



PANAMERICAN FEDERATION OF ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATIONS FPAA UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT CITIES PROGRAMME UNGCCP REGIONAL SECRETARIAT – BRAZIL

COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

This document outlines the strategic partnership and collaboration agreement between the Panamerican Federation of Architects Associations (FPAA) and the United Nations Global Compact Cities Programme (UNGCCP), intermediated through the Regional Secretariat in Brazil.

1. Mission

The Panamerican Federation of Architects Associations (FPAA) is a nonprofit organization which aims to unite Architectural organizations from all parts of North, South and Central America including the Caribbean across all racial, religious or political boundaries. The FPAA was started in 1950 in Montevideo, Uruguay where the Head Office of the organization remains to this day.

Presently the FPAA congregates members from 32 countries divided into 5 regions, namely North (Canada, USA and México); Central America (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Panamá); Caribbean (Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Guadalupe, Dutch Antilles,, Barbados, Surinam, Porto Rico, French Guiana, Jamaica, Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago and Martinique); Andean (Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru) and the Southern Cone (Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay and Chile).

There are approximately 600000 active Architects within the area of the FPAA, which relates to approximately half of the amount of Architects on the planet (1300000 according to The International Union of Architects)





The FPAA is essentially a democratic organization that was born through a concept of Professional American Integration derived by sharing knowledge and mutual collaboration between the various National Bodies under the guidelines of the National Assembly

The UNGCCP is an Urban Component of the Global Pact of the United Nations. The Global Pact is the largest initiative of corporate responsibility in the world with more than 7000 signatories in 135 countries. It is a leadership initiative for companies and organizations that strive to follow the 10 Universal Principals in the areas of Human Rights, Work Ethics, Environmental Issues and Combating Corruption.

The UNGCCP is dedicated to the promotion and adoption of the Ten Principals of The Global PACT of the United Nations to Cities, Municipalities, States and Nations through a platform which can transform these principals into a working model. Under the guidance of the Global Pact of the United Nations, the Cities Programme facilitates collaboration between different Government Levels, Companies and Society with the aim of increasing sustainability, resilience, diversification and adaption's to nature generated by urban challenges.

Administrated by the International Secretary situated at the Institute of Global Cities of the RMIT University in Melbourne Australia, the UNGCCP supplies the following. They provide knowledge, orientation and access to the expertise and research of the RMIT University. The UNGCCP secures this partnership through the Regional Brazilian Secretary who reports directly to the International Secretary.

The UNGCCP presently congregates 80 municipalities and participating regions. 15 of these participants are currently at the "Innovative Level".

Though this Collaboration Agreement the FPAA and the UNGCCP both agree to abide by the terms and conditions thereof and in future will act according to the guidelines set out within it.





2. SCOPE AND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Collaboration Agreement is to describe and document the way in which the FPAA and the UNGCCP could work in partnership together. This is based on the facts that the two organizations have common interests and objectives. These include improving the quality of life in municipalities, states and countries. Also included is the understanding of the challenges faced by sustainable territorial development and the promotion of intersectorial collaboration through recognition of the complexity of urban challenges.

The FPAA and the UNGCCP agree to form a partnership whereby both parties agree to work towards the streamlining of objectives which will facilitate the work of both parties by managing innovative projects related to complex urban challenges.

The partnership views the objectives in a broad sense whereby the collaboration can be of mutual benefit by using joint recourses, expertise, visits and research.

By means of this agreement the FPAA would be recognized by the UNGCCP as a collaborating partner. A collaborating partner This would be regarded as more than a partnership in the sense that there would be a Constant Exchange of experiences, expertise and recourses, This would also result in both signatories being able to make joint statements to the media as well as being able to maintain autonomy.

The UNGCCP would publically announce the Collaborating Partnership as well as the objectives and course of action explained by the document.

2.1. Promoting and sharing resources networks and expertise

Potential activities where the FPAA and the UNGCCP could share resources networks, connections and expertise include the following amongst others:





• Formalizing the "Alliance of the Americas Sustainable and Innovative" (represented by the International Secretary of the UNGCCP), as soon as the proposal is approved at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the FPAA, in Trujillo, Peru (13th of October 2013). This could serve as a starting point for joint participation by the UNGCCP in areas traditionally served by the FPAA.

The objective of the "Alliance of the Americas Sustainable and Innovative" is to formulate a junction of strategies, action plans and expansion goals between UNGCCP and participating countries of the FPAA. This could be achieved by supporting existing initiatives and stimulating new membership though visits, establishing executive committees and the election of innovative new local projects

- Unite and promote the practical methods of each organization (e.g. The Sustainability Circles and the Melbourne Model)
- Promote the organization of other partners and associates by facilitating their presentations when applicable to the UNGCCP;
- The creation of professional opportunities for collaborators or partners.
- Jointly divulging information regarding updated practices and methods of urban regeneration as well as local development
- Exchange programs for participants and collaborators.
- Blend public entrance exams for both Architecture and Urban Planning according to the expertise developed by member countries of the FPAA and in accordance with the recommendations of the 20th General Conference of the United Nations.





- Divulge new information regarding technical courses and activities with the aim of improving the qualifications of student and professionals of both Architecture and Urban Planning which would benefit innovative projects associated with the UNGCCP:
- Collaborate by divulging information regarding the expansion of the UNGCCP in countries and organizations connected to the FPAA;
- When there are joint interests involved within their area the FPAA and partners will assist with innovative projects of the UNGCCP

2.2. Research and Collective Projects

Potential activities for research and collective projects include amongst others

- Partnerships for joint investigation initiatives across operational boundaries.
- Supply referrals for professional expertise, technical knowhow and organizational assistance for innovative projects of mutual interest.
- Arrange student Jobs and research opportunities for post graduate students as well as Scientific Researchers at the RMIT University or other such institutions.

Both parties in this agreement are responsible for their own costs.

When there are mutual interests and a resultant exchange of resources it does not necessarily restrict either party to refrain from promoting their own image.

This agreement is not aimed at creating joint responsibilities or legal commitments for either party but is rather intended to reflect a spirit of cooperation and collaboration.





3. Responsibilities

The FPAA and the UNGCCP, represented by their respective officials listed below must implement the new activities as per this agreement through their respective organizations.

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4. Media and Press Release of the partnership

Both organizations agree to announce the acceptance of the partnership on their web sites and will display the logo of the new partner. They will also agree to explain the nature of the partnership. Any public display of any information or material pertaining to the other party will need prior approval of that party.





5. CONFIDELITY

Both organizations agree not to release any information which may be regarded as privileged, or strategic to collaborative projects. Any strategic information may only be released with the consent of both parties.

6. TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING

This Collaboration Agreement will take effect on signing and will remain in effect until one or both parties choose to terminate the agreement. Any organization that wishes to object to the Collaboration Agreement would need to manifest their objection in writing within 30 days. This would not implicate any penalties or debts to either party. In order to guarantee the objectives of the Collaboration Agreement as well as any modifications which may deem necessary, this Collaboration Agreement will be renewed annually.

This Collaboration Agreement is understood and accepted by both parties





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