



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

1. Parties

1.1. ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, with its headquarters located at Kaiser-Friedrich-Str. 7, 53113 Bonn (Germany), hereinafter referred to as "ICLEI", represented by Gino Van Begijn, Secretary General;

1.2. United Cities and Local Governments, organization located at Carrer Avinyó 15, 08002 Barcelona (Spain), hereinafter referred to as "UCLG", represented by Josep Roig, Secretary General;

1.3. The World Water Council, French association governed by 1901 Law and registered under SIRET number 409 884 319 00024, located at Espace Gaymard, 2-4 Place d'Arvieux, 13002 Marseille (France), hereinafter referred to as "WWC", represented by Benedito BRAGA, President; and

1.4. Brazilian Confederation of Municipalities - CNM, an independent, politically neutral, nonprofit Brazilian association of municipalities, founded on February 8th, 1980, located at SGAN, Quadra 601, Módulo N, Asa Norte, Brasília-DF, 70830-010, Brazil, represented by Paulo Ziulkoski, President.

Hereinafter jointly referred to as "**The Partners**."

2. Background

2.1. Current water and sanitation challenges should be taken on by multiple actors such as central, local and regional governments, the private sector, water operators, associations and civil society. Local governments are at the heart of all measures attempting to respond to the needs and interests of the different water users in their cities. Naturally, their scope of action will have to be adapted to local contexts.

2.2. ICLEI, UCLG and WWC have actively collaborated since 2008 within the framework of the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul to ensure the participation and contribution of local and regional authorities in the Forum. They have also collaborated in the development of the Istanbul Water Consensus and its adoption by local governments.

3. Concept

3.1. **Considering that** ICLEI is an international association that represents the interests of local authorities world-wide and supports local government in the

implementation of sustainable development, both globally by advocating for their interests and needs vis-à-vis international organizations as well as locally by providing technical consulting, training, and information services to build their capacity;

3.2. **Considering that** UCLG is a world-wide organization that acts for democracy, urban democratic governance and decentralization, city-to-city co-operation and solidarity and contributes to the sustainable development, notably by the access of populations to essential services;

3.3. **Considering that** WWC is an international multi-stakeholder platform organization and co-organizer of the World Water Fora that aims to achieve a strategic common vision of water resources and services management for all stakeholders within the water community, including local authorities;

3.4. **Considering that** the Brazilian Confederation of Municipalities (CNM) is an association that represents municipalities politically and institutionally to the Federal Government and the Brazilian Congress, focused on the strengthening of their managements in various areas, contributing to environmental policy management through researches, technical studies, development of technological tools and legal counseling, in addition to their performance in international framework along with the Latin American Federation of Cities, Municipalities and Associations of Local Governments (FLACMA) and the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG);

3.5. **Taking into account** the prominent role of local and regional governments for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

4. Goals

Conscious of the importance of the Istanbul Water Consensus and the Daegu-Gyeongbuk Water Action for Sustainable Cities and Regions as tools to be used for local and regional authorities to reach quantitative and qualitative objectives for water and sanitation;

Conscious of the important and growing role of local and regional authorities and operators in the management and provision of services of proximity, the Partners wish to address water and sanitation themes on a local level, in particular as examined through the lens of the 2030 Development Agenda with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In this effort, the Partners applaud the creation of Sustainable Development Goals dedicated to water and to sustainable cities and communities;

The partners aim at cooperating to promote the dialogue and support political commitments to facilitate access to basic services, to promote the definition and the implementation of local water policies, and in order to consider local and regional authorities and operators as stakeholders and necessary actors in political water issues during important international events.

5. Cooperation



- 5.1. The Partners will disseminate and jointly promote the Daegu-Gyeongbuk Water Action for Sustainable Cities and Regions by taking into account all opportunities encountered during international events or meetings they organize or attend;
- 5.2. The Partners will collaborate to support cities world-wide to implement the Daegu-Gyeongbuk Water Action for Sustainable Cities and Regions;
- 5.3. The Partners will support together, with regards to their own scope of activities, the city-to-city projects and actions of decentralized cooperation in the field of water and sanitation;
- 5.4. In order to strengthen this collaboration and to ensure a top-level representation of local authorities at the 8th World Water Forum, the WWC and the 8th World Water Forum hosts will associate UCLG, ICLEI, and CNM with the Local and Regional Political Process of the 8th World Water Forum;
- 5.5. The Partners will be the focal points for the organization of an event specifically aimed at local and regional authorities during the 8th World Water Forum;
- 5.6. ICLEI, UCLG, and CNM, supported by the WWC and the 8th World Water Forum host organizers, will act to improve the representation and the involvement of local and regional authorities and operators within the different processes of the 8th World Water Forum (i.e the Political, Regional, Thematic Sustainability and Citizen's Processes);
- 5.7. All parties will avoid one-sided initiatives related to the 8th World Water Forum with regards to the content of this Partnership Agreement;
- 5.8. The shared activities, anticipated budgets, roles and responsibilities of the Partners will be further developed through a roadmap for the Local and Regional Authorities Process for the 8th World Water Forum.
- 5.9. The Partners will also seek ways to collaborate on a long-term basis on issues and actions that reach beyond Forum-related activities.

6. Effective Term

- 6.1. This Partnership Agreement shall be effective for seven months as of its signature. Its effective term may be postponed after revaluation and amendment following the 8th World Water Forum, to be held in March 2018.

7. Termination

- 7.1. This instrument shall be terminated by an agreement between the partners or unilaterally, provided that the decision has been communicated in writing with at least 60 (sixty) days in advance, should there not be interest any longer in this agreement, waiving the aforementioned timeframe, and should any of the herein clauses or conditions not be fully complied.

Sole Paragraph: The eventual termination of this Partnership Agreement shall not hinder the conduction of ongoing activities, programs or cooperation, which shall be developed normally until the conclusion thereof.



8. General Conditions

8.1. This Partnership Agreement shall be carried out within the framework of the respective laws and regulations governing each Partner Organization.

8.2. Missing cases in this Partnership Agreement shall be addressed and resolved by an understanding between the parties and shall be formalized by an amendment to this Agreement.

In witness whereof, this agreement is signed with one copy for each of the signatories, with all texts being equally authentic. UCLG, ICLEI, CNM and the WWC may retain the second one for their records.

Brasília, October 2nd, 2017.

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