Candidacy and Vision statement
General Assembly of Partners - PCG Professionals – 2017 Elections

To:
PCG Professionals members


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Dear colleagues,

A decade ago at Vancouver World Urban Forum, the global community celebrated the “urban century.” Today, millions of dedicated professionals strive to meet unprecedented social, economic, environmental, digital challenges.

We need to continue strengthening the recognition of the civil society and of professionals in shaping the global urban agenda along with nation states and others. We must also reinforce coordinated efforts at all scales to raise the profile of professionals and their organizations locally and globally and in all regions of the world.

The General Assembly of Partners has been a major breakthrough on the way to Habitat III and beyond, providing more visibility on the global stage to its 16 constituent groups. Following the successful achievement of UN Habitat 26th Governing Council in Nairobi in May 2017, GAP will have a huge responsibility in supporting the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

By submitting to you my candidacy as co-chair of the Professionals PCG within GAP, I commit to support joint efforts and initiatives among the professionals and together with all GAP constituent groups.

Our task is phenomenal and we will succeed by working in a harmonious, mutually confident and inclusive way together as well as with other entities and initiatives, such as the Habitat Professionals Forum. I would be honored and challenged should you endorse my application as co-chair of our group together with Ishiaque ZAHIR.

In the next two years, starting with the 2018 World Urban Forum, I wish we professionals can team up and have our voices heard and respected by public and private world leaders and citizens.

Yours,
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