Nomination Form for the Position of Member of the Executive Committee

To the Election Committee of CityNet:

I wish to nominate my city/organisation for the position of a Member of the CityNet Executive Committee 2018-2021 and attach herewith the following documents for your consideration.

- Form C: Vision for the Sustainability of CityNet
- Form D: Potential Contribution to CityNet

Please explain below why your city/organisation wishes to apply for the position of Member of the Executive Committee. You may write your explanation on a separate A4 size paper not exceeding one page. Please attach it along with the duly signed Form A.

1. Colombo is a founder member of CityNet since 1987 and continues to be an Executive Committee member to date and hence can contribute effectively to strengthen the network in the future as done in the past.
2. Colombo host the 8th CityNet Congress which will be held in Colombo from 5th to 8th Nov 2017.
3. Colombo provides leadership to other Local Authorities in Sri Lanka through the CITYNET National Chapter of Mayors Sri Lanka.
4. Many Projects were successfully completed by Colombo with other stakeholders under the initiative of CityNet. Wish to continue with more innovative and productive Projects to improve the services of Colombo in future.

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I. Vision for the Sustainability of CityNet

Guide Questions

Please describe your city/organisation’s vision for the management, development and sustainability of CityNet as a Network organization. Please include ideas on how to enhance CityNet’s capacities to meet the needs of members and to face pressing local and global challenges.

Write your answer in A4 size paper not exceeding two (2) pages and attach it with this duly signed Form C.

-Please refer Annex 1 -

Date: 24/04/2017
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Annex -1

Vision for the Sustainability of CityNet

CityNet to become and serve as the focal point and facilitator in Asia and the Pacific Region for promoting information and expertise exchange among various urban stakeholders particularly Local Authorities, NGOs and other urban actors in order to enable the cities of Asia and the Pacific Region to achieve high standards of living, sustainable socially and environmentally.

Since its formation in 1987 the CityNet has gained strength as an active and vibrant network of major local governments and other urban stakeholders in order to improve the living standards of the city dwellers and also as a focal point for voicing the needs of its members. During this period vast numbers have been benefited by the way of Study Visits, Advisory services, Staff exchanges, Internships, Training Programs, Workshops, Seminars, Research and information dissemination, Video & Skype conferences and Donor funded projects.

Vast strides of development achieved by many Asian cities have undoubtedly been benefited by contribution of CityNet. The enviable position enjoyed by Asia as the future center of growth of the world has to be realized on the strengths of large educated workforce and innumerable unutilized natural resources.

However the incidence of numerous conflicts as seen to occur in this region would marginally negate such progress if such nations in Asia fail to realize and use the advantage of inter country and intercity dialogue in the region. The friendly bonds established by CityNet could only contribute towards strengthening the above development process. Future efforts of Asian cities could be realized further to above by planned access to the information and experience gained with other developed cities and countries in the world. Colombo acted as the Asian City Coordinator while the Greater Lyon acted as the European Coordinator of EULYCITE – PRO ACT project which contributed to strengthen the Euro Asian network. CityNet can initiate more similar projects so that Asian cities can learn best practices and exchange knowhow from European cities. Another successful project initiated by CityNet was Post AWAREE project with Colombo, Dhaka, Makati and Danang to combat global warming through the achievement of environmental protection – oriented urban society. Recommendations of this project wherever applicable could be replicated to other cities of the network.

CityNet should facilitate to

- Strengthen National Chapters
- Improve interaction between Central, Provincial and local Government
- Promote Public Private Partnerships for an efficient service delivery in cities.
- Strengthen cities with new technology for effective service delivery
- Introduce E-government services in cities
- Share best practices in cities
CityNet should also continue to encourage member cities to promote donor funded projects based on city needs. CityNet can help cities in promoting and implementing SDGs.

Since the implementation of 2030 Agenda will greatly depend on local action and leadership, CityNet can facilitate cities to increase their capacities, financing, governance and affordable technologies through developing local partnerships.
II. Potential Contribution to CityNet

Guide Questions

If your city/organisation is elected as a CityNet Executive Committee member, describe what kind of contribution/s your city/organization can give to the network in order to achieve its vision and targets that your city/organisation has described in the Form C.

Write your answer in A4 size paper not exceeding two (2) pages and attach it with this duly signed Form D.

-Please refer Annex 2-

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Potential Contribution to CityNet

Colombo being the largest city and the commercial capital of Sri Lanka provides leadership to other Municipal Councils in Sri Lanka through the CityNet National Chapter of Mayors – Sri Lanka since 1997.

Under the initiative of CityNet, Colombo signed up to the 2010 – 2011 World Disaster Reduction Campaign and successfully implemented planned activities. As the leading city in Sri Lanka those activities will be disseminated to other cities through the National Chapter by contributing to CityNet to achieve one of its main objectives.

Colombo would extend its maximum cooperation to all other cities in Sri Lanka through the National Chapter in following way:

1. To introduce International partners known to Colombo by assisting other city staff to submit proposals to get donor funded projects.
2. To improve the awareness of local government and increase their understanding of their role in combating global warming.
3. To increase the Capacity of local government, especially on Financial Management and Strengthening of the Assessment System by creating opportunities to gain more Knowledge through the formation of City to City Cooperation.
4. To work closely with the Federation of Local Authorities in Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils to discuss common issues pertaining to cities and to make representations to the Central Government for better solutions.

Colombo conducts a weekly public Day on Wednesdays. This best practice can be shared with other city members of CityNet.

The Colombo Municipal council has an informative Geographical Information System (GIS) which acts as a platform for data sharing. Geographical information System (GIS) has been proved to be a very effective instrument in city management such as tax mapping, city planning and utility management on which the city can share its experiences with other Asian cities.

Cities often lack appropriate, updated and localized data to ensure a relevant urban management policy. Therefore, there is an imperative need to buildup efficient back office systems to support the administrative functions and local capacity for collecting and monitoring useful information as well as analyze these data with appropriate techniques which will help in the decision-making process. Like every large city in the world, Colombo is in the process of developing a location based GIS system. Since most Local government data is location based, equipping the organization with the latest in GIS technology provides the tools needed to make the local community under its purview better so that its operations run more smoothly, efficiently with cost and time savings. Colombo’s experience on enhanced decision making, service delivery and citizen engagement by the use of GIS will be replicated to other cities in Sri Lanka and to other member cities of the network through CityNet.
The modern management techniques of Continuous improvement and Bench Marking are another area where Colombo could contribute towards the benefit of other cities.

The experience of the Colombo in working with the community in Underserved Settlements (USS) for action planning service delivery is also areas where Colombo has collected wide experience. Colombo could offer expertise in the above three areas to other Asian cities via CityNet.

On CityNet initiative the two-year networking and capacity building Project called PROACT paved the way for better interaction between Euro – Asian “City to City” Cooperation (more globally the so called decentralized co- operation) and bilateral and multilateral support of urban projects. Colombo gave the leadership as the Asian City Coordinator. Similar projects could be implemented in future to strengthen the Euro – Asian network. Above exchanges of experience could be replicated to other cities in Sri Lanka through the National Chapter under the guidance of CityNet.

The know-how of the development needs and the local working environment of the recipient Asian cities could be beneficially combine with experience of European counterparts which is often enrich with knowledge gained through successes as well as failures. Colombo having successfully completed such EU funded projects and also carrying out such projects with EU will readily share experience with any other cities.

Colombo in partnership with HELP-O and Sevanatha (Associate members of CityNet) successfully completed an Environmental Education Project targeting young students in Colombo and Galle Schools with the assistance of CityNet Yokohama Office. The project achieved its goals by deepening the student’s understanding of the preciousness of local biodiversity and strengthening their personal commitment to environmental protection. Colombo model can be replicated to other cities through CityNet.

Post AWAREE Projects which was an initiative of CityNet supported by JICA is to combat Global Warming through the achievement of Environmental Protection Oriented Urban Society. Through this project continuous environmental education and awareness programmes have been introduced in several schools in Colombo which will be replicated to other cities as well, through the National Chapter.

With the experiences gained through above projects, Colombo will continue to work with CityNet for efficient service delivery to communities and improving the urban environment by creating environmental Protection Oriented societies in Asian cities and to improve the awareness of local governments and increase their understanding of their role in Combating Global Warming, Disaster Reduction Campaign etc.