

Belt and Road Inclusive and Sustainable City Service Network *Focal*

Point Agreement

Preamble

1. We, the representatives of cities, chambers of commerce and academic institutions located along the Belt and Road, have expressed our willingness to promote the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, hereinafter referred to as the “2030 Agenda”, encouraging municipal officials and international development organizations to scale up their engagement in inclusive and sustainable urban-industrial development initiatives, establishing a municipal platform from which cities can share their development successes and challenges, and setting up a focal-point network in all undersigned cities.

Our shared vision

2. We understand that cities represent the central hub and heart of every nation’s industrial development and that they likewise have the greatest and most lasting impact on the lives of their nations’ residents. In particular, industrial development is a key engine of job creation and income generation and therefore plays an extremely vital role in inclusive and sustainable city development.
3. We recognize the efforts and achievements of UNIDO in promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development in recent years, and we support UNIDO’s goal to extend its technical cooperation competencies further in the area of inclusive and sustainable urban-industrial development.
4. We pledge our support to UNIDO’s initiative to establish the “Belt and Road Inclusive and Sustainable City Service Network ”, which aims to upscale inclusive and sustainable urban-industrial development among participating countries via the modality of South-South and triangular industrial cooperation, in areas including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Helping technical cooperation projects meet the demands and challenges of urban-industrial development;
 - Facilitating city-level and sector-specific matchmaking;
 - Advancing capacity-building and trade and investment promotion;
 - Sharing southern solutions for integrated urban-industrial development;
 - Promoting urban-industrial innovation through knowledge transfer;
 - Encouraging dialogue for city-to-city, city-to-business and business-to-business cooperation.

Our commitments

5. We agree to join the “Belt and Road Inclusive and Sustainable City Service Network” voluntarily and to act as designated focal points. We agree to work together cooperatively, to establish open and transparent lines of communication throughout the focal-point network, to actively further the facilitation of dialogue and knowledge exchange with participating cities, development agencies, academic institutions and private-sector partners for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, and to mobilize the involvement of non-participating cities along the Belt and Road in subsequent annual events.

6. We understand that the “Belt and Road Inclusive and Sustainable City Service Network” is a mutually beneficial service open to all signatories on a voluntary basis and that this agreement is non-binding in nature. The “Belt and Road Inclusive and Sustainable City Service Network” and all its related services can be availed without any financial obligation to either party.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Signatory’s function: _____

Location: _____