

THE MAYORS FORUM OF THE WORLD CITIES SUMMIT 2026 PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

(a) Delivering Affordable Housing

ACT Now: Speed up the Delivery of Affordable Housing

- Implement enabling policies, regulatory reforms, and industrial innovations, that reduce development bottlenecks, provide certainty for stakeholders, and support the timely delivery of affordable housing.
- Unlock and optimise land for housing development while scaling sustainable and innovative construction solutions that improve affordability, resilience, and delivery speed.
- Diversify types and tenures of housing, and strengthen housing finance ecosystems through innovative funding models, public-private partnerships, and targeted incentives that unlock investment and support the sustainable and affordable provision of housing that meets the needs of different needs and budgets of various communities and citizens.

(b) Managing Urban Water for Resilience

ACT Now: Make Water Resilience a Core Urban Priority

- Embed water security into city planning and decision-making to ensure universal access to safe and reliable water supplies and strengthen resilience against future shocks.
- Accelerate integrated flood management and climate adaptation measures, including digitised approaches, that protect communities, critical infrastructure, and economic activity from increasing water-related risks.
- Scale nature-based solutions and regenerative urban approaches that improve water management, reduce flood and drought risks, enhance biodiversity, and create more liveable urban environments by establishing processes that consider nature-based solutions.

(c) Re-thinking the Urban Energy Transition

ACT Now: Position Urban Energy Transition as a Whole-of-City Imperative

- Integrate clean energy, electrification and decarbonisation goals into city-wide planning and governance, including community upskilling, while accelerating the diversification of energy sources and enhancing energy efficiency and demand management to strengthen energy security and resilience.

- Advance net-zero building pathways by adopting green building standards for new developments and scaling energy-efficiency retrofits across existing buildings.
- Foster regional cooperation and integrated energy systems by strengthening grid connectivity, enabling cross-border energy partnerships, and facilitating the exchange of clean energy resources.

(d) Providing Reliable and Efficient Municipal Service

ACT Now: Improve Reliability and Responsiveness of Municipal Services

- Break down silos and better coordinate across agencies, optimising digital platforms, and service providers to enable seamless end-to-end municipal operations, with clear accountability and shared performance targets.
- Strengthen integrated service delivery across essential sectors for example, healthcare, transport, education, public safety and social services, so that residents experience accessible, connected and user-centric services throughout different stages of life.
- Invest in future-ready and adaptable infrastructure systems and leverage human capital and community and citizen engagement so as to withstand climate, demographic, and demand pressures, while ensuring continuity and reliability of essential services.

Overall Statement

The Mayors Forum of the World Cities Summit 2026 calls on cities to advance collaborative action, deepen cooperation, and strengthen knowledge sharing of effective practices to make our cities more liveable, sustainable, and resilient for all, by strengthening collaboration with citizens and wider partners, through meaningful engagement in shaping urban solutions, creating new governance models, and leveraging smart technology / AI-enabled knowledge partnership to improve decision-making, enhance service delivery, and enable more responsive, efficient city governance.