

## SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026 G-NETS Leaders Summit

### Communiqué

#### **I. The role of cities in the current global landscape**

The global landscape is rapidly changing, with widening divisions and growing uncertainty. Even under such circumstances, with a focus on our people, cities can advance discussions and actions to help one another. Across the globe, increasingly frequent and severe natural disasters are occurring right before our eyes, presenting urgent, shared issues that the world's cities must confront together in order to safeguard the lives and assets of our residents.

As such, by realigning the themes of G-NETS into “Urban Resilience to Climate Change and Natural Disasters” and “Well-being in Cities,” we will accelerate multicity lateral cooperation to share our respective knowledge and experience, and generate a tide of international cooperation. Additionally, to strengthen the resilience of participating cities against natural disasters, we will promote practical initiatives through the Resilience Sub-Working Group that was established under the Working Group for working-level officials. We will also leverage the cutting-edge technologies of Tokyo-based startups and engage in demonstration projects to help enhance resilience and solve other challenges faced by the world's cities.

At the G-NETS Leaders Summit held in Tokyo in April 2026, we, the leaders of 55 cities, engaged in two days of discussions under the overarching theme of “A new urban future built on climate and disaster resilience.”

We, the participating cities, will, based on the shared understanding and the policy directions set forth below, further deepen practical initiatives and the sharing of knowledge through the G-NETS platform in order to enhance resilience. While partnering with startups and other diverse stakeholders, and also striving to improve the financial foundation of our respective cities, we will advance solutions to shared urban challenges with the aim of realizing a sustainable world.

#### **II. Urban Resilience to Climate Change and Natural Disasters**

The threat of natural disasters is growing across the world, as evidenced by increasingly severe storm damage; earthquakes and tsunamis; and heat waves, droughts, and forest fires. To ensure the safety and security of our cities, and to safeguard the lives and assets of our residents, it is crucial for us to engage in both hard and soft initiatives and steadily promote measures against natural disasters. Advancing climate change measures that also consider industrial structural transformations and promoting harmony with the environment are similarly essential for urban sustainability. To accelerate these measures, we will promote the real-world application of cutting-edge technologies through supporting and utilizing startups, with the aim of enhancing urban climate and disaster

resilience.

#### **A. Measures against natural disasters**

- 1. Storm damage (heavy rain, strong winds, flooding, storm surge, sediment disasters):** Storms and floods have grown increasingly frequent and severe due to intensifying climate change in recent years. To address this challenge, we will engage in river flood prevention through the construction of riverbank protection and regulating reservoirs, stormwater runoff control through green infrastructure development, and measures to prevent sewer system inundation. We will also advance storm surge protection measures through the raising of seawalls and river embankments, promote the development of and relocation to high ground, and advance measures against sediment-related risks. Through these measures, we will enhance preparedness for storm damage.
- 2. Earthquakes and tsunamis:** Earthquakes and tsunamis can strike cities at any time. To be fully prepared for these risks, we will engage in the seismic retrofitting and fireproofing of buildings and urban infrastructure, the removal of utility poles, soil liquefaction countermeasures for buildings, the improvement of roads including emergency transport networks, and the diversification of evacuation shelters. We will also promote the refinement of firefighting and rescue activities, the enhancement of local disaster preparedness, and the construction and improvement of infrastructure such as coastal protection facilities and port and harbor facilities. Through these efforts, we will aim to create resilient cities where people can live safely and with peace of mind.
- 3. Heat waves, droughts, forest fires:** Climate change has brought about intensifying heat. To address this issue, we will promote heatstroke countermeasures, mitigation of the heat island effect through heat-reflective pavement and other solutions, and the establishment of better urban and housing environments such as by introducing green infrastructure and providing support for insulating homes. Additionally, to address droughts and forest fires, we will ensure energy and water security, refine firefighting and rescue activities, and enhance local disaster preparedness. Through these measures, we will strengthen resilience to heat waves and other related risks.
- 4. Measures applicable to all natural disasters:** To minimize the impact of the abovementioned natural disasters on urban activities, we will engage in the proper maintenance and management of urban infrastructure; the utilization of the latest technologies to anticipate risks; the formulation of disaster management plans; and swift communication with the public. We will also engage in the confirmation of damage; support for disaster victims; the promotion of disaster preparedness education; and the establishment of systems to secure the supply of electricity, communications, and data during emergencies. Furthermore, to strengthen the financial foundation for these efforts, we will promote

sustainable and resilient finance, including through the formulation of standards to promote the use of local government bonds and the provision of funds. Through such measures, we will comprehensively enhance urban resilience.

## **B. Climate change measures and harmony with the environment**

- 1. Promotion of zero emissions:** To address the climate crisis, which is intensifying worldwide, we will engage in the adoption of renewable energy as the primary energy source, the promotion of energy conservation and insulation in buildings, and the expanded usage of ZEVs (zero-emission vehicles). We will also promote the usage of green hydrogen in industrial fields and other areas, the transition to a circular economy, and proper waste treatment and the 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle), as we seek to realize a decarbonized world.
- 2. Conservation of and harmony with the environment:** To protect the environment, which supports people's daily lives, and to realize a prosperous society that coexists with nature, we will engage in countermeasures for air and water pollution, the preservation of greenery and forests, and the conservation and restoration of biodiversity. We will also advance urban greening to mitigate the effects of climate change and apply the diverse functions of greenery to enhance urban resilience.

**C. Startup support and usage:** To give birth to startups that will generate innovation and drive societal change and growth, we will promote the expansion of the startup ecosystem, the fostering of entrepreneurship, and support for the creation of unicorns. We will also promote the use of startups in public and private procurement to accelerate the application of cutting-edge technologies and services that contribute to strengthening urban climate and disaster resilience.

## **III. Well-being in Cities**

As the foundation for a sustainable society, it is essential to focus on “people” who drive the growth of cities, and promote initiatives aimed at realizing a society where everyone, including children, young people, older adults, and women, can live with peace of mind and shine in their own way. In addition, it is important to enhance residents' quality of life through the promotion of tourism, culture, entertainment, and sports, as well as the utilization of digital technologies. To accelerate these efforts, we will promote the real-world application of cutting-edge technologies through startup support and utilization, and have this contribute to enhancing the well-being of our residents.

- A. Support for children and youth, and parenting:** Children are invaluable to society, and young people hold our future in their hands. To ensure that they can envision a future full of hope, we will advance efforts to promote the mental health of children and young people and nurture their social skills. In addition, we will engage in providing higher quality education, building systems to reflect the views of children and young people in our policies, and

creating environments conducive to parenting. Through these efforts, we aim to realize a society where children and young people can achieve their potential.

- B. Realization of a healthy, long-life society:** To ensure that older adults can lead vibrant and fulfilling lives, we will support them in their social participation and employment and provide better mobility options. We will also promote activities to prevent frailty and the need for long-term care, and engage in supporting the daily living and housing needs of older adults. Through these initiatives we will realize an active, healthy and long-life society where people can shine throughout their lives.
- C. Promotion of the empowerment of women:** So that women can be active at the forefront of every field, we will promote the economic self-reliance of women and their political participation, and engage in providing support for women's active participation in society and cultivating female leaders, with the aim to realize a society where everyone can shine regardless of gender.
- D. Promotion of tourism, culture, entertainment, and sports:** To further enhance the appeal of our cities as global destinations, we will develop environments where tourists can enjoy sightseeing in comfort and everyone can enjoy sports and culture, support cultural activities and enhance creative environments, with the aim of achieving a society bursting with creativity and abundance.
- E. Utilization of digital technology:** To enhance the quality of life (QOL) of our residents, we aim to realize smart cities through promoting the use of AI, digitalizing administrative procedures, effectively utilizing data, and developing the communications environment.
- F. Initiatives for an inclusive society:** We will work to ensure that everyone can live vibrantly and with peace of mind by building up the environment, such as securing housing, enhancing and strengthening social welfare, incorporating universal design in urban development, and promoting barrier-free accessibility. In addition, while respecting diversity, we will also strengthen interpersonal and community ties, leading to the realization of an inclusive society where no one is left behind.
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We hereby adopt the above as the SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026 G-NETS Leaders Summit Communiqué.

## Annex List of Action Announcements by Participating Cities

Based on our shared understanding and the policy direction outlined in the Communiqué, the participating cities of G-NETS announce as follows the specific actions that each will take to realize resilient and sustainable cities.

### Tokyo

To protect Tokyo's residents from increasingly severe and frequent torrential rainfall, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government will advance the construction of regulating reservoirs to bring a cumulative storage capacity of 3.65 million cubic meters online by FY 2035.

Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo

### Dili

The Municipality of Dili will focus on Flood Disaster Risk Reduction in the Capital Dili, Timor-Leste through the development of Flood Disaster Risk Reduction capacity, including the preparation of flood control plans and guidelines on how to maintain rivers and streams in the Capital Dili. It's because the capital Dili frequently faces flooding during the rainy season.

Francisco dos Santos, President of the Dili Municipal Authority

### Glasgow

Over the next decade, Glasgow will strengthen flood risk management through major public investment, de-risking development sites and expanding resilient infrastructure. We will deliver adaptation measures for homes and businesses, enhance blue-green networks, and deepen cross sector partnerships to support co-ordinated action that builds long term climate resilience across the city.

Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council

### Ha Noi

Hanoi pioneers the digital era through an 'AI First' strategy, positioning data as a core resource. With a citizen-centric approach, Hanoi commits to building a smart government and innovating governance to ensure transparent, agile services, fostering inclusive, equitable, and sustainable development.

Vũ Đại Thắng, Chairman of Ha Noi People's Committee

### Helsinki

Helsinki has raised its climate ambitions, targeting an 85% emissions reduction by 2030. To achieve this, the city is accelerating electrification: delivering zero-emission public transport, electrifying the city-owned vehicle fleet, expanding charging infrastructure for private vehicles, and ensuring the conditions at its ports for the electrification of water transport and vessels.

Daniel Sazonov, Mayor of Helsinki

## Jakarta

By 2035, Jakarta will achieve 100% piped water coverage and expand the Jakarta Sewerage System to eliminate unprocessed wastewater. Through the King Salmon circular model, we will process 438 tons of organic waste annually, integrating advanced flood infrastructure with sustainable resource recovery to safeguard our 11 million residents.

Pramono Anung, Governor of DKI Jakarta

## Kulhudhuffushi

Kulhudhuffushi City -- the Maldives' first MCR2030 city -- commits to advancing climate and disaster resilience through DRR integration, coastal protection, and inclusive early warning systems; expanding sports, cultural, and public library infrastructure to promote community well-being; and achieving renewable energy transition and sustainable waste management by 2035, demonstrating that small island cities can lead bold urban futures.

Mohamed Athif, Mayor of Kulhudhuffushi

## Metro Manila

Metro Manila, through the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, will strengthen its public safety mandate by enhancing rapid deployment capabilities, modernizing disaster response systems, upgrading equipment and emergency facilities, improving operational readiness for major disasters, ensuring resilient command, control, and communications systems, and strengthening interregional collaboration and coordination.

Romando S. Artes, Chairman of Metropolitan Manila Development Authority

## Moreton Bay

We commit to climate adaptation, mitigation and disaster resilience through international cooperation. City of Moreton Bay will achieve net zero Council operations by 2039, with 44% emissions reduction by 2029 and 72% by 2034, strengthen all hazards disaster management, protect biodiversity through land buyback, and pilot innovation led resilience, circular economy and digital solutions.

Peter John Flannery, Mayor of Moreton Bay

## Phnom Penh

Phnom Penh Capital City will continue to regularly develop its disaster management systems, which is a priority task of the Smart City Development Plan, by establishing mechanisms, utilizing smart tools, and developing infrastructure and disaster resilience to ensure high effectiveness in preparedness, prevention, and emergency rescue, in line with the strategies and visions of the Royal Government of Cambodia, particularly the Pentagonal Strategy-Phase I of the Royal Government of Cambodia of the Seventh Legislature of the National Assembly.

Sreng Khuong, Governor of Phnom Penh Capital City

## Porto

Porto will implement free public transport for all residents, expand walkability, enhance parks and public spaces, and widen access to culture and community life across the city, improving quality of life, fostering inclusion and strengthening community ties.

Pedro Duarte, Mayor of Porto

## San Salvador

San Salvador Centro will strengthen its historic center by 2035 through the restoration of 50 heritage buildings, the creation of 8,000 jobs, and increasing annual visitors to 2 million. We will digitize 60% of municipal services, expand public space recovery, and promote sustainable mobility, aiming to reduce emissions in the historic center by 15% over the next decade.

Mario Duran, Mayor of San Salvador Centro

## Singapore

Singapore's Long Island project will reclaim approximately 800 hectares along a 15-20km stretch of the East Coast to safeguard against rising sea levels and coastal flooding, while creating the nation's 18th reservoir and providing new land for residential and recreational use.

Dinesh Vasu Dash, Minister of State and Mayor of South East District

## Suva

By 2030, Suva aims to be recognized as a model Pacific city that is economically resilient, environmentally sustainable, digitally advanced, and socially inclusive.

Tevita G. Taginavulau Boseiwaqa, Chairman Special Administrators  
and Acting CEO of Suva City Council

## Thinadhoo

Thinadhoo focuses on three core areas, which are Strengthening Urban Resilience, Environmental Sustainability & Zero Emissions and Realizing Inclusive & Just Societies. Especially, to strengthen urban resilience, we implement and share advanced measures for mitigating natural disasters like storms, flooding, and forest fires, as utilizing digital technologies and expert predictions to develop disaster-resilient infrastructure.

Saud Ali, Mayor of Thinadhoo

## Torino

Over the next decade, Torino will lead the ecological transition through the actions outlined in the Climate City Contract and the investments of the 'Torino Cambia Green' program; towards an increasingly green, inclusive and sustainable city model provided for by the new General Regulatory Plan. The goal is to achieve net-zero emissions and zero land take while strengthening urban forestry, focusing on proximity and '15-minute neighborhoods,' and consistently monitoring results and progress.

Stefano Lo Russo, Mayor of Torino

## Yerevan

Yerevan is developing a 230-hectare forest park in Dalma Gardens using nature-based solutions, including rainwater harvesting, solar energy, and biodiversity restoration, to expand green space, reduce heat stress, improve air quality, and strengthen urban climate resilience.

Tigran Avinyan, Mayor of Yerevan

## Amsterdam

Amsterdam will continue to combine climate adaptation, nature and liveability strategies in integrated urban solutions that create healthier and more resilient cities. Nature-based solutions, green public space and water-sensitive urban design will simultaneously address climate risks, biodiversity loss and quality of life.

Gender equality, protecting women's right and acknowledging the power of women will remain a priority as a follow-up on the 2026 Women Unite! conference.

## Auckland

Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan is Auckland's roadmap to a net zero-emissions, resilient and healthier region that is better connected to our environment and able to thrive in the face of ongoing change and disruption.

## Bangkok

Bangkok's goal is to become a climate-resilient and livable city for all. We are committed to the Green Bangkok 2030 goals, with green space expansion, accelerating zero-emission transport and inclusive urban digital services to enhance resident well-being and safety.

## Berlin

In both culture and sports, Berlin combines world-class events and institutions with bottom-up initiatives, citizen involvement, and creativity – while continuously strengthening this vibrant mixture as an essential part of its DNA. Hosting the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2036, 2040, or 2044 would be a further opportunity to showcase Berlin's approach.

## Bogotá

Bogotá is advancing a city-wide commitment to enable more people to earn a better living through their work, whether through formal employment or entrepreneurship. Over the next decade, the city will expand access to market-relevant skills training, targeted financing, stronger market linkages, and innovation infrastructure such as Campus 2600.

## Bologna

Bologna commits to accelerating decarbonization over the next decade by expanding renewable energy, electrifying transport, improving building efficiency, and fostering circular economy practices. Through innovation, community engagement, and sustainable urban planning, the city

aims to significantly cut emissions while enhancing quality of life and environmental resilience.

### Brampton

The City of Brampton is strengthening resilience to natural disasters by investing in stormwater infrastructure upgrades, expanding flood mitigation projects, maintaining emergency warming and cooling centres, issuing real-time alerts through Alert Ready, and coordinating closely with Peel Region and first responders to protect residents, reduce risks, and support faster response and recovery during severe weather events.

### Cali

Cali will reduce disaster risk by resettling over 8,000 vulnerable households, implementing a citywide early warning system, strengthening preparedness for over 15,000 residents, and supporting over 20,000 organizations in risk management planning by 2035 to enhance resilience across its Metropolitan Area

### Catalonia

Over the next decade, Catalonia will implement ESCACC30 by integrating risk assessment and sectoral adaptation with international cooperation, strengthening water resilience through regional diplomacy, co-developing solutions via alliances such as the Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership, scaling up resilience tools at the regional level, and investing in infrastructure, data systems, and multi-level governance to enhance preparedness and adaptive capacity.

### Christchurch

Christchurch City will act early on known risks and align governance, planning, and delivery to build long-term resilience. By embedding risk into land-use decisions, treating lifeline infrastructure as core capability, and planning beyond political cycles, the city will balance speed, inclusion, and certainty for future generations.

### Detroit

The city will expand initiatives such as arts alleys, public art, creative leadership roles, and artist support programs, embedding arts into infrastructure, business, and community life to strengthen belonging, inclusion, and quality of life while ensuring equitable access to cultural experiences for all residents over the next decade.

### Edinburgh

Edinburgh is working in partnership towards a Net Zero, climate resilient, nature rich city whilst focusing on achieving equity and protecting more vulnerable places and citizens. Surface water flooding and heatwave preparation are key objectives that will be delivered by enhancing blue-green networks, increasing tree canopy whilst protecting the historic environment.

## Espoo

Espoo works together with local and international partners to achieve the goals of Climate Neutral Espoo 2030-programme and Nature-wise Espoo roadmap, which safeguards biodiversity and natural values in a growing city. We use the city as a test bed and help develop new climate friendly solutions to urban challenges. Espoo's city strategy is titled the Capital of Children and Youth, and we are committed to building equal opportunities and participation possibilities for the next generations, with a special focus on multiliteracy skills and youth unemployment actions.

## Funafuti

The Government of Tuvalu will carry out land reclamation on the coastal of Funafuti at more than 15 hectares for the next decade to protect the island from coastal erosion and sea-level rise.

## Istanbul

Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality will advance a science-based resilience agenda over the next decade by strengthening earthquake preparedness, expanding stormwater and flood protection infrastructure, reducing water loss, improving drought resilience, and investing in climate action, public awareness, and inclusive urban planning to build a safer, more sustainable city.

## Ljubljana

Ljubljana will continue to be a 15-minute city, where all basic services are accessible to residents on foot or by bike. Our vision is to be a carbon-neutral capital with a comprehensive cycling network - continuous, direct, attractive, safe, and comfortable. The central pedestrian area will also be expanded polycentrically with an area of more than 25 hectares and a sustainably oriented urban logistics system.

## Lombardy Region

Over the next decade, the Regional Civil Protection Operations Room and the Natural Risk Monitoring Functional Center will enhance integrated monitoring and forecasting of natural hazards, while further strengthening early warning systems. This will help reduce response times for activating Civil Protection volunteers during major emergencies and accelerate the procedures set out in municipal emergency plans. Achieving 100% coverage of municipal Civil Protection plans and rejuvenating the volunteer workforce are among the key objectives to be pursued.

## Malmö

By 2030, the City of Malmö's organization will reach net zero emissions. Moreover, by 2030, Malmö will be powered by 100 percent renewable and recycled energy, and the entire city, including citizens and private actors, will reduce emissions by 70 percent compared to 1990's levels.

## Melbourne

The City of Melbourne will continue to champion sustainable, well-managed data centre development, advocating for best-practice planning and governance, including sustainable water use and renewable energy sources, across local, state, and international forums.

## New Taipei

New Taipei City aims to achieve a 30% carbon reduction by 2030 and full net-zero resilience by 2050. Its Second Administrative Center, integrated with an AI-driven emergency response system, will ensure uninterrupted governance and serve as a resilient sanctuary for the city's 4 million residents during extreme climate events.

## Niagara

Niagara Region Economic Development is committed to harnessing the capabilities of AI and digital technologies to strengthen economic resilience advancing our economic development strategy.

## Paris

To protect children from heatwaves, the City of Paris will create nearly 60 additional Oasis schoolyards each year, with the goal of extending them to all schools, daycare centers, and middle schools by 2030.

## Queensland

The Queensland Government remains committed to delivering net zero by 2050 at both the Queensland and Australian level, while remaining focused on delivering an affordable, reliable and sustainable Energy Roadmap.

## Riga

The Riga Municipality continues to develop and connect parks, green corridors, and neighborhood green spaces, while integrating green infrastructure for stormwater management and climate resilience. The city promotes rooftop and vertical greening, improves roadside greenery, and supports public involvement to enhance urban environment and quality of life.

## Seoul

Seoul will create a Digital Everyday City where everyone enjoys digital convenience, a Digital Safety City that prevents risks and responds to disasters through data and technology, an AI Innovative City powered by smarter administration and industry, and a Digital Attractive City that connects the world through global cooperation.

## Taipei

In the next decade, Taipei will use AI and big data to watch over every risk – from typhoon,

earthquakes to human-caused hazards . We will spot danger signs early and move faster than ever to protect our people. We're building a city where everyone can always feel safe at home.

#### Tartu

Tartu commits to advancing climate resilience and the transition to a climate-neutral future by scaling integrated urban sustainability measures. The city will support the renovation of apartment buildings to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions, while expanding nature-based solutions to address risks such as heatwaves and flooding. Tartu will also strengthen biodiversity and urban ecosystems through high-quality green spaces, contributing to inclusive and resilient urban development.

#### Zagreb

The city plans to increase the number of operationally ready civil protection members by 25 % by 2029 through continuous training and exercises. At the same time, it will enhance risk assessments, response plans, and procedures in line with emerging geopolitical and climate-related risks, while advancing digital tools to strengthen overall operational readiness and effective emergency response.

#### Zapopan

Zapopan reaffirms its commitment to a child-centered philosophy of governance, where the well-being of girls and boys informs every public decision, policy, and urban intervention. The city will continue strengthening this model while sharing its lessons internationally and engaging in global collaboration to refine an approach that places childhood at the foundation of sustainable urban development.