## **GLOBAL CITIES**

## Relationships in Aotearoa New Zealand

Global Cities New Zealand is a non-profit membership organisation that supports local governments and communities within Aotearoa New Zealand to engage in the global world

## **KEY DEFINITIONS**

**Sister cities** are relationships between two communities in different countries designed to last indefinitely. Sister cities were historically established to promote peace, goodwill and understanding at a grass-roots level between people and communities divided by war.

**Friendship cities/districts** generally represent less formal versions of sister cities. For this reason, they can also be regarded as stepping-stones to sister city relationships.

Other forms of relationships include strategic alliances, sister ports, memorandums of understanding, memorandums of cooperation, and cooperative regions.

