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. Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) representing (Former Dhaka City Corporation) has been involved with CITYNET activities since 1987. Dhaka North City Corporation has been elected Executive Committee member in 2013 and actively participated in CITYNET activities. Hosted 28th Executive Committee meeting at Dhaka in November 2011.

2. Dhaka is the president of the CITYNET National Chapter, Bangladesh since 1994 and collaborated with the members in organizing meetings, capacity building program. Implemented National Chapter Pilot projects which has wider replication in cities. DNCC is maintaining a good network among cities for sharing knowledge and ideas of development.

3. Dhaka is also the Co-lead City of the Climate Change Cluster and organized International Seminar on Climate Change-Role of Local Governments at Dhaka in November 2011. DNCC is implementing Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) activities which benefits the cities from learning good practices.

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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.

CITYNET has evolved as a networking organization in the Asia-Pacific Region aiming at guiding the cities of its growth and challenges. It is a platform of sharing and learning of best practices from the other cities through knowledge transfer and capacity building. It acts as a resource hub and a communication channel through which members gain ideas, exchange views and share knowledge. It helps to build up skill of the cities by organizing technical visit and dispatching expert of particular interest. It mobilizes funds and technologies to the member cities for pilot projects with an emphasis on sustainability and scalability. The communication and outreach programme such as e-bulletins, newsletters, documentations, Skype conference etc. has updated the members about CITYNET activities. The National Chapter and Cluster activities of CITYNET have enriched knowledge and capacity of the members on the different urban issues. The technical workshops and trainings conducted under the clusters such as climate change, disaster management, SDGs and infrastructures have created opportunity for sharing knowledge on the pressing local and global issues and challenges.

CITYNET is passing nearly 30 years. During this period, CITYNET has achieved a good reputation (visibility and presence) in the region as well as in the globe as it has brought the cities in a network of sharing urban issues and challenges for influencing change in making cities better places to live, work and prosper. It has many achievements however it could not reach the targets as expectation in terms of institutional and financial sustainability. CITYNET is a member driven organization and its financial base is on members’ contribution. However, every years a significant amount of membership contribution is found uncollected and membership is suspended due to huge dues of the members. According to CITYNET mandate, it is an organization of a democratic, inclusive, participatory and consultative style of functioning organization; however, it is found that it acts like an UN agency rather than an organization of the city authorities and the civic organizations. CITYNET activities should be more strategic, it is more engaged in capacity building however the working avenue should be extended in governance and management such as promoting facilitation in appropriate urban development policies, strategies and institutions. CITYNET should focus more on education, awareness building and strategy formation on larger global issues in the regional perspective with local context such as global warming and climate change, urban sustainability etc. CITYNET is engaged in networking and interacting within the member cities however, it should extend its focus on regional political and economic forums such as SAARC, World Economic Forum etc. or with the aid agencies and the national governments to address the urban challenges. CITYNET has grown up as an organization of developing capacity building of the members; however, it has not worked or inspired
the members to build ownership. The key contact in the member cities are with the Mayors and sometimes the associated members of a city are not willing acquainted with the programmes of CITYNET. A national chapter is a good idea to bring the other members and associates in a platform. However, the national chapters are facing institutional challenges. To make the National Chapters instrumental, attract more in country members and thus establish better interface with the national governments. A financially healthy CITYNET is needed. The substantial amount of money has been spent in administrative cost of the secretariat; however, investment is needed in development activities also. In this case, financial resource base has to be created. The region needs influential and resourceful organization to address the daunting urban challenges, CITYNET has to work in that pace not only through its visibility but through its strong leadership.

DNCC has started its mission for a Liveable, Smart, Clean and Green City. The City has demonstrated some good examples. The City wants to learn and share some good practices from the CITYNET networking cities. As CITYNET is working with the Cities in developing capacities and knowledge so DNCC can contribute in developing strategies towards achieving SDGs, Resilience, Peoples’ oriented development.

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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.

If Dhaka North City Corporation has been elected as Executive Committee member, it will raise the issue of how to make CITYNET more pro-active in the regional political and economic forums. CITYNET should not be an organization within the member countries but it should be more strategic to be an organization of global spirit and agenda. The global issues such as global warming, climate change, sustainable growth and development etc. should be advocated and addressed. DNCC will facilitate and take lead role in strengthening CITYNET National chapter, Bangladesh to make it more productive so that in country members are benefitted, DNCC will continue to work as leading city of climate change cluster and member of disaster cluster and facilitate the activities of CITYNET in addressing the global climate change and disaster risk reduction issues. As in Bangladesh, new CITY Corporations are being established; DNCC will collaborate and bring them in the National Chapter platform. DNCC will provide the institutional back up support to National Chapter and find out ways to make the Chapter more effective and operational. DNCC will organize training and exposure visit programme for the CITYNET members. It will also encourage the different potential partner organizations to be the member of CITYNET and help the secretariat in collection of membership fee. DNCC will promote CITYNET through public promotion to prospective members and to enhance its visibility and image. It will also help to provide technical advisory service to the member cities who intends to receive from Dhaka. DNCC can provide advisory services on solid waste management, disaster risk reduction, urban infrastructures, drainage etc. to member cities. DNCC with its present capacity will host CITYNET meeting, training programme and study visit programme for the member cities.

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