerate uptake of the Principles, such as checklists, best practice repositories or self-assessment frameworks.
5. **Appreciate the OECD's** commitment and collaboration and stand ready to contribute to future collective efforts in support of better urban policies for better lives.

The OECD Principles on Urban Policy were co-developed in a bottom-up process with the contribution of the following stakeholder groups:

