

Dear Mayor Eiríkur Björn Björgvinsson

As a follow up to the Arctic Circle Assembly in October 2017, Displacement Solutions, together with UN Habitat would like to invite you to participate in the launch of the Arctic Resilient Cities Network (ARCN) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during the World Urban Forum, 7-13 February 2018.

Your role as a panellist in a networking event to be held in the AFINUA Room at the conference venue will be to discuss the challenges and opportunities presented within the Arctic Region, their importance at a global scale, and to formally launch, as part of the proceedings, the ARCN..

The networking event will be a two-hour session composed of a panel of 'Lighthouse Mayors' representing cities and towns across the Arctic Region. The event will also have a second panel representing 'respondents' drawn from indigenous communities, youth networks, private sector and academia who will reflect on your ideas and hopefully enrich them with their own.

This event is a part of the formal proceedings of the World Urban Forum and its conclusions will be reflected in the official record of WUF 9, and presented as part of the partner's engagement with UN Habitat in its next Governing Council Session in 2019.

With apologies for this late invitation, and on behalf of the organizers I hope you will agree to come to Kuala Lumpur as; an active participant in this event, to contribute your knowledge guiding UN Habitat in the future, and to take advantage of the presence of some of the world's leading urbanists, and thinkers.

Further details will be sent once logistics and final programme arrangements are communicated by the WUF 9 Secretariat, but to prepare further, we would appreciate your earliest confirmation of your interest to participate.

Sincerely, and on behalf of UN Habitat and Displacement Solutions,

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