

Toyama Declaration

Preamble

We, members of the Most Beautiful Bays in the World Association, representing 29 bays from 15 different countries, gathered in General Assembly between October 16 and October 20, 2019, in Toyama, Japan, for the 15th World Congress of our organization;

- Acknowledging the holding of this congress for the first time in Japan, and confirming the privileged place occupied by the Bay of Toyama, with its Japanese sister bays, within our organization, as well as the important role they are led to play, with bays from other regions of the world, in facing the current challenges of our living environments;
- Commending the generous contribution of Toyama Prefecture to this event, the sustained efforts of its people to preserve its natural beauty and recognizing Toyama Prefecture's efforts as a leader in environmental conservation and energy in the Pacific Northwest region towards the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- Reaffirming our commitment to multilateral exchanges, transfer of experience and expertise, as well as social, cultural, sporting, commercial and industrial exchanges between our populations;
- Reaffirming our commitment to the fundamental principles of sustainable development in order to promote the preservation or improvement of the environmental and protective conditions of each member bay;
- Reaffirming our willingness to provide access to research and scientific studies that will enable us to achieve the objectives of their preservation and touristic, economic and social development;
- Confirming our willingness to act, in constant active solidarity, as a facilitator, resource and disseminator for our member bays on the basis of a local, national and international recognition that allow us to use public forums to express our views on issues of concerns;

We declare, in the continuity of the reflections, ideas and wishes that we have expressed together, that we have agreed, at the conclusion of this 15th World Congress, to devote our energies, and to commit ourselves, as far as possible, to prioritizing the following areas of development:

- a. Strengthening communications between each member and the organization's governance, in particular by encouraging the emergence of mobilizing projects such as an international day of bays for the environment and by encouraging the emergence of North-South partnership projects as well as the exchange of expertise between each member;
- b. Fulfilling its role on the international scene and strengthening its participation in international forums in line with the fundamental principles and criteria that have founded the organization, with priority given to sustainable development;
- c. Consolidating its international status by promoting the development of financial partnerships with international public organizations and private organizations whose objectives are compatible with the organization's criteria.

Toyama, October 18, 2019