



THE 5TH MAYORAL FORUM ON HUMAN MOBILITY,
MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT
CITY LEADERSHIP IN IMPLEMENTING THE UN GLOBAL COMPACTS

**PULLMAN MARRAKECH PALMERAIE RESORT & SPA HOTEL
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PROGRAMME

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1. BACKGROUND

A hundred 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](#) from 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 between countries of origin, transit and destination, it provides a roadmap for improved governance of international migration through increased commitments from States, new innovative solutions, and a renewed focus on multi-stakeholder partnerships. In parallel, the [Global Compact on Refugees](#) (GCR) will be presented to the General Assembly in 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, enhancing refugee self-reliance, and enabling the achievement of solutions.

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 on the ground. 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 Forum for endorsement by cities, identifying common priorities for consideration in the follow-up and review processes of the Global Compacts. Elements of the text are being validated over the course of the next months before Marrakesh – including through the UCLG and at the AfriCities Summit. All confirmed Mayors and cities participating in the 5th Mayoral Forum will be provided with a copy of the draft declaration for consideration prior to their arrival in Marrakesh.

3. NOTES ON THE PROGRAMME

Throughout the programme, speaking privilege will be awarded to mayors, either individually or on behalf of coalitions of cities.

Each inter-active session will be moderated by senior officials whose organisations support cities' work, for instance, inter-city networks, UN agencies, private sector partners, and civil society organisations. Session will include: three-minute framing remarks from chairs, five-minute interventions from featured local authorities, Question and Answer periods, and a five-minute summary conclusion from the chairs.

AFFILIATED PARTNERS



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08:00 Registration

08:30 Opening

Chair:

- Ms. 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**)
- Government of **Morocco**

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

Question to consider:

What is the most pressing challenge related to migration and/or displacement that your city faces?

10:10 Session I: Advancing cities' goals - the role of the UN Global Compacts

Introductory Remarks:

- Mr. El Habib Nadir, Secretary General, Ministry in charge of Moroccans living abroad and migration affairs, Government of **Morocco**, *TBC*
- H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of **Switzerland** to the United Nations, *TBC*

Chairs:

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

Speakers:

- Hon. Valérie Plante, Mayor of **Montréal**, Canada
- Hon. Roland Ries, Mayor of **Strasbourg**, France
- Hon. Makan Diakité, Mayor of **Kayes**, Mali
- Hon. Yousef Shawarbeh, Mayor of **Amman**, Jordan, *TBC*

Questions to consider:

- How can international benchmarks like the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) help your city to 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 **Presentation of the Mayors' Declaration**

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

11:20 **Coffee break**

Policy Priorities

11:30 **Session II: Addressing and reducing vulnerabilities**

Chairs:

- Hon. Yvonne Aki-Sawyers, Mayor of **Freetown**, Sierra Leone
- Mr. Laurence Chandy, Director of Data, Research and Policy, **UNICEF**

Speakers:

- Hon. Armand Roland Pierre Béouindé, Mayor of **Ouagadougou**, Burkina Faso
- Hon. Leoluca Orlando, Mayor of **Palermo**, Italy
- Mayor of **Oujda**, Morocco, *TBC*

Questions to consider:

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

12:40 Lunch

Breakout sessions available on side lines, topics to be announced

14:05 Session III: Providing access to services

Chairs:

- Hon. Giorgos Kaminis, Mayor of **Athens**, Greece
- Ms. Michele LeVoy, Director of the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)

Speakers:

- Hon. Erias Lukwago, Lord Mayor of **Kampala**, Uganda
- Hon. Francisco De La Torre Prados, Mayor of **Málaga**, Spain
- Hon. Thomas Geisel, Mayor of **Düsseldorf**, Germany, *TBC*

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?

15:05 Session IV: Empowering migrants and societies through inclusion, social cohesion, and employment

Chairs:

- Hon. Soham El Wardini, Mayor of **Dakar**, Senegal, *TBC*
- Dr. Khalid Koser, Executive Director of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund, *TBC*

Speakers:

- Hon. Pauline Krikke, Mayor of **The Hague**, The Netherlands
- Hon. Giuseppe Sala, Mayor of **Milan**, Italy
- Hon. Igor Marentič, Mayor of **Postojna**, Slovenia

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?

16:05 Coffee break

16:15 Open dialogue and exchange: partnerships for implementation

Chairs:

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

Speakers:

- Mrs. Ilse Hahn, Head, Policy issues migration and forced displacement, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (**BMZ**)

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?

17:15 Adoption of the Mayors' Declaration

17:30 Closing

- Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General of the United Cities and Local Governments (**UCLG**)
- Mr. Patrick Gaspard, President, **OSF**
- Ambassador Luis Gallegos, Permanent Representative of **Ecuador** to the United Nations in New York, *TBC*
- Government of **Morocco**

18:00 Conclusion of the 5th Mayoral Forum

Breakout sessions available on side lines, topics to be announced

19:30 Reception

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, **Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation**
- Mr. Gregory Maniatis, Director, International Migration Initiative, **OSF**

Launch of the **Mayors Migration Council**, presented by Mayors presiding the Council's Leadership Board