



Creative Cities Network



Conclusions of the VIII Annual Meeting of the UCCN

We, the members of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) assembled for its 2014 Annual Meeting in Chengdu, China, have considered arrangements for the future governance of the Network and have agreed on the following:

1. The Secretariat of the Network will be provided by UNESCO, with the responsibility to maintain liaison with all creative cities in all seven clusters, to propose programmatic initiatives and flagship projects, to manage the designation process of new members, to promote visibility, and to organize meetings as appropriate.
2. Fundraising for the Network will be another responsibility for the Secretariat to be complemented by voluntary mobilization efforts with private and public sources undertaken by member cities of the Network.
3. The selection and designation of new members of the Network will remain the exclusive prerogative of the UNESCO Director General. The Director General shall seek the views of the members of the relevant clusters as appropriate.
4. Each cluster of cities will organize itself in the form of a sub-network, led by a coordinating city designated by the members of each cluster.
5. All coordinators of the clusters sub-networks shall form a Steering Group which shall liaise with the Secretariat on all relevant programmatic, administrative, PR, lobbying, membership and financial issues.
6. The composition of the Steering Group shall be such that all geographical regions shall have at least one representative. If such geographical representation is not provided through the designation of the cluster coordinators, it will be to the cluster coordinators to coopt cities from non-represented regions.
7. Members of the Network who prepared strategic plans for the engagement with the UCCN are invited to share them with fellow members of the Network once approved by the cities concerned.
8. The UNESCO Secretariat will provide the Network as a whole and in particular the Steering Group and the cluster groups with a modern, creative and responsive digital platform linked to other existing relevant platforms to facilitate instantaneous and global communications.
9. The next Annual Meeting of the Network will be held in Kanazawa in 2015. The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Network will be held in Östersund.
10. Decisions at the Annual Meeting, in the Steering Group and in cluster meetings shall to the extent of possible be taken by consensus and acclamation.
11. There shall be an evaluation by UNESCO, in consultation with the relevant clusters, of the contribution by the members of the Network to its objectives in order to determine their continued association with the Network. UNESCO will work with the Steering Group to define the criteria and benchmarks of this evaluation exercise.