

THE 5TH MAYORAL FORUM ON HUMAN MOBILITY,
MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

CITY LEADERSHIP IN IMPLEMENTING THE UN GLOBAL COMPACTS

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1. BACKGROUND

Mayors and senior city executives from across the globe will participate in the 5th Mayoral Forum on Human Mobility, Migration and Development (“Mayoral Forum”) in Marrakech, Morocco on 8 December 2018. Launched in 2013, the Mayoral Forum is the annual global gathering for municipal and regional leaders on migration, development and displacement, supported by local, regional and international partners.

This year’s Mayoral Forum will take place during “UN Migration Week” in Marrakech, and is entitled “**City Leadership in Implementing the UN Global Compacts.**” It will focus on three policy themes: addressing special needs and reducing vulnerabilities; providing access to basic services; and empowering migrants, refugees and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion, including through employment and skills mobility. For each of these themes, cities will identify what they are doing, what they further commit to and what support they need in the areas of resources [e.g. financing], tools [e.g. data, standards] and partnerships [local, national, global].

The week of the Forum will conclude a two-year process in which the [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#) (GCM) was negotiated and agreed. It will culminate with the [UN Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#) on 10-11 December where the GCM will be endorsed.

The GCM is the first-ever negotiated global agreement on a common approach to international migration in all its dimensions. Emphasizing the principle of shared responsibility among countries of origin, transit and destination, it provides a roadmap for improved governance of international migration through innovative solutions, increased commitments from States, and a renewed focus on multi-stakeholder partnerships.

In parallel, the [Global Compact on Refugees](#) (GCR) will be presented to the General Assembly on 17 December 2018 as part of the annual General Assembly resolution of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The GCR is a mechanism for predictable and equitable burden- and responsibility-sharing among all States, with the objectives of easing pressures on host countries and communities, and enhancing refugee self-reliance.

2. ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE DECLARATION OF THE 5TH MAYORAL FORUM

Local and regional authorities play a vital role in the protection and assistance of both refugees and migrants, ranging from advocacy through to reception, assistance, enabling socio-economic inclusion and fostering social cohesion. Local authorities are increasingly partnering with the private sector and other actors in the search for pragmatic and innovative solutions.

Cities expanded their diplomatic efforts by putting forward common positions during the development of both Compacts and have been recognized as having a critical role in their successful implementation, follow-up and review.

A **Mayors' Declaration** will be presented at the Mayoral Forum for endorsement by cities, identifying common priorities for consideration in the follow-up and review processes of the Global Compacts. It will then be delivered to the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) on 10th-11th December 2018. Over the past months, the Marrakesh Mayors Declaration was shaped through the exchanges with cities and disseminated widely via multiple city networks notably: UCLG, Metropolis, EuroCities, Intercultural Cities and Cities4Action. All confirmed Mayors and cities participating in the 5th Mayoral Forum were provided with a copy of the draft declaration for comments and approval prior to their arrival in Marrakech.

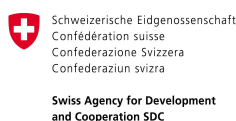
3. NOTES ON THE PROGRAMME

Throughout the programme, speaking privilege is reserved for mayors and their representatives, speaking for their city or on behalf of a coalition of cities.

Each interactive session will be co-moderated by senior officials whose organisations support cities' work, for instance, inter-city networks, UN agencies, private sector partners, and civil society organisations.

Sessions will include: three-minute framing remarks from chairs, five-minute interventions from featured speakers, Question and Answer periods, and a five-minute summary conclusion from the chairs.

AFFILIATED PARTNERS



PROGRAMME

08:00 **Registration**

08:30 **Opening**

Chair:

- Dr. Colleen Thouez, Director, Welcoming and Integrated Societies Division, International Migration Initiative, Open Society Foundations (**OSF**)

Speakers:

- Hon. Mohamed Larbi Belcaid, Mayor of **Marrakech**, Morocco
- Mr. António Vitorino, Director General, International Organization for Migration (**IOM**)
- Mr. Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (**UNHCR**)
- Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President, **World Bank Group**
- Mr. Nikhil Seth, Executive Director, UN Institute for Training and Research (**UNITAR**)

09:00 **Dialogue with Mayors**

Responses and first introductions by some mayors on the most pressing challenge related to migration and/or displacement that your city faces

10:00 **Session I: Advancing cities' goals—the role of the UN Global Compacts**

Chairs:

- Ms. Jill Helke, Director, International Cooperation and Partnerships, **IOM**
- Ms. Grainne O'Hara, Director, Division of International Protection, **UNHCR**

Speakers:

- Presentation of the Mayors Migration Council by the Hon. Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr, Mayor of **Freetown**, Sierra Leone and Hon. Marvin Rees, Mayor of **Bristol**, United Kingdom
- Hon. Valérie Plante, Mayor of **Montréal**, Canada
- Mr. Antonio Zurita, Director General, International Action and Global Citizenship, **Madrid**, Spain
- Hon. Eric Garcetti, Mayor of **Los Angeles**, USA (video message)

Questions to consider:

- How can international frameworks like the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) help your city achieve its goals in these fields?
- What types of initiatives can support cities' and regions' growing voice and greater involvement in strengthening migration governance?

- How could your city, individually or with other cities, help to achieve the goals set in the GCM and the GCR including in the follow-up and review of these agreements?

11:10 Coffee break

Policy Priorities

11:30 Session II: Addressing and reducing vulnerabilities

Chairs:

- Hon. Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr, Mayor of **Freetown**, Sierra Leone
- Mr. Laurence Chandy, Director of Data, Research and Policy, UN International Children's Emergency Fund (**UNICEF**)

Speakers:

- Hon. Omar Hajira, Mayor of **Oujda**, Morocco
- Ms. Lola López, Commissioner for Immigration, Interculturality and Diversity, **Barcelona** City Council, Spain
- H.E. Affonso Emilio Massot Sr., Municipal Secretary of International Affairs, **São Paulo** City Hall, Brazil
- Ms. Yasmin Youssef, Representative of **UNICEF Youth Council**, Germany

Questions to consider:

- What kinds of vulnerabilities exist, and how does your city, individually or collectively, respond to growing vulnerabilities of migrants and refugees?
- What actions does your city take to safeguard the human rights of migrants and uphold the best interest of the child [GCM Objective 7]? What institutional capacity and infrastructure does it require for refugee response and accommodation [GCR paragraph 37]?
- What other resources, partnerships and general support does your city require to address these challenges?

12:30 Lunch – Oliveraie Restaurant (on-site)

13:30-14:20 Breakout sessions in rooms adjacent to the plenary hall

- **Partnership for measuring the contribution of cities** to successful migration and integration paths in the context of the Global Compact for Migration and Global Compact on Refugees – Bab Doukkala Room
- **Data, tools, and techniques** to implement the Global Compact for Migration in cities – Tiskiwine Room
- Exploring **innovative financing** solutions to meet the needs of cities – Bahia Room

- The role of cities in limiting and **ending immigration detention** by promoting community based alternatives – La Menara Room

14:20 **Session III: Providing access to services**

Chairs:

- Hon. Lefteris Papagiannakis, Vice-Mayor for Migrant and Refugee Affairs, **Athens**, Greece
- Ms. Michele LeVoy, Director of the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (**PICUM**)

Speakers:

- Hon. Mohamed Sadiki, Mayor of **Rabat**, Morocco
- Hon. Erias Lukwago, Lord Mayor of **Kampala**, Uganda
- Hon. Francisco De La Torre Prados, Mayor of **Málaga**, Spain

Questions to consider:

- How does or how could your city create inclusive service delivery systems? What actions does your city take, or could your city take, to establish and strengthen holistic service centres at the local level, incorporating health and affordable housing and providing inclusive and equitable education to migrant children [GCM Objective 15]?
- What forms of partnerships help or can help your city to meet its goals?
- How can cities cover the costs of this kind of service provision? What examples of creative financing exist to fund innovations in this area?

15:20 **Session IV: Empowering migrants and societies through inclusion, social cohesion, and employment**

Chairs:

- Dr. Linda Lopez, Chief, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, **Los Angeles**, USA
- Ms. Shruti Mehrotra, Policy Director, Economic Advancement Program, **OSF**

Speakers:

- Hon. Jefferson Tamba Kojee, Lord Mayor of **Monrovia**, Liberia
- Hon. Igor Marentič, Mayor of **Postojna**, Slovenia
- Hon. Pierfrancesco Majorino, Deputy Mayor for Social Policy, Health and Rights, **Milan**, Italy

Questions to consider:

- How does your city foster inclusive societies and promote inclusive labour markets that strengthen the welfare of all members of society, including migrants and refugees?
- What actions does or could your city take to promote social cohesion between local communities and refugees and migrants to foster inclusive societies, establish local community centres or programmes that facilitate migrant

participation and integration and deliver peer-to-peer training exchanges [GCM Objective 16]? What actions does your city take to support of local integration plans for refugees [GCR paragraphs 97-99]?

- What resources, partnerships and other support does your city need to carry out this work?

16:20 Coffee break

16:30 Open dialogue and exchange: partnerships for implementation

Chairs:

- Hon. Marvin Rees, Mayor of **Bristol**, United Kingdom
- Mr. Jean Pierre Elong MBassi, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (**UCLG Africa**)

Speakers:

- Ms. Ilse Hahn, Head, Policy issues migration and forced displacement, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (**BMZ**)
- Hon. Imelda Nicolas, Co-convenor, **Metropolis Asia**

Questions to consider:

- What partnerships exist or are emerging between cities, regions, business/private sector, civil society that support innovative policy solutions to social and economic inclusion (e.g. education, housing, employment)?
- What is the value of city networks, within countries, between regions and beyond?
- What types of partnership are or could be most effective in your city? Do they involve the private sector, and if so how? With what purposes and on what terms?
- What are existing and proposed tools to measure progress towards greater inclusion and integration? How could these help your city report on progress in achieving the GCM and the GCR?

17:30 Adoption of the Mayors' Declaration

- Hon. Valérie Plante, Mayor of **Montréal**, Canada

17:40 Closing

- Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, **UCLG**
- Mr. Gregory Maniatis, Director, International Migration Initiative, **OSF**
- H.E. Ambassador Pio Wennubst, Assistant Director General, Head of the Global Cooperation Department, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (**SDC**)
- H.E. Ambassador Luis Gallegos, Permanent Representative of **Ecuador** to the United Nations in New York
- H.E. El Habib Nadir, Secretary General, Ministry in charge of Moroccans living abroad and migration affairs, Government of **Morocco**, TBC

18:00 Conclusion of the 5th Mayoral Forum

18:10 Mayoral Forum photo opportunity

18:20-19:10 Breakout sessions in rooms adjacent to the plenary hall

- Cities as the anchor of the global **decent work** agenda – Tiskiwine Room
- **Communicating on integration:** the experience of cities – Bab Doukkala Room

19:30 Reception – Garden (on-site)

Remarks from:

- Government of **Morocco**
- Ms. Louise Arbour, **UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration**
- H.E. Ambassador Pio Wennubst, Assistant Director General, Head of the Global Cooperation Department, **SDC**
- H.E. Ambassador Patrick Gaspard, President, **OSF**

Launch of the Mayors Migration Council

Presented by Mayors presiding the Council's Leadership Board

21:30 Close of Reception