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In a historic action, the General Assembly of Partners (GAP) Executive Council unanimously approved the addition of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Partner Constituent Group (PCG) to its platform. In welcoming SOGI as its 17th Partner Constituent Group, GAP is the first global stakeholder and partnership platform which is recognized by the United Nations to include a constituent group focused entirely on issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity.

SOGI, with an initial membership of 11 organizations working in 10 countries, aims to protect and promote the rights of LGBTI2S people living in cities across the world. It will do so by supporting member states’ commitments in the New Urban Agenda to eliminate all forms of discrimination in cities and make human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable for all.

The General Assembly of Partners represents more than 1200 unique organizations from every region of the world. GAP contributed to the New Urban Agenda through advocacy and engagement during its negotiation process.

It is an independent self-organized platform of 17 equal Partnership Constituent Groups working towards the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and other UN agreements.

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