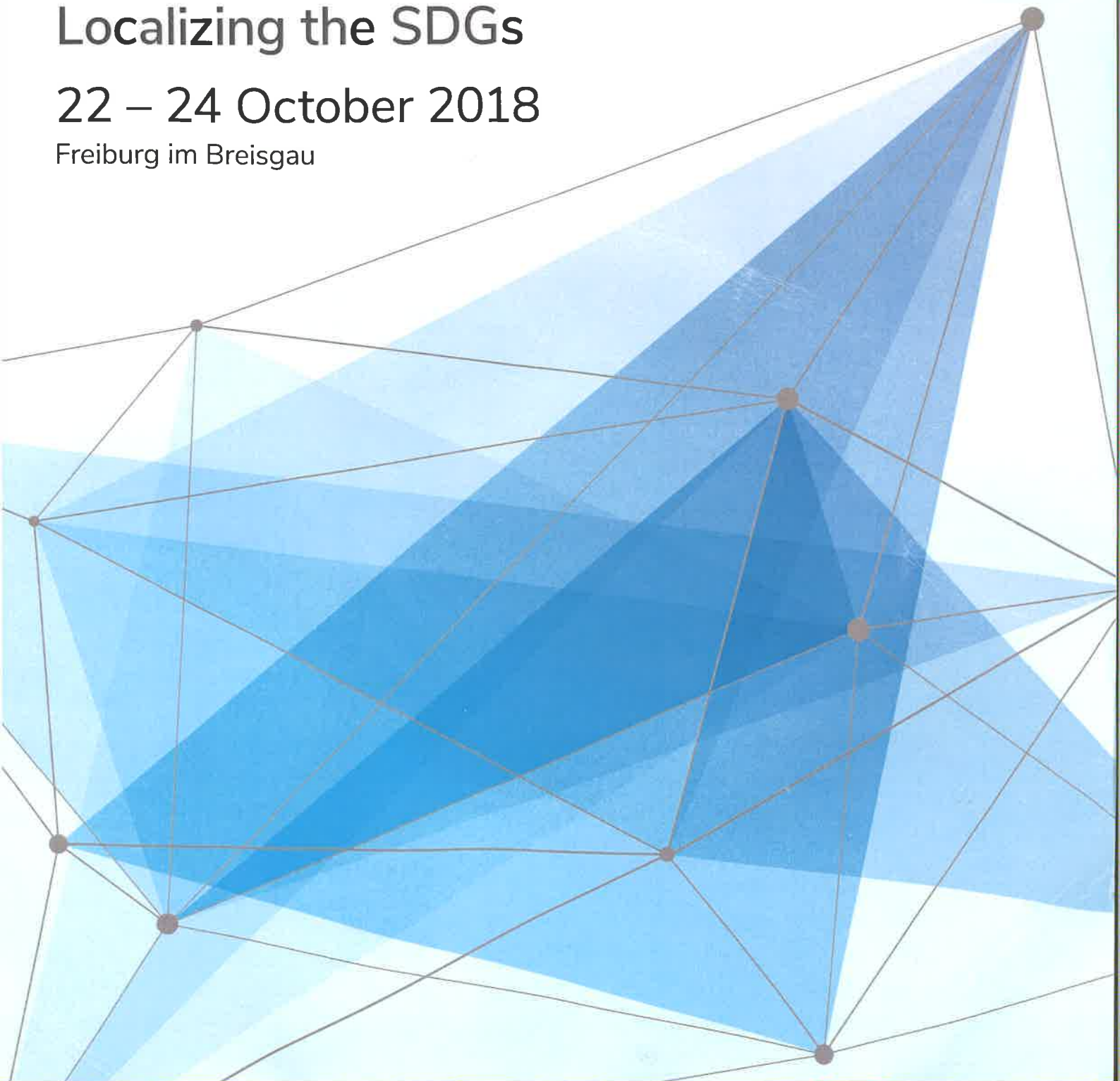


DECLARATION

International Sister Cities Conference – Localizing the SDGs

22 – 24 October 2018

Freiburg im Breisgau



DECLARATION OF THE SISTER CITIES

1. PREAMBLE

In September 2015, Heads of State and Government agreed to set the world on a path towards sustainable development through the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This agenda includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which set out quantitative objectives across the social, economic, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development – all to be achieved by 2030. The goals provide a shared action framework “for people, planet and prosperity” to be implemented by “all countries and all stakeholders, acting in collaborative partnership.”

2. INTRODUCTION

Considering the important role of municipalities in implementing the SDGs and contributing to the Agenda 2030, the City of Freiburg invited its sister cities from all over the world to foster global partnerships for a sustainable development. The International Sister Cities Conference 2018 therefore promotes networking, the exchange of knowledge among experts, and global cooperation within the framework of the Agenda 2030.

3. STAKEHOLDERS

The official sister cities of Freiburg im Breisgau, involved in this conference, are as follows:

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| - Besançon, France | - Madison, USA |
| - Esfahan, Iran | - Matsuyama, Japan |
| - Granada, Spain | - Padua, Italy |
| - Guildford, United Kingdom | - Suwon, South Korea |
| - Innsbruck, Austria | - Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel |
| - Lviv, Ukraine | - Wiwilí, Nicaragua |

4. COMMITMENT

We herewith declare that we recognize the important role of municipalities in achieving the globally valid Sustainable Development Goals. We commit ourselves to enacting local government policies which promote a sustainable development within the jurisdiction of the municipality under any law. We promise to “think global and act local” and thus contribute to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

5. TARGET

Our aim is to foster the achievement of the Agenda 2030 and mainly its SDGs 4, 11 and 13 by collaborating and acting on the local level and profiting from global partnerships.

6. REALIZATION

In order to realize our commitment, we will focus on exchange amongst the involved stakeholders working on similar projects or issues. Exchange and continuity will be ensured through a Technical Commission consisting of a selected representative from each sister city. Through collaboration on the creation of common projects, we will capitalize on the potentials, capacities, and resources of all involved.

7. MONITORING

Our progress, results, successes and challenges will be analyzed at a follow-up conference which will take place, at the earliest, in 2020.