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Invitation Letter

General Assembly of Partners – Partner Constituent Group “Professionals”

Dear Sir/ Madam, dear Colleague

As you may be aware, the Habitat III Conference will be held in Quito, Ecuador in October 2016. As an inter-governmental conference that takes place every two decades (Habitat I was held in Vancouver in 1976; Habitat II in Istanbul in 1996), this is the place where the New Urban Agenda – including principles, issues, priorities, strategies and focus areas – will be determined for the next twenty years.

To ensure that the Habitat III conference and its outcome, the New Urban Agenda, are developed in a participatory manner, incorporating the views of a wide range of stakeholders, the **World Urban Campaign** has established the **General Assembly of Partners (GAP)**, as a special initiative lasting until the conclusion of Habitat III. **GAP aims to facilitate stakeholders' engagement and contributions** to the Conference. It consists of 14 Partner Constituent Groups (PCG), with members from the United Nations' major groups and other relevant stakeholders. GAP held its inaugural meeting on 13 April 2015 in Nairobi, Kenya where it adopted its Constitution and By-laws, and elected its office-bearers. (For more information, see www.worldurbancampaign.org/resources.)

Within the General Assembly of Partners, the Partner Constituent Group “Professionals” is aiming to **contribute and develop common positions** from a range of professions related to urbanisation and urban development, on key principles and thematic areas to be articulated in the New Urban Agenda. These positions will build on The Future We Want, The City We Need document developed by the Campaign, and the future Framework for Post 2015 Development. They will focus on principles, strategies, actionable recommendations, exemplary urban solutions and experiences – especially highlighting the role of professionals. Outcomes and positive positions emerging from this collaborative thinking process will be made available to the Habitat III Conference in Quito 2016.

With this letter, we would like to **invite you to join the Partner Constituent Group “Professionals”, which is chaired by ISOCARP and co-chaired by the UIA**. It is time to collaborate and develop together the New Urban Agenda.

Please complete the attached Form and send it back to us, you will be presented to the General Assembly of Partners as contributive partner. Many thanks in advance.

Kind regards

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Chair of the Constituent Group Professionals

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**Registration Form as Partner of the Constituent Group "Professionals"
In the General Assembly of Partners (GAP)**

Herewith, (Name)....., located in
(Address – Street / Country).....
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agree to become Partner of the Constituent Group "Professionals" within the General Assembly of Partners (GAP). We agree also to contribute to the elaboration of the "City We Need 2.0" and to the New Urban Agenda.

This partnership ends in Quito 2016 after the Habitat III Conference, no financial means are involved.

Yours faithfully,

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(Signature and Stamp)

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