



## World Urban Parks Knowledge and Standards Committee Draft Terms of Reference

### Objectives:

The objectives of World Urban Parks are to be the international peak body for urban parks, open space and recreation in accordance with its constitutional vision, mission and goals.

The mission of World Urban Parks is to promote and support the provision, effective management and use of urban parks, open space and recreation world-wide as an integral contribution to healthy communities connected to the natural world.

The objectives of the World Urban Parks Membership and Partnerships Committee (the Committee) are to facilitate the vision, mission, and goals and objectives (1,2,4,7,8) of World Urban Parks; but more specifically to provide governance oversight, and activity, to:

1. Review, promote and facilitate international/national standards
2. Promote and facilitate benchmarking and best practices activities among WUP members.
3. Promote knowledge exchange by facilitating congresses, conferences, and seminars
4. Promote and coordinate international awards
5. Provide a platform for scientists and practitioners to work together to identify research and implement findings
6. Provide a sound scientific foundation and argument for urban parks, open space and recreation, including managing better parks for better cities, and park and recreation benefits to urban societies
7. Report on related agreements such as congresses and Yardstick benchmarking.

### Membership and Structure

- The Committee Chair is a World Urban Parks director appointed by the board and who reports to the board
- The Committee Vice Chair is appointed by the Committee.
- Members are approved by the Committee following an expression of interest
- Generally the Committee will have a minimum of eight members with the maximum at the discretion of the Committee
- The Committee may appoint working parties and a working party chair from any members within the region to assist projects. A minority of non-members may be appointed to working parties where relevant.

### Funding

- The Board may approve a budget to facilitate activity or projects; expenditure of which is subject to World Urban Parks financial delegation policy.
- The Committee may seek and administer sponsorship or grants monies.
- Funds are to be held in the consolidated World Urban Parks fund and subject to financial policies.

## Meetings

<b>Quorum</b>	A quorum is half the appointed members
<b>Frequency</b>	The Committee may meet face to face or by electronic means at least two times per year
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes will be kept of Committee meetings and tabled at Board meetings by the Chair. The Committee may call upon secretariat support.

## Accountabilities

<b>The Committee</b>	All functions and activities that enable it to achieve the objectives
<b>The Chair</b>	To provide support to the Committee and undertake the relevant activities to achieve the objectives

Appendix of Relevant Actions in the 2015/16 Business Plan:

- 2.1 Congress Expression of Interest
- 2.4 Co-provide World Parks News contributions
- 3.1 Establish [and oversight] an International benchmarking program
- 3.2 Create brochure on benefits of parks
- 4.2 Co-promote Healthy Parks Healthy People
- 6.2 Develop a list of projects suitable for sponsorship

Relevant Actions in the 2016/17 Business Plan that may be commenced:

- 1.4 Create a WUP 'Think Tank' of knowledgeable members to comment on key issues/themes
- 3.2 Create a Ponte de Lima Charter working party to set standards for park operations