The Global Compact on Inclusive and Accessible Cities
A Global Compact is an agreement between different countries to work together towards a goal.

We want to build cities that are accessible and inclusive for everyone.

We will promote inclusion for everyone. This is most important for older people, people with disabilities, and people with learning disabilities.
To promote means to support and let as many people as possible know about an idea.

The countries in the United Nations make agreements called treaties.

We think these three treaties are very important and we agree with what they say:

The Charter of the United Nations
This is an agreement to aim for world peace and get along with other countries.
The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
This is an agreement to protect the rights of people with disabilities.

The United Nations Principles for Older Persons
This is an agreement to protect the rights of older people.

They all agree that all people are equal, and have equal rights.

We also agree with what The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and The United Nations’ New Urban Agenda say.
The United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals are 17 goals to try and make the world better for people with disabilities.

The United Nations’ New Urban Agenda is an agreement to make sustainable cities that are accessible to everyone.

Sustainable means that something can keep working for a long time with as little harm to the environment as possible.

By the year 2050 there will be more than 2 billion people who are aged over 60 or have a disability.
It is important that these people can use the city they live in and be a part of their communities.

We believe in the social model of disability. This means that people are disabled by barriers and not by their own disability.

There are physical barriers like buildings not having accessible toilets.

Or social barriers which are peoples thoughts and attitudes towards someone with a disability.

Like thinking a disabled person can not do things on their own.
4 out of 5 people with disabilities live in poverty and experience discrimination like not having an accessible place to live.

**Discrimination** is when a person is treated unfairly or badly because the person is one of a group.

Accessibility is very important and we must make sure that people with disabilities have equal access to everything people without disabilities do.

Making things accessible can help everyone, not just people with disabilities.
It is easier and cheaper to make something accessible at the start, than it is to try to make something accessible after it is built.

We will mostly work towards the accessibility and inclusion parts of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.

We think that barriers to inclusion put older people and people with disabilities at risk during natural disasters.

These barriers can be not having early warning systems in place or not having accessible transportation.
By making cities that are accessible and inclusive we can make it safer during a disaster.

We want to work towards the following goals.

Non Discrimination

We will try and stop discrimination.

We will build cities that are accessible and age friendly.
We think that everyone has the right to accessibility.

We think everyone should be able to get and be able to pay for the things they need, like housing, healthcare and education.

We will make sure that young people with disabilities are able to have an education, use public places and can enjoy their right to play.

We will make sure women are treated equally, especially women with disabilities, older women, and pregnant women.
We will support people to live independently by making our cities accessible and inclusive.

We will plan buildings to be accessible before they are built. This will help us to make access better without spending a lot of extra money.

We will promote more inclusive services and shops and make them more accessible for everyone.

We want to have more accessible ways to give information like audio, braille, sign language or easy read.
We believe that making accessible websites and training people to help will make services more accessible and help people to take part in their community.

Taking part

We will make sure everyone gets to have a say in new plans and changes to the city.

We think letting older people and people with disabilities have a say will help them get rid of barriers and make the city more accessible.

We will promote everyone to think about accessibility when they are planning and building.
We will work with other organisations that support older people and people with disabilities.

We will make sure that everyone has the chance to have a full education or apply for jobs.

We will make sure that there is support for independent living for those who need it.

We will make sure that there is technology to meet accessibility needs.
We want to have safe and affordable travel for everyone.

Inclusive Rules and plans

We will make sure we always follow the laws on accessibility.

We will make sure people have a say in how the city is run.

We will make sure that all public places follow rules about being accessible.
We will make rules about accessibility and make sure everyone has a say when a building and city is being planned.

We think this will help protect people from disasters.

We want to protect important places from history.

We want to make public spaces more accessible so everyone can enjoy them.
We want to make sustainable and safe transport for everyone.

We think that everyone should have a say in how cities are planned and run and we will work with other organisations that help people have a say.

We will support people that research ways to make city planning and building more accessible and inclusive.

We will support research into new ways of sharing information.
We will support research into making digital and face to face communication easier for everyone.

We will support accessibility plans that older people and people with disabilities have had a say in.

Information to research

We want to understand the barriers that different people can face.

It is important we do research on each different group because they all have different barriers.
Doing this research and sharing what we learn will help us understand the barriers to inclusion.

We want to use this research to get rid of the barriers.

Lots of different countries will share the research they have done so we can learn what works best.

We will then share what we find so that we can make cities better for everyone.
Our Promise

We promise to keep sending out reports that tell everyone how our work is going.

We will give our reports to the United Nations’ Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

These are groups of people who work for the united nations to make sure everyone is meeting their goals and being sustainable.