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.

Date: 28/5/2017
Name of City/Organisation: Kathmandu Metropolitan City

Signature:

Full Name: Eshor Raj Poudel
Title (Head of City/Organisation): Chief and Executive Officer

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Form A

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Kathmandu Metropolitan City is the oldest metropolis of Nepal and being the cultural, historical and archaeological hub it has different and unique standing and recognition among the metropolis all over the world. Kathmandu Metropolitan City is an active member of CITYNET since about 2 decades. It has been working collectively with CITYNET in addressing various local and global issues concerned with its member cities and is being benefitted itself too. The master plan of KMC incorporates the collaboration of KMC with different national and international groups for dual beneficiaries. Being the major metropolis of Nepal it’s been playing parental role for other local bodies in their need till now. After the establishment as a metropolis it has been facing different issues related to the urban development, governance, disasters and also been coping with these problems effectively. Experiences and knowledge gained in due course of time are being shared to other cities through workshops, training and seminars. And still there are various unsolved issues which KMC is willing to cope through the collaboration with other cities. After the issuance of new constitution and local level election KMC has transformed from local body to local level (Very much similar same as local government). Now being autonomous local level it has its own extended mandate with exclusive rights and concurrent rights too. Accordingly it has its own vision, planning and authorities and is willing to move forward in a new way in collaboration with other cities within the nation and beyond.

Hence, To cope with new urban management agendas, to incorporate smart and sound technologies, to address common challenges faced by cities and to cooperate in the phase of Disaster and Crisis Situation KMC finds CITYNET as vital platform. Apart from this, KMC also finds CITYNET as an umbrella organization and the position of Member of the Executive Committee as a leadership opportunity for addressing the local and global issues of its member cities and itself for the mutual benefits.

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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.
1. Vision for the Sustainability of CityNet

Kathmandu Metropolitan City (KMC), the capital and the historical metropolis in Nepal is the cosmopolitan heart of the Himalayan region. It has a glorious history dating back to more than two thousand years and a harmonious culture that ranks among the highest in Asia. It is also a modern financial and business hub, exotic tourist destination and a sacred destination for pilgrims.

The promulgation of New Constitution and recent local level election after 20 years in Nepal has given sparkling spotlight and clear mandate for the city leaders to exercise the essence of local autonomy.

City Council of KMC has passed the vision and policies of strengthening and enhancing bilateral as well as multilateral relations subsisting between and among International Organizations and Cities beyond and within the Country. Particularly, for the issues of Urban Management, Governance, Capacity Enhancement and Knowledge/Technology Transfer KMC is committed to cope with the member organization and cities.

Kathmandu Metropolitan City has been a member of CITYNET for over two decades and has acquired significant knowledge, skills and experiences of good practices through many trainings, workshops and seminars offered by CITYNET. KMC remains committed to retaining the membership as it is the pioneering metropolis and which allows dissemination of information and knowledge for other cities in Nepal as well.

CITYNET has been growing continuously and its diversification of programs and activities have been appropriate to address current challenges that many of the cities in Asia are facing. In our context, during the past two decades we have seen extreme urbanization which naturally compels us to address numerous issues that come with it. This trend in Nepal is expected to continue however the economic growth has also been projected higher for the coming years. The recent local level election is a positive indicator since the municipal authorities now can propel further programs and activities to improve services, infrastructure and governance to make cities a more livable for people from all sectors.
With the upcoming positive developments, below are some of the ideas KMC proposes for the development and sustainability of CITYNET:

1. KMC feels that it can contribute ideas, leadership and platforms for enhanced knowledge sharing activities not just for the cities in Nepal but also for the cities in CITYNET. KMC has a strong resource for mobilizing its experts and offering avenues for knowledge sharing in various types of fields. The city can take the leadership to maximize sharing of new ideas and techniques for other cities such as in the case of the ongoing engineering training offered through Yokohama. For this particular case, while the training itself is based in Kathmandu, during each training, the city invites more than 10 municipalities who were affected during the earthquake to benefit from the lessons being shared through experts from Yokohama.

2. KMC as the capital city also has the capacity to conduct and organize high level seminars which attracts not only the interests of the national government but also foreign governments and international agencies. As CITYNET will also needs steady income generation, KMC can help provide ideas which can attract stakeholders working in development issues to collaborate on activities not just limited to Nepal but also on a regional basis.

3. KMC envisions CITYNET as a key regional actor and a partner in addressing urban challenges. One such idea is for the network to further strengthen itself through expert group meetings in various fields so that the group can come up with practical recommendations as well as directions of activities to be developed which will be in line with CITYNET’s mid-term plans and aligns to global agendas. Therefore, KMC would like to nominate itself as an Executive Committee member of CITYNET for strengthening member relations and governance for CITYNET.

4. Comparing activities and programs of other similar networks has become critical. KMC is also a member of many other network and organizations. In order for CITYNET to sustain, it will need to produce programs that are unique, relevant and can only be offered by CITYNET.

5. Member diversification is also important for CITYNET. The network will have to expand its research activities to find excellent examples not just from Asian cities but from Europe, N. America, S. America, and Australia.
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.

Date: 20/5/2017
Name of City/Organisation: Katmandu Metropolitan City
Signature:
Full Name: Ekta Prakash Pokhrel
Title (Head of City/Organisation): Chief and Executive Officer
II. Potential Contribution to CityNet

> As stated in section C of this application, KMC has accumulated vast knowledge over the years working with various international agencies and being the pioneering metropolis in Nepal, the city generates its own revenue to cover most of the programs and activities. With the proper authority, the city is now getting ready for implementing many programs which has been on the planning for many years. As such below are some contributions that KMC may be able to make aligning with the points mentioned in section C.

1. KMC can definitely be the lead city in Nepal for all CITYNET members to coordinate knowledge sharing activities. It can not only share best practices from KMC to other cities in Nepal but through various platforms, good examples from other cities in Nepal may also be disseminated to members of CITYNET through topic specific seminars, trainings, or conferences.

2. Collaboration with stakeholders from both government and non-government sectors will be essential in addressing urban issues. CITYNET members have vast amount of knowledge which can be useful to each other. As a capital city, KMC has the experience of organizing high level seminars with local and international government bodies as well as partners. This experience can bring many useful stakeholders together and make them aware of CITYNET for new collaborations.

3. Regarding the creation of expert groups, the experts may come from various cities and countries so that diverse discussions can take place which will help focus on critical steps necessary to develop programs. Local governments everywhere have amassed much knowledge and experience which can definitely be tapped for creating valuable programs for other cities. CITYNET as a network has that capacity to maximize the potential if proper strategies, planning and implementation can be managed. The entire process may be directed by the expert groups.

4. Nepal also has excellent academic and research institutions. Such institutions may be tapped for conducting researches on urban issues and defining what may be essential for CITYNET to develop.
Located in the developing country, such institutions may have better understanding of the issues on the ground which will help identify key areas and strategies which have not been covered by other networks. KMC can help CITYNET become more unique and proactive in addressing urban issues.

5. Naturally, cities are attracted to better ideas and examples which have proven effective in addressing urban issues. CITYNET needs to diversify and include more members from developed countries including Japan, Australia, Europe and the Americas. KMC may help in connecting other cities to CITYNET which it already has good relations with, especially through its sister-city network.