



**CONCLUSIONS OF THE XIII<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE UNESCO CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK**

**14 June 2019**

We, the member cities of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN), have gathered in Fabriano, Italy, for the XIII<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

We reiterate our appreciation to the Host City of Fabriano for its generosity and hospitality.

We reaffirm our strong commitment to serve UNESCO's mandate and principles of fostering international cooperation.

Pursuant to its deliberations, the XIII<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference has agreed to the following:

In its capacity as a UNESCO international platform for cooperation and innovation, the UCCN:

1. **Underscores** the Network's mission to build on culture and creativity for sustainable development enshrined in the UN Global Agenda 2030;
2. **Upholds** its fundamental values of diversity and development;
3. **Recalls** the geographical representation across the member cities as a cornerstone of the Network aimed at preserving its contribution to the diversity of cultures and of development paths at the city level worldwide;
4. **Renews** its commitment to leadership, building on the impact of culture, creativity, cooperation and innovation to foster sustainable cities and communities in line with SDG 11;
5. **Reaffirms** its critical contribution to the sharing of experiences, knowledge and best practices through multistakeholders partnerships that build evidence on the impact of creativity to support social and economic development, notably through the creative economy and the strengthening of local institutions, and to enhance social engagement and participation within and across communities to respond to the challenges and opportunities of urbanization;
6. **Recommends** the development of a long-term strategy for the governance and the sustainability of the UCCN, focused on demonstrating and measuring impact and achievements for sustainable development at the local, national and international levels in the spirit of the Agenda 2030;
7. **Further recommends** that the UCCN expands its strategy for outreach and partnerships from a transversal perspective within and across cities, as well as creative clusters, notably through a prioritized and strengthened corporate communication plan, notably with the support of the UNESCO National Commissions, UNESCO Chairs and Institutes, with a view to consolidate the Network's relevance and impact at the national and international level;
8. **Underscores** the need to better articulate the nexus between research and practice through resource mapping and measuring progress, with a view to expanding the Network's role to inform policy design and planning based on this nexus;
9. **Endorses** the membership of the Coordination Committee in its current composition, whose mandate will run for two years renewable one time; and reaffirms the responsibility of the Coordinators to ensure leadership within their respective clusters towards the implementation of the Network's strategy;
10. **Welcomes** the venue of the XIV<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in the city of Santos, Brazil, as the first ever of this kind in Latin America, which testifies the global outreach of the Network.