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PACT  
FOR THE  
FUTURE  
OF  
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**The Future is Ours to Create**

# Municipal Movement

Back in 1913, the world was becoming increasingly interconnected, and peace was at stake. CITY DIPLOMACY had to take precedence over conflicts between national governments to seek transformation.

Since then, the global MUNICIPAL MOVEMENT has grown steadily. The call for greater recognition of cities, territories, and their networks as political actors in the multilateral system has grown as well.

We are an EQUALITY-DRIVEN MOVEMENT  
loyal to the principles of DECENTRALISATION,  
SUBSIDIARITY, and SELF-GOVERNMENT.

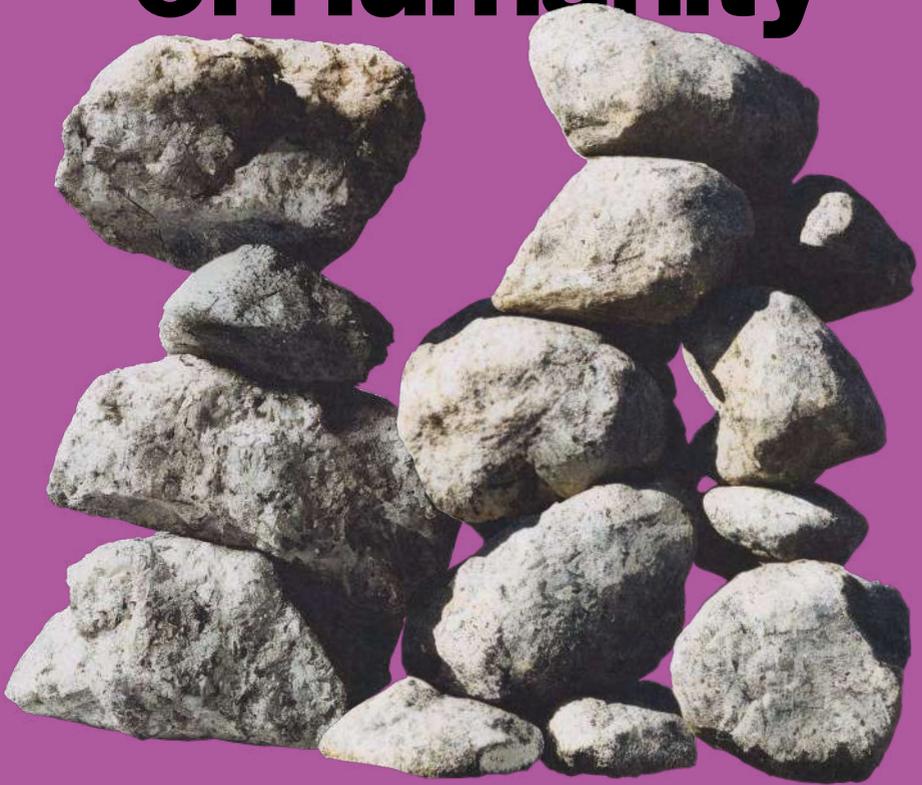


We bring the local perspective to the global  
agendas for sustainable development.

**Ghent**

**1913**

# Pact for the Future of Humanity



The mandate of local and regional governments:  
**THE PACT FOR THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY**

Through this Pact, we restate our commitment to the power of collective action, empowerment, shared ownership, co-creation, international cooperation and solidarity, the very cornerstones of harmonious and sustainable societies. Reaffirming our common humanity, we reject greed, prejudice and division and choose to place CARE at the heart of our Pact for the Future.

**Daejeon**

**2022**

# A New Social Contract

The current overlapping crises give us a renewed sense of purpose to deliver the transformations needed to act for humanity.

The local and regional governments constituency will participate in the UN Summit of the Future in 2024 to forge a new global consensus on our future.

The Pact will be a decisive contribution to renew the social contract for present and future generations through the lens of CARE.



**United Nations**



**2024**

# Why?

We recognise our unique responsibility in responding to the needs and aspirations of citizens, as the sphere of government closest to the people

We commit to making local and regional governments more efficient, responsive and caring in order to craft a new values-based and rights-driven social contract

We know no actor and no sphere of government can tackle the present crises alone, and we welcome civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders as essential partners

# What?

Collectively sharing our resources, skills and willpower

Revising our value systems, going beyond GDP to measure what really matters, and creating new development paradigms

Demonstrating that another way is possible for the people, the planet, and the government

# How?

Placing CARE at the center:

Through a quest for an ever-improving quality of life for all

With universal access to local public services and equal opportunities for all

Based on a human rights-driven, feminist, whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach

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**FOR  
PEOPLE**

The future we need includes **UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO AND EXPANSION of ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES.**

We will do this by incorporating the **RIGHT TO THE CITY** as a form of universal citizenship.



**FEMINISM** is the informing force behind the Pact, to **EMPOWER** local communities and ensure the well-being of **PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS** by:

Putting **HOUSING RIGHTS** front and centre in the public debate

Providing universal access to **EDUCATION** and **HEALTH**

Promoting **GENDER EQUALITY** as the cornerstone of a better future for all

Protecting **DIVERSITY**  
**CULTURE**  
**PEACE**  
**ACCESSIBILITY**  
& **HUMAN MOBILITY**

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**FOR  
PLANET**

The future we need is based on the urgent transition towards zero carbon and **LOCAL RESILIENCE**, transforming our collective relationship with nature.

We must advance a new vision to address climate change through mitigation and adaptation by:

Creating **NEW PATTERNS OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION**

Promoting sustainable and inclusive **FOOD SYSTEMS**

Incorporating **SUSTAINABILITY and PROXIMITY** as standard planning practices

Fostering affordable and inclusive **MOBILITY systems**

Protecting and justly redistributing **GLOBAL & LOCAL COMMONS**



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**FOR  
GOVERNMENT**

The future we need includes people-, rights-, and care-oriented democracies and solidarity, a **NEW RIGHTS-DRIVEN SOCIAL CONTRACT**.

We aim to reinstate **TRUST** between governments and citizens and foster a new way of doing politics ensuring that women and girls are not left behind.

A reform of the architecture of governance is much needed, by:

Promoting inclusive, participatory, and accountable **MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE**

Creating a stronger, more networked **MULTILATERAL SYSTEM** through better recognition and meaningful engagement of local governments

Guaranteeing meaningful **PARTICIPATION** in public life and decision-making

Strengthening **LOCAL FINANCE** and changing the international financial architecture, to prioritize the **COMMONS**

Guaranteeing the meaningful **PARTICIPATION** of citizens in public life and decision-making

Strengthening the **URBAN-RURAL CONTINUUM** within a system of small, intermediary and large cities and metropolises

The background is a collage of various elements. At the top, a portion of a globe is visible. Below it, a hand is shown holding a pen, as if writing. Several chairs of different styles are scattered throughout the scene, some appearing to be in motion or falling. The overall color palette is muted, with greys, whites, and soft blues, providing a high-contrast backdrop for the bright green text.

**THE  
FUTURE**

**IS OURS  
TO  
CREATE**

This Pact results from the local and regional governments' commitment to fulfill their responsibility to promote a more equitable and sustainable future for all. We want to:

Reaffirm our commitment to equality and solidarity, galvanize transformative action and strategic partnerships to unfold the Pact in all cities and territories

Actively contribute to revitalising the multilateral system through an influential voice in the United Nations' reform process

Speak directly to international agendas beyond 2030, with our organised constituency contributing to the UN Summit of the Future in 2024, and the World Social Summit in 2025

We are guided by equality, sustainability, and democracy.

**THIS IS OUR  
COMMITMENT:  
TO CARE FOR  
PEOPLE  
PLANET  
& GOVERNMENT**



For equality.



For the people.



For nature.

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For culture.



For governments.



For change.

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