

The 5th Alliance for Healthy Cities Global Conference



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Brisbane



“Healthy Urbanisation : Healthy People - Healthy Communities”

The Logan City and Brisbane City Declaration 2012 “Healthy Urbanisation: Healthy People – Healthy Communities”

Preamble

The Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC) is an international network aiming at protecting and enhancing community health through the approach called ‘Healthy Cities’. Many national, state, city and local government community projects aim at enhancing the social, environmental, cultural and health determinants and have been informed by this participatory approach. The Alliance for Healthy Cities has expanded to more than 200 cities through the Asia and Pacific Region since its inauguration in Kuching, Malaysia in 2004. Healthy City leaders from around the World received great encouragement and guidance at the previous AFHC Global Conferences in Suzhou, China in 2006, in Ichikawa, Japan in 2008 and in Gangnam, Korea in 2010. The ‘Ten Day Healthy Cities Forum’ was hosted by the Australian Chapter of the Alliance for Healthy Cities with support from Logan City and Griffith University, its many city partners including other Australian Universities.

At the 5th Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC) Global Conference held from 24 to 27 October 2012 in Logan City and Brisbane City, in South-East Queensland, Australia all members of the AFHC shared their values and experiences in creating a “Healthy Future” globally by focusing locally on the implementation of priority city needs, plans and policy thereby creating and maintaining healthy urban environments with a healthy people and healthy communities focus.

Healthy Cities as a global movement is best positioned to improve living conditions in cities, communities, villages, islands and other contextual settings. *Inspired by the Key Domains for Achieving Healthy Urbanisation (WHO, 2011)* the main theme of the 5th AFHC Global Conference was “Healthy Urbanisation: Healthy People - Healthy Communities”. With the 13th AFHC Steering Committee Meetings, Mayors Meeting, AFHC General Assembly and the quality Plenary, professional development workshops, breakout sessions, posters, community infrastructure site visits, technical site visits and pre and post conference short courses (including visits to other Australian Healthy Cities), this event challenged participants to respond to and improve healthy city leadership through the following 6 sub-themes:-

- Empowerment of Individuals and Communities: Engagement of all Sectors in Decision-Making
- Energy Efficiency, Pollution and Environmental Sustainability
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Healthy Settings and Chronic and Communicable Diseases Management
- Equity Based Health Systems and Service Delivery, and
- Environmental Health, Elimination of Extreme Poverty, Health Security and Emergency Preparedness and Response

We the leaders of cities, communities, the private sector, NGO’s, Industry and Universities reaffirm our commitment for Healthy Cities Approaches. The 5th AFHC Global Conference resolved to advance community well-being and liveability through participatory initiatives and prioritise: -

- Comprehensive local city partnerships by expanding and scaling-up healthy cities approaches and community engagement
- Develop appropriate healthy city and community programs to address poverty
- Child-friendly city design
- Building regional planning and appropriate local city and community physical, social-cultural, environmental and health urban infrastructure
- Addressing urbanisation with a strategic health planning approach and equity based health settings and services
- Implementing the Evidence-Based decision-making
- Moving towards a “Green” Economy
- Healthy active transport systems
- Research and policy for addressing climate change and the impacts on human health and prepare cities for the increasing severity of natural disasters
- Preserving natural environmental assets in and around cities and enact environmental protection and management policy and procedures

The Conference delegates agreed to support this Charter and build “Healthy Futures” in Cities and Communities Globally”.

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