

**XIV General Conference of the UBC
Växjö, Sweden, 24–27 October 2017**

“LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE – CITIES AS LEADERS FOR GLOCAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”

Dear Mayors and Member City representatives,

The XIV UBC General Conference entitled **“Leadership for the Future – Cities as Leaders for Glocal Sustainable Development”** will be organised in Växjö, Sweden, on 24–27 October 2017.

The Växjö Conference, which is also the 25th (26th) Anniversary session of the UBC, has a special importance. We live in challenging and in many ways extraordinary times. Today, Europe is facing fundamental challenges.

The active participation of cities is crucial, both in solving the big challenges to create jobs, innovate, make citizens feel more secure, integrate newcomers, protect the most vulnerable – and to make the water sources and air which everyone breathes cleaner. It is the cities that drive growth for their nations – and not the other way round.

Special emphasis on Mayors and politicians as well as youth

This year, and taking into account the situation, we stress especially the importance of political representation of cities. A special Mayors’ lunch will be organised on Wednesday 25 October to highlight the key role of political decision makers.

Likewise, our special emphasis is on youth participation. Remember to include at least 1–2 youth representatives in your delegation!

Registration is open at www.vaxjo.se/ubc until **1 October 2017**.

Statutory General Assembly on 26 October 2017

The statutory General Assembly of the UBC will take place on 26 October 2017.

The General Conference shall, inter alia, elect the Presidium, consisting of the President and three Vice-Presidents, the Executive Board member cities (for a two year period). The members of Presidium are elected as persons while Executive Board consists of elected Member Cities.

Member Cities wishing to nominate candidates for the posts of President or Vice-President shall do it in written and signed by the Mayor or other official representative of a Member City. All proposals should be sent to the Union Secretariat in Gdańsk by **26 September 2017**.

The member cities of the Executive Board will be elected by the General Conference. Nominations for the Executive Board members should be submitted officially by each country to the Union Secretariat by **26 September 2017**.

Esteemed Mayors, Member City representatives,

We do hope that you and your City will actively participate in the UBC General Conference in Växjö and present your achievements in its sessions. There is so much we can learn from each other!

By cooperating and by learning from each other we can promote sustainable smart development in the Top of Europe. We have invited prominent representatives from the European institutions and regional organizations to share their knowledge. However, the most important experts are the representatives of our Member Cities!

Therefore, we encourage that you:

- reserve the dates 24–27 October 2017 (and especially 25–26 October) for the UBC General Conference in Växjö;
- decide to include at least 1–2 young people in your delegation.

Please do not hesitate to contact the UBC Secretariat in Gdańsk for further details.

With kind regards,



Paweł Żaboklicki
UBC Secretary General

Attachment: UBC Statute