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# 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the World Cities Summit calls for leaders to engage stakeholders in building people-centric cities of the future

**Singapore**, **3 June 2024** – The 9<sup>th</sup> World Cities Summit (WCS) opened yesterday at the Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre. Running from 2 – 4 June 2024, the Summit brings together leaders from government administration, industry players and academia from across the globe, to discuss urban challenges, share innovative solutions, and deepen collaborative partnerships. The Summit is co-organised by the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), Singapore.

#### Striving for Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Rejuvenate, Reinvent, Reimagine

WCS 2024 comprises the main conference and other key events such as the WCS Mayors Forum, WCS Young Leaders Symposium, the WCS Opening Plenary, the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Award Ceremony and Banquet, and an Exhibition, among others. The Summit will cover five tracks of discussion: (i) Cities for People; (ii) Resilient & Regenerative Cities: (iii) Smart Cities, Sustainable Financing of Cities; and (iv) Future Cities. To facilitate comprehensive and diverse dialogue, there will be plenaries, in-depth discussion sessions, special convenings, and roundtables meticulously curated in collaboration with strategic partners for each track.

#### Minister Desmond Lee's Opening Plenary speech

3 Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for National Development and Minister in-charge of Social Services Integration, Singapore, welcomed delegates at the WCS Opening Plenary on 3 June 2024. Setting a compelling tone for the Summit in his Opening Plenary speech, Minister Lee called upon cities to seize opportunities to build a more liveable and sustainable environment for their



residents, highlighting four key areas of focus: (i) To continue to practise stewardship and foresight; (ii) foster a collaborative ecosystem through multi-stakeholder engagement and collaboration; (iii) remain open to trying out new ideas and approaches; and (iv) continue to collaborate and learn from cities around the world. Minister Lee also announced the launch of a new future-focused edition of the Singapore Liveability Framework (See para 5 for more information on CLC's Liveability Framework 2.0).

#### DPM Heng's speech

At the Opening Plenary, Mr Heng Swee Keat, Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, announced a research project on the impact of the built environment on mental well-being, by A\*STAR's Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences (SICS), further emphasising Singapore's efforts in deepening our research & redevelopment capabilities to drive innovation and create liveable and healthier cities. Commissioned by URA and Housing Development Board of Singapore, this project is part of the Cities of Tomorrow's Urban Environment Analytics and Complexity Science research pillar. More details on this project in **Annex 1**.

#### Launch of CLC's Liveability Framework 2.0

- Developed and introduced in 2014 by the CLC, the Framework presents Singapore's urban transformation journey, distilling general principles and desired outcomes undergirding our approach to sustainable development. The Singapore Liveability Framework 2.0 puts forth an updated understanding of liveability outcomes for cities, as well as the planning, governance and collaborative systems that enable them. It incorporates views from both within and outside government, spotlights the tensions and synergies that arise from delivering liveability and sustainability for cities. It also features case studies from around the world that illustrate the global applicability of the framework.
- "As a global knowledge centre for urban planning and governance, CLC draws on the Framework to guide our research focus, and in developing knowledge products. These are shared with local and international city leaders and administrative bodies as a lens through which they can generate policies and plans for liveability and sustainability in their respective cities. Thus, it is imperative that CLC continuously revisits the Framework, and updates it to reflect current and



forward-looking urban trends", said Hugh Lim, Executive Director, Centre for Liveable Cities. See **Annex 3** for details on the Liveability Framework 2.0 and list of other publications launched at the World Cities Summit 2024.

#### Inking partnerships and collaborations

- The Summit provides an opportune platform for new partnerships and collaborations to be forged. This year, CLC and other participating agencies will be inking several Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) during the Summit. These MOUs aim to facilitate knowledge sharing, capacity building, and joint initiatives to address common urban challenges and promote sustainable urban development on a global scale. Full details of the agreements that CLC will be inking can be found in **Annex 3**.
- As the Summit unfolds, delegates and trade visitors alike can look forward to engaging discussions, interactive workshops, and insightful presentations, all aimed at unlocking innovative solutions and fostering a more sustainable urban future. For more information on the programme lineup, please visit <a href="https://www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg/programme/overview">https://www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg/programme/overview</a>.

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#### **About the World Cities Summit**

The biennial World Cities Summit (WCS) is an exclusive platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships. Jointly organised by Singapore's Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), key highlights of the Summit include the WCS Mayors Forum, the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize and the WCS Young Leaders Symposium. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.worldcitiesummit.com.sg">www.worldcitiesummit.com.sg</a>.

#### **About Centre for Liveable Cities**

#### **About Urban Redevelopment Authority**

Set up in 2008 by the Ministry of National Development and the then-Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, the Centre for

The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) is Singapore's land use planning and conservation agency. Our mission is 'to make Singapore a great



Liveable Cities (CLC) aims to distil, create and share knowledge on liveable and sustainable cities.

city to live, work and play'. We strive to create an endearing home and a vibrant and sustainable city through long-term planning and innovation, in partnership with the community.

The CLC's work spans four main areas: Research, Capability Development, Knowledge Platforms, and Advisory. Through these activities, it hopes to provide urban leaders and practitioners with the knowledge and support needed to make our cities better.

For more information, please visit www.clc.gov.sg

URA's multi-faceted role includes being the main government land sales agent. We attract and channel private capital investments to develop sites that support planning, economic and social objectives. We also partner the community to enliven our public spaces to create a car-lite, people-friendly and liveable city for all to enjoy. In shaping a distinctive city, URA also promotes architecture and urban design excellence. Visit <a href="https://www.ura.gov.sg">www.ura.gov.sg</a> for more information.

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#### Annex 1: Impact of Built Environment on Mental Well-being by A\*STAR

- 1. Under the RIE2025 Grant Call of the Cities of Tomorrow's Urban Environment Analytics and Complexity Science research pillar, the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) and Housing and Development Board (HDB) have awarded their project on the "Impact of Built Environment on Mental Well-being" to the Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences (SICS), which is a research institute within the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR) in May 2024. This is a \$1mil project that will be led by researchers from SICS over a three-year period.
- 2. This project will study the influences of the built environment on mental well-being, and develop a data-driven methodology to quantify the relationship between the mental well-being of the general population, and the different aspects of the built environment.
- 3. Singapore offers a unique opportunity to conduct mental well-being research in a highly built-up urban context. Current research in our local context has primarily focused on the impact of our built environment on physical well-being, and the benefits of greenery on mental well-being. This project aims to expand this knowledge by investigating other aspects of the built environment more holistically, and their impacts on mental well-being.
- 4. To achieve this, SICS is proposing to develop a framework and an index of indicators to link the built environment to mental well-being. These indicators could help planners to quantify how built environment designs and planning-related solutions (e.g., provision of facilities, land use configuration, extent of intensification) may promote mental well-being. SICS also proposes to conduct assessment and validation on the framework through the use of datasets from four ongoing Singapore cohort studies: Growing Up in Singapore Towards healthy Outcomes (GUSTO); Singapore PREconception Study of Long-Term Maternal and Child Outcomes (S-PRESTO); Singapore Longitudinal EArly Developmental Study (SG LEADS); Mapping Antenatal Maternal Stress (MAMS). These cohort studies have collected extensive data from the study participants using validated questionnaires, including mental well-being indicators. The project findings will inform the way we plan, design, and prioritise built environment interventions to enable a healthier and more liveable environment.

#### About Cities of Tomorrow's Urban Environment Analytics and Complexity Science Research Pillar

The Cities of Tomorrow's Urban Environment Analytics and Complexity Science research pillar aims to support research projects that leverage advanced analytics and complexity science to address urban environmental challenges. By harnessing data-driven approaches and interdisciplinary methodologies, this research pillar seeks to enhance our understanding of complex urban systems, such as land use activity, mobility, impact of built environment on health and well-being, people and ecology connectivity. Through this research pillar, researchers are encouraged to develop innovative solutions that can contribute to the development of more resilient, sustainable, and liveable cities for the future.

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Annex 2: Publications launched at the World Cities Summit 2024

Date	Title	Blurb	QR Code for download
2 June 2024, Mayors Forum	Urban Solutions	Urban Solutions is a biannual magazine produced by the Centre for Liveable Cities. It aims to equip and inspire city leaders, practitioners and allied professionals to make cities more liveable and sustainable.	GO govsg
		Issue 24, launched at WCS 2024, is titled "The Future of Cities", aligned to the forward-looking topics discussed at the Summit and featuring contributions by some key speakers.	
3 June 2024, Opening Plenary	Building Liveable and Sustainable Cities: A Framework for the Future	This e-publication introduces the refreshed Singapore Liveability Framework since the first edition of the book was published in 2014. Taking into account today's and future challenges for cities, the e-publication encapsulates an updated understanding of desired liveability outcomes for cities, as well as the supporting planning, governance and collaborative urban systems that enable them.	GOgovsg  https://go.gov.sg/clcbook-liveablefr anework.2024



3 June 2024, Resilient and Regenerative Cities hosted lunch	Creating a Regenerative City: Insights from the CLC- Ramboll Urban Lab	This publication distils key insights from the CLC-Ramboll Urban Lab held in January 2024, which brought together key stakeholders across the public, private, and academic sectors to discuss the potential application of regenerative design for liveable, resilient, and low-carbon cities of the future. Titled "Creating a Regenerative City: Insights from the CLC-Ramboll Urban Lab", the publication unpacks key concepts and principles in regenerative design and features case studies from Singapore and abroad.	GO.gov.sg/clcbook-regenerativecity
4 June 2024, Future Cities  – Roundtable on the Future of Downtowns (not open to media)	The Future of CBDs - Perspectives from 6 APAC cities  A CLC-Arup Research Collaboration	Broadly, CBDs in APAC are likely to hold their place in their cities, by retaining their centrality, prime real estate, talent density and economic vitality. This research publication serves as a timely reference for cities undertaking CBD rejuvenation, by providing deep dives into the experiences of 6 APAC cities (Bangkok, Ho Chi Minh City, Hong Kong, Singapore, Sydney and Tokyo). The publication will share key findings on some common challenges and aspirations for future APAC CBDs, broad approaches explored, and possible actions cities could implement.	GO.gov.sg/clcbook-futureofcb



#### Annex 3: MOUs and Agreements to be inked at the World Cities Summit 2024

Date	MOU/Agreement	Details
2 June 2024	Signing of Letter of Intent with Vienna to host World Cities Summit Mayors Forum 2025	The City of Vienna will host the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum 2025. A Letter of Intent will be signed between Vienna's representative and the Centre for Liveable Cities.
3 June 2024	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Singapore Management University	For collaborative research in the areas of Climate, Carbon, Infrastructure and Environment, Social-Behavioural Science and Science of Cities, while also leveraging on both parties' local and international networks of academics, industry leaders and professionals in the above areas. Both parties will also participate in respective knowledge sharing platforms (e.g. WCS, CLC Lecture Series, Urban Institute's Cities Dialogues) and offer capability development opportunities for staff (e.g. on case study writing and teaching by SMU).
3 June 2024	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Department of Planning and Architecture, the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam, on Sustainable Development	This MOU allows Ho Chi Minh City and CLC to collaborate to share knowledge e.g. CLC will offer capacity building workshops for Ho Chi Minh City officials
3 June 2024	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and Arup	Arup has been collaborating with CLC in various workstreams including co-curation of World Cities Summit (WCS) plenaries and roundtable sessions. To deepen the collaboration moving forward, CLC and Arup Singapore have agreed to formalise the partnership through a



		signing of the MoU that will allow both parties to expand their knowledge sharing efforts on projects that contribute to the building of liveable and sustainable cities.
4 June 2024	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the National University of Singapore	CLC has built a strong partnership with the National University of Singapore (NUS) since 2017, collaborating on research, capability development and knowledge sharing.
		This new 3-year MOU between CLC/MND and NUS will allow both parties to continue collaborating on research projects, knowledge exchange and capacity building efforts that contribute to the building of liveable and sustainable cities.
4 June 2024	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the National League of Cities	The MoU will allow CLC and the NLC to cooperate on knowledge sharing via our mutual networks, conferences and activities



### Annex 3.1: Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Singapore Management University

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

**Singapore, 3 June 2024** – The Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the Singapore Management University (SMU) will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) dedicated to knowledge sharing and capability building. The MoU will be inked at the World Cities Summit, held in Singapore, on 3 June 2024.

The MoU will be signed by CLC's Executive Director, Hugh Lim and President, SMU, Professor Lily Kong.

#### **Objectives of the MoU**

- This MoU will help both parties establish deeper collaborations for capability building in the areas of rejuvenating ageing infrastructure, preparing for low-carbon transition, preparing for the future of work, and the science of cities which includes the application of future methodologies, and social and behavioural science methods in the context of urban planning and governance domain. It will enable both parties to share knowledge, experience, tools, and methodologies on platforms such as at the biennial World Cities Summit, and other workshops and conferences. Furthermore, agencies in the MND family and partners of SMU will be able to leverage each other's academic and professional networks to connect with experts globally and tap on subject matter experts to create and share new knowledge on the topics of Climate, Carbon, Infrastructure and Environment, Social-Behavioural Science, Future of Work, Science of City and Futures Methodologies.
- 4 The scope of the MOU includes:
- a. Knowledge Creation and Knowledge Sharing
- b. Capability Development and Training Programmes
- c. Academic and Professional Networking

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#### **About the Singapore Management University**

Established in 2000, Singapore Management University (SMU) is recognised for its disciplinary and multidisciplinary research that address issues of global relevance, impacting business, government, and society. Its distinctive education, incorporating innovative experiential learning, aims to nurture global citizens,



entrepreneurs and change agents. With more than 13,000 students, SMU offers a wide range of bachelors, masters and PhD degree programmes in the disciplinary areas associated with six of its eight schools - Accountancy, Business, Economics, Computing, Law and Social Sciences. Its seventh school, the SMU College of Integrative Studies, offers a bachelor's degree programme in deep, integrative interdisciplinary education. The College of Graduate Research Studies, SMU's eight school, enhances integration and interdisciplinarity across the various SMU postgraduate research programmes that will enable our students to gain a holistic learning experience and well-grounded approach to their research. SMU also offers a growing number of executive development and continuing education programmes. Through its city campus, SMU focuses on making meaningful impact on Singapore and beyond through its partnerships with industry, policymakers and academic institutions. www.smu.edu.sg

#### **About the SMU Urban Institute**

Set up on 17 January 2024, the SMU Urban Institute plans to forge an interdisciplinary research agenda that bridges theoretical and applied research, data science and the critical social sciences, industry and academia, and Singapore and Southeast Asia. It seeks to synthesise and cultivate thought leadership and innovative solutions, inform policy decisions, and drive sustainable urban development practices for the development of more inclusive, resilient, and vibrant cities. Organised into three pillars – Urban Life, Urban Growth and Urban Infrastructure – it aims to address the evolving urban challenges that confront Singapore and key Asian cities. https://urban.smu.edu.sg/

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Annex 3.2: Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Department of Planning and Architecture, the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam, on Sustainable Development

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM, ON SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

**Singapore, 3 June 2024** – The Centre for Liveable Cities and the Department of Planning and Architecture, the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (DPA-HCMC) have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) dedicated to knowledge sharing and capability building in the field of sustainable urban development. The renewal of MoU took place at the World Cities Summit 2024 on 3 June 2024.

The MoU was signed by CLC's Executive Director, Mr Hugh Lim and Director General (DPA-HCMC), Dr Nguyen Thanh Nha.

#### **Objectives of the MoU**

- This MoU is a renewal of the previously signed MOU in April 2021. The renewed MOU continues to foster and strengthen collaborative partnerships for knowledge sharing and capability building on urban challenges related to rapid growing and high-density cities, build resilience, harness land value and conserve unique natural and historical urban identities. The scope of the MOU includes:
  - a. Capability development and training programmes; and
  - b. Mutual knowledge sharing and professional networking.

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### About the Department of Planning and Architecture, the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

The Department of Planning and Architecture, under the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, is responsible for overseeing urban planning and architectural development in the city. It plays a crucial role in shaping the physical landscape and infrastructure of the city, ensuring sustainable and well-designed urban spaces for its residents and businesses. For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.qhkt.hochiminhcity.gov.vn/">http://www.qhkt.hochiminhcity.gov.vn/</a>



### Annex 3.3: Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and Arup

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND ARUP

Singapore, 3 June 2024 – Singapore's Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and Arup will sign a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) (June 2024 – May 2027) for collaboration in knowledge exchange and capability building at the World Cities Summit 2024.

The MoU will be signed by Hugh Lim, CLC's Executive Director, and Tan Yoon Heng, Country Leader, Arup Singapore Pte Ltd.

#### **Objectives of the MoU**

- This MoU builds on the ongoing interactions between CLC and Arup and seeks to promote further knowledge exchange and collaboration for research that can inform policies contributing to the building of liveable and sustainable cities. It will also enable both parties to create and share mutually beneficial knowledge and experience on platforms such as the biennial World Cities Summit, Science of Cities Symposium and other workshops or conferences, and participate in suitable milestone training or capability development programmes.
- 5 The scope of the MoU includes:
  - a. Research
  - b. Knowledge sharing
  - c. Capability development

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#### **About Arup**

Dedicated to sustainable development, Arup is a collective of more than 18,000 designers, advisors and experts working across 140 countries. Founded to strive for humanity and excellence in everything that we do, we collaborate with our clients and partners, using imagination, technology and rigour to shape a better world.

For more information, please visit www.arup.com



### Annex 3.4: Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the National University of Singapore

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Singapore, 4 June 2024 – The Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the National University of Singapore (NUS) will sign a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) (June 2024 – May 2027) dedicated to knowledge creation and sharing, and capability building at the World Cities Summit 2024.

The MoU will be signed by CLC's Executive Director, Hugh Lim, and NUS' Deputy President (Research and Technology), Professor Liu Bin.

#### **Background of the MoU**

- 3 CLC first signed a two-year MoU with NUS on 15 July 2016. The MoU between CLC and NUS was then renewed for a two-year term on 9 July 2018, and for another two-year term on 9 December 2020 between CLC and NUS. The current three-year MoU renewal until 2027 reaffirms the strong partnership between the two parties.
- 4 NUS Cities, hosted within the NUS College of Design and Engineering is leading the developments under this MoU.

#### **Objectives of the MoU**

- This MoU establishes deeper collaborations for research, knowledge sharing and capability building on topics that can contribute towards the building of liveable and sustainable cities. It will also enable both parties to create and share mutually beneficial knowledge, experience, tools, and methodologies on platforms such as the biennial World Cities Summit, Science of Cities Symposium and other workshops or conferences.
- 6 The scope of the MoU includes:
  - a. Research
  - b. Knowledge sharing
  - c. Capability development

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#### **About the National University of Singapore (NUS)**

The National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university, which offers a global approach to education, research and entrepreneurship, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise.



NUS has 16 colleges, faculties and schools across three campuses in Singapore, with more than 40,000 students from 100 countries enriching their vibrant and diverse campus community. NUS has also established more than 20 NUS Overseas Colleges entrepreneurial hubs around the world.

NUS' multidisciplinary and real-world approach to education, research and entrepreneurship enables them to work closely with industry, governments and academia to address crucial and complex issues relevant to Asia and the world. Researchers in their faculties, research centres of excellence, corporate labs and more than 30 university-level research institutes focus on themes that include energy; environmental and urban sustainability; treatment and prevention of diseases; active ageing; advanced materials; risk management and resilience of financial systems; Asian studies; and Smart Nation capabilities such as artificial intelligence, data science, operations research and cybersecurity.

For more information on NUS, please visit nus.edu.sg.

#### **About NUS Cities**

NUS Cities, hosted within the College of Design and Engineering, is a dynamic, interdisciplinary entity committed to advancing the understanding and addressing the complex challenges faced by cities globally. As an open and inclusive collaborative platform, NUS Cities brings together a diverse community of academics, practitioners, and experts from various disciplines and institutions worldwide.

Our mission is to foster interdisciplinary collaboration and innovative thinking to tackle the multifaceted issues confronting cities. By leveraging the collective expertise of our faculty, adjunct experts, and seasoned practitioners, we aim to drive impactful research, education, and advisory services through an urban system approach in areas such as community sustainability, climate resilience, health and ageing, and urban technology.

At NUS Cities, we strive to position ourselves as a thought leader in the study of cities, presenting original research and cutting-edge insights from our research and practitioner community. Through our interdisciplinary approach, we promote collaboration and understanding among researchers of different disciplines, emphasizing the interconnectedness of social, economic, and environmental aspects of urban systems. By promoting collaboration, innovation, and education, NUS Cities aims to play a pivotal role in shaping sustainable, resilient and liveable cities for the future.



### Annex 3.5: Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the National League of Cities

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

**Singapore**, **4 June 2024** – The Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the National League of Cities (NLC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) dedicated to networks, conferences and knowledge sharing. The MoU was inked at the World Cities Summit 2024.

The MoU was signed by CLC's Executive Director, Hugh Lim and NLC CEO and Executive Director Clarence Thomas.

#### **Objectives of the MoU**

- This MoU will see CLC and the NLC cooperating on:
  - a) Networks; and
  - b) Conferences and Knowledge Sharing
- On networks, the MoU will see the CLC and NLC leveraging on each other's networks to assist each other to connect with mayors, experts, and other relevant officials around the world. Through this exchange of knowledge and expertise, the parties aim to create and share new knowledge on liveable and sustainable cities
- 5 On conferences and knowledge sharing, CLC and NLC will work together to bring US mayors to the World Cities Summit and Mayors' Forums, for the purposes of increasing the international exposure for US cities looking to expand their international footprint.

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#### **About the National League of Cities**

The National League of Cities (NLC) is an organization comprising of city and town leaders from more than 2,700 cities across the United States of America (See web link <a href="here">here</a>).

Clarence Anthony is the CEO and Executive Director of the NLC. Under his leadership, the NLC worked with the US Federal Government and delivered billions of dollars in federal relief through the CARES Act and historic American Rescue Plan Act to help support local governments respond, recover and rebuild from the COVID-19 pandemic. Clarence Anthony was also a former Mayor himself, and based on his background and familiarity with US cities and urban governance issues, CLC has appointed him to the incoming World Cities Summit Knowledge Council. For more information, please visit: National League of Cities - 1924-2024: A Century of Strengthening Cities (nlc.org)