

In 2009, for the first time ever, the world's population became more urban than rural. By 2050, around two-thirds of all people will live in cities and urban populations will grow by more than 2 billion people. It is therefore imperative to ensure Cities are liveable and that everyone has access to parks, open space and recreation.

The World Urban Parks organisation believes that urban parks, open space and recreation should be accessible for all.

World Urban Parks recognises the rights of Traditional Owners and pays respects to their elders past and present.

The key Principles by which World Urban Parks champions for urban park outcomes for liveable cities are:

#### **UNIVERSAL RIGHTS:**

We are committed to the principles of The UN - **The Universal Declaration of Human Rights** that are:

- *Universality*
- *Indivisibility*
- *Participation*
- *Accountability*
- *Transparency*
- *Non-Discrimination*
- *Right to participation in cultural life*

#### **ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**

We are committed to the principles of The UN - **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)** that are:

- *Principle of progressive*
- *Labour rights*
- *Right to social Security*

- *Right to family life*
- *Right to an adequate standard of living*
- *Right to health*
- *Right to free education*

#### **ACHIEVING THE THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

We are committed to supporting and achieving the UN – **Millennium Development Goals** that are:

- *Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Hunger and Poverty*
- *Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education*
- *Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women*
- *Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality*
- *Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health*
- *Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases*
- *Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability*
- *Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development*

#### **MEETING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS**

We are committed to achieving the following International Agreements and Protocols:

1. *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*
2. *International Council on Monuments and sites - Charters and resolution*

**World Urban Parks** champions urban park outcomes for city liveability, place-making, conservation and access, and provides strong membership services by connecting, leveraging and supporting diverse memberships across the international urban parks, open space and recreation community and allied sectors.

**Vision** - *A World where people value and have easy access to quality urban parks, open space and recreation*

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