



4th GLOBAL MAYORAL FORUM

On Human Mobility, Migration and Development
26 - 27 June 2017 | Berlin, Germany

*MAYORS AS HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT ACTORS -
PREPARING, WELCOMING, AND INTEGRATING
4TH GLOBAL MAYORAL FORUM ON HUMAN MOBILITY, MIGRATION
AND DEVELOPMENT
BERLIN, 26-27 JUNE 2017*

PROGRAMME

Background

The Mayoral Forum on Human Mobility, Migration and Development is the annual gathering of mayors and city leaders serving to promote globally relevant policy dialogue, foster the exchange of experiences in governing migration and displacement, and strategize on how to work collectively. It seeks to support new and innovative approaches to urban governance in contexts of greater diversity, and to showcase city leadership in the implementation of migration and displacement policies for inclusive growth. Indeed, in a global context of increasing human mobility, decentralisation and urbanisation, cities are at the forefront of responding to the needs of urban dwellers, including those of migrants and refugees.

The key role of cities and other local and regional authorities as first responders to migration and displacement is duly recognised in the New Urban Agenda adopted at the UN Habitat III Conference in Quito last October 2016. Moreover, the positive contributions of migration to development are now enshrined in the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in which cities are at the centre of securing safe, inclusive, resilient and sustainable living spaces. What is more, progressively, local and regional authorities are deemed strategic actors within inter-governmental deliberations on migration and refugee policy. This is true for the annual Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), whose 10th edition will take place in Berlin, Germany from 28 June to 1 July 2017. It is also the case for the consultative process underway to define a new agreement between States, known as the “Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”. After the adoption of the “New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants” at the UN on 19 September 2016, States have agreed to develop this Global Compact on Migration by 2018, in consultation with relevant parties including local authorities. In addition, States have agreed to a “Global Compact on Responsibility Sharing for Refugees”, through a separate preparatory process, also culminating in 2018.

It is within this context that the 4th Mayoral Forum on Human Mobility, Migration and Development will take place in Berlin from 26 to 27 June 2017, on the margins of the annual GFMD with the Government

of Germany as its Chair. The title of the 4th Mayoral Forum “*Mayors as Humanitarian and Development Actors – Preparing, Welcoming, and Integrating*” emphasises cities’ work in preparing for migration (inbound and outbound); welcoming migrants and refugees upon arrival (and in cases of return); and cities’ efforts to integrate them in their new communities, often, as they maintain links to their home communities also. Cities partaking in the 4th Mayoral Forum are asked to consider the values that guide their work, the actions that they take or will take, and what cities expect from their national governments and other stakeholders with regard to local-level implementation of “preparing, welcoming and integrating”.

In the programme, Mayors and other participants are asked to consider:

- Sharing their experiences in straddling the humanitarian imperatives of preparation and reception of large numbers of new arrivals whether from conflict, natural disaster or other phenomena.
- Speaking on the subject of the longer-term challenges and opportunities of welcoming and integrating newcomers; how to govern diversity by buttressing the development potential of migration, while also acknowledging migration and displacement’s complexities and struggles.
- Sharing progress in the context of inter-city partnerships, and exploring the value of city networks, within their country, between regions and beyond, to learn about new and promising policies and practices.

At the conclusion of the Berlin Mayoral Forum, a declaration will be presented. The draft declaration will be shared with participating cities in advance. Reflecting the subjects covered by the Berlin Mayoral Forum, and other areas of concern, the Mayors’ Declaration will offer a set of priorities for consideration during the 10th GFMD, and for inclusion in the preparatory process of the Global Migration Compact, and to the preparatory process of the Global Compact for Refugees.



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*BERLINER RATHAUS (TOWN HALL)
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DAY 1 (26 June 2017)

18:30 **Opening Reception**

19:00 **Welcome Remarks**

- *Ms. Elke Breitenbach, Senator for Integration, **Berlin**, Germany*
- *Mr. Hans-Joachim Fuchtel, Parliamentary Secretary of State, German Federal Ministry for Development and Economic Cooperation (BMZ)*

19:30 **Mayors' Perspectives from other Continents**

- *Mayor Herbert M. Bautista, **Quezon City**, Philippines*
- *Mayor Armand Roland Pierre Beouinde, **Ouagadougou**, Burkina Faso*
- *Mayor Gilberto Adolfo Jimenez Siles, **Desamparados**, Costa Rica*

21:30 **Conclusion**

DAY 2 (27 June 2017)

08:15 **Registration**

09:00 **Welcome Plenary**

- *Mr. Nikhil Seth, Executive Director, UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)*
- *Mr. Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)*



9:20 **Keynote**

- *Ms. Louise Arbour, UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration*

09:30 **Tour de Table for Mayors (only)**

10:00 **Session 1: From a policy frame of short-term humanitarian response to long-term development solutions: the role of cities**

Moderator: Dr. Hugo Slim, Head of the Law and Policy Unit, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and Mr. Maurizio Busatti, Head of Multilateral Processes Division, IOM

Coordinated responses are required to meet the challenges of an unprecedented level of forcibly displaced (refugees, persons displaced across borders in the context of disaster and climate change, and internally displaced). Today, there are more refugees living in cities than in refugee camps. And, many refugee camps are cities. Regardless of where they are located, all cities should prepare for such large arrivals. Local governments should be systematically included in humanitarian governance and more specifically in forcibly displaced influx management. They can assist with the humanitarian-development divide not least in identifying sustainable development solutions such as securing decent housing and providing access to work for refugees.

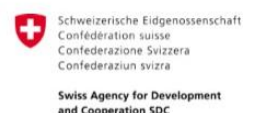
Questions to consider:

- How do cities best adapt their capacities to sudden arrivals of forcibly displaced? What lessons have been learned in maintaining stand-by capacities to meet these needs?
- How can cities meet the needs of forcibly displaced, while also meeting the needs of their native population? What lessons have been learned on inclusive approaches?
- What role does your national government, and other cities within your country, have to support you in your efforts? What role should or could they have?
- What actions have been taken/promoted to make migrants and refugees self-sufficient? How is progress understood in relation to self-development, and community development at origin and destination?

Actions-

- *Mayor H.W. Hon. Stephen Wani Michael Kaya, **Juba**, South Sudan*
- *Mayor Ted Terry, **Clarkston**, United States*
- *Mayor Yehya Daher, **Qaraoun**, Lebanon*
- *Vice Mayor Lefteris Papagiannakis, **Athens**, Greece*
- *Vice Mayor Mohamed Boulahcen, **Rabat**, Morocco*

Policy frames-



- Vice Mayor Dominique Versini, **Paris, France**
Report on main conclusions from OECD Workshop on integration of cities (introduction: Ms. Claire Charbit, Head of the Dialogue with Sub National Governments, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Local Development and Tourism, OECD)
- Mayor Noel Rosal, **Legazpi City** and Mayor Herbert M. Bautista, **Quezon City, Philippines** on MICIC Guidelines for Asian Cities (introduction: Ms. Jill Helke, Director of International Cooperation and Partnerships, IOM)
- Mr. Boubacar Bah, President of the Association of Mayors from Mali

11:00 *Presentation of the Mayoral Declaration*

- Dr. Colleen Thouez, Senior Advisor, UNITAR
- Mr. Maurizio Busatti, Head of Multilateral Processes Division, IOM

-On behalf of the drafting committee and the institutional partners of the Forum

11:30 **Session 2: Local-level implementation of the SDGs in partnership with national governments**

Moderators: Mr. Alexander A. Mejia, Senior Manager, Decentralised Cooperation Programme, UNITAR, and Ms. Sarah Poole, Deputy Director, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP

Sixty-five percent of the 169 the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) targets depend, in some measure, on local actions. As outlined in the [Quito Local Agenda for Migration and Development](#) adopted at the 2nd Mayoral Forum in November 2015, the [2030 Sustainable Development Agenda](#) is being implemented by cities worldwide. It is at the local level that Mayors seek to meet the challenges of not “leaving anyone behind” from development gains that their countries seek to reap. A starting point is [SDG 11](#) on safe, inclusive, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements. A more visible and explicit understanding of the role played by local governments in the implementation of the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development can lead to greater inclusion and policy coherence in national, regional and global decision making processes on migration.

[The New Urban Agenda \(2016\)](#) also acknowledges the “equally important contributions of sub-national and local governments” (to those of national government) in the implementation of inclusive and effective urban policies and legislation for sustainable urban development.



Questions to consider:

- What have we learned from cities and supporting organisations on how migration is to be mainstreamed into local development strategies?
- What is the role of cities in implementing the SDGs and how can their achievements be measured?
- What approaches (e.g. city partnerships) and particularly innovative practices, policies or programmes in the area of migration and development at the local level can you share?
- The Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) commitments and related funding requirements remain a serious obstacle at the local level both in the global South and in the some parts of the global North. What provisions exist, or should exist, for funding local capacities?

Actions-

- *Mayor Armand Roland Pierre Beouinde, **Ouagadougou**, Burkina Faso*
- *Prefect Jorge Noboa, **Imbabura**, Ecuador*
- *Mayor Ion Carpineanu, **Carpineni Commune**, Moldova*
- *Mayor Abdou Ouhou Dodo, **Tahoua**, Niger, and President of the Association of Mayors from Niger*

Policy frames-

- *Mayor Francisco Andres Gomez, **Yamabal**, El Salvador*
- *Mayor John G. Bongat, **Naga City**, Philippines (introduction: Ms. Cecile Riallant, Head of the UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative and Senior Migration and Development Specialist, IOM Geneva)*

12:30 **Official Mayors' Luncheon hosted by the Governing Mayor of Berlin**

14:00 **Picture Opportunity**

14:10 **Keynote (in Plenary)**

- *The Governing Mayor of Berlin, Mr Michael Müller*

Response: Dr. Sonia Plaza, World Bank, KNOMAD



14:30

Session 3: Working through multi-stakeholder partnerships to enhance the development impact of migration and forced displacement

Moderators: Mr. Michael Spindelegger, Director General, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), and Ms. Jill Helke, Director, International Cooperation and Partnerships, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

It is progressively recognized that complex problems require a multitude of partners to seek and implement solutions. This is true in different fields of international import from environmental change, global security, poverty eradication, and human mobility. Partnerships between national governments and cities, and between cities and other local actors are viewed as beneficial to integration, refugee protection and also to migrant empowerment.

Questions to consider:

- What mechanisms should be put in place for better vertical coordination between national and subnational government?
- How do cities collaborate with each other? Within a country? Between countries?
- What is the value of city networks, within countries, between regions and beyond, to learn about new and promising policies and practices?
- What types of partnership are most effective for cities? Do they involve the private sector, and if so how? With what purposes and on what terms?

Actions-

- *Mayor Corinne Mauch, Zurich, Switzerland*
- *Mayor Gilberto Adolfo Jimenez Siles, Desamparados, Costa Rica*
- *Mayor Juan Bosco Acevedo Hurtado, Upala, Costa Rica*

- *Governor Nadia Ahmed Abdou Saleh, AI-Beheira, Egypt*

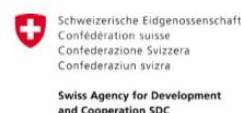
Policy frames-

- *Ms. Rosa Maria Sánchez-Yebra, Vice-Governor, Council of Europe Development Bank*
- *Mayor Alexandru Ambros, Ungheni City, Moldova*

15:45

Brief Summaries from each Session

- *Dr. Colleen Thouez, Senior Advisor, UNITAR*



- *Ms. Cecile Riallant, Head of the UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative and Senior Migration and Development Specialist, IOM Geneva*
- *Dr. Sonia Plaza, Senior Economist, World Bank KNOMAD*

16:15-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 Exchange with Civil Society

Moderator: Ms. Michele LeVoy, Director, PICUM

- *Ms. Stella Opoku-Owusu, Engagement and Capacity Manager, AFFORD*
- *Mr. David Lubell, Executive Director, Welcoming America*
- *Mr. Olivier Le Masson, Africa and Europe Partnership Officer, GRDR*
- *Mr. Markus Beerli, Swiss Association of Cities*

17:00 Second Discussion of the Mayoral Declaration

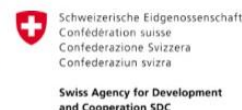
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17:30 Closing Session

- *Ambassador William Lacy Swing, Director General, International Organization for Migration (IOM)*
- *Mr. Markus Reisle, Head of Global Programme on Migration and Development, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)*
- *Dr. David Malone, Rector, United Nations University (UNU)*
- *Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme, Government of Germany*

Conclusion of the 4th Mayoral Forum



26 June JMDI Pre-Training Session (open invitation)

On 26 June, all participants in the Mayoral Forum will be invited to take part in a training session that will run from 9:00 to 17:00. This session will bring participants together to discuss and learn about the topics that will be addressed in the Mayoral Forum, providing an informative space and platform where participants will have a chance to interact, exchange knowledge and best practices, and consider the themes to be addressed during the Mayoral Forum and the GFMD (below). For more information on the training, see [here](#). To register, please confirm your interest to joanne.irvine@undp.org

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