



Attachment #1
Invitation to Strong Cities Network Global Summit



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**Stronger Together: Forging Safer, Connected, Thriving Cities
in a Changing World**

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Dear Esteemed Colleague,

The [Strong Cities Network](#) and the [City of Toronto](#) are pleased to invite you to the Strong Cities [Sixth Global Summit](#) from 9 to 11 December 2025.

This landmark event will bring together mayors, local government officials, civil society organisations, national governments, private sector stakeholders and practitioners from around the globe to catalyse city-led action to fight rising hate and polarisation and foster safer, connected, thriving cities.

In a time of rising global tensions and cascading crises, traditional international cooperation mechanisms are under significant strain. City-to-city cooperation is vital to bridging divides, fostering trust and maintaining crucial cross-border dialogue. Cooperation between local governments and national counterparts, private sector and community-based partners is crucial to operationalising and sustaining a whole-of-society approach to preventing and countering all forms of hate and safeguarding social cohesion.

The **Sixth Global Summit** will serve as a platform to share bold ideas, innovative strategies, and evidence-based solutions aimed at catalysing global cooperation to build resilient communities, strengthen community safety, and promote economic and digital inclusion as a pillar of a “Strong City”. These include Toronto’s continuing efforts, as evidenced by its [recently updated safety and well-being plan](#), to build safer, more inclusive communities that celebrate diversity and foster resilience.

The Summit will also showcase progress made with implementing priority areas and learnings from the [Fifth Global Summit](#), held in Cape Town, South Africa, in December 2024.

Finally, as the culminating event of **Strong Cities’ 10th anniversary year**, the Summit will celebrate a decade of empowering local leaders and catalysing city-led solutions to prevent and respond to hate, extremism and polarisation, and chart forward a second decade of sparking city-led action.

Participants will engage in high-level plenaries, interactive workshops and tabletop exercises, and targeted networking opportunities designed to foster collaboration and inspire impactful city-led solutions across a number of themes, including:



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- community safety and wellbeing, with a particular focus on the role of cities in secondary and tertiary prevention;
- countering hate and other on-line harms;
- digital and economic inclusion for all residents as crucial enablers of social cohesion and local resilience; and
- national-local cooperation as the foundation for effective prevention and response.

There will also be opportunities for city practitioners from around the world to **learn from the City of Toronto's comprehensive approach to prevention**, reflecting its deep-rooted commitment to community safety, resilience, cross-sector collaboration, and inclusive communities. Toronto's decision to become a member of Strong Cities and now to host its Sixth Global Summit reflects its deep commitment to this approach and to city-to-city learning and sharing:

“As a member of the Strong Cities Network, Toronto has witnessed firsthand the transformative power of cities coming together to tackle shared challenges. This year, the need for collaboration is even more urgent. We are proud to be hosting the Sixth Global Summit and to share Toronto's commitment to building resilient communities that prioritize safety, inclusion, and well-being for all residents.”

Her Worship Olivia Chow, Mayor of Toronto

Sponsors and Collaborators

Summit sponsors and collaborators include the City of Toronto and Public Safety Canada, with more to be announced in the lead-up to the event.

Venue

The Summit will be held at the [Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre](#).

Languages

The primary language will be English, with Arabic, French and Spanish interpretation available during plenary and breakout sessions.

Registration and Travel Support

Please register via this online form: [Summit Registration Form](#).

As spaces are limited, we encourage you to register as soon as possible. When you register, you may request travel support to enable your participation, while recognising that such support is limited and will likely not be available to all who request it.



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