LRGs towards Migration & Displacement in Context of Crises: What are LRGs doing to save and protect lives?

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Through their territorial action and their commitment to the Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees and to the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda\(^1\), local and regional governments assumed in 2018 the responsibility to preserve the dignity, safety and rights of all people regardless of their legal status and in all circumstances. By adopting the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in 2018, United Nations Member States committed to “save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants”, as well as to take action on many grounds to include, protect and empower migrant communities from a 360 degree approach. Through the Marrakech Declaration in 2018 and the Gaziantep Declaration in 2019, local and regional governments renewed their commitment to improve the lives of migrants and displaced communities through universal access to services and protection of human rights regardless of status.

On the eve of the first IMRF, the reality of migration and displacement continues to register alarming figures of disappearances, deaths and multifarious violence on dangerous routes in the absence of regular alternatives for mobility. Every year, many people migrate, oftentimes risking their lives as the only way out of precarious situations that have only intensified with the impact of the health crisis, the proliferation of armed conflicts and the worsening climatic conditions along with the exhaustion of resources in many parts of the world.

Decentralised cooperation, partnerships, twinning, international local government diplomacy, sister city links, and mutual assistance through capacity-building programmes and international municipal solidarity initiatives, are a contribution to multilateralism that has shown to be vital for the construction of a more peaceful and just world where all people can access rights equally. When emergencies strike, city to city dialogue and cooperation arise as a particularly relevant tool to put knowledge, resources and coordination at the service of those in need.

Through dialogue and knowledge transfer among peers, this learning event seeks to expand the tools available at the local level to address migration and displacement emergencies effectively and sustainably. By addressing the realities, initiatives and challenges of local and regional governments to preserve the life and dignity of all people unconditionally, focus on territories that endure and respond to the impacts of humanitarian emergencies with a view to leverage bottom-up responses and community-led approaches to uphold human rights in all circumstances.

This dialogue emerges as a contribution by the Mayors Mechanism to the UCLG Municipal Peace Talks and its outputs will feed into the messages that our constituency will bring to the International Migration Review Forum from May 16-20.

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\(^1\) With the adoption of the Global Compact on Migration and Global Compact on Refugees in December 2018, 150 city leaders endorsed the Marrakesh Mayors Declaration calling for the full and formal recognition of the role of local authorities in the implementation, follow-up, and review of both Compacts. The forthcoming Call to Local Action by the Mayors Mechanism will collect, promote and support actions on the ground that contribute to achieve these goals and the 2030 Agenda.
### DAY 1
Monday, April 11

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| 10:00 / 12:00 | Migration & Displacement during and after crises  
Setting the Scene |
| 10:00 / 10:10 | Introduction  
Impacts of migration and displacement on cities  
Facilitated by: UCLG |
| 10:10 / 10:50 | Warm up exercise  
How Migration is mixed and multifaceted - reflecting on migrants’ journeys and challenges they face.  
**Objective:** Unpacking Mixed Migration - Introduce human rights perspectives, identifying needs, challenges and different circumstances  
Facilitated by: UCLG |
| 10:50 / 11:30 | Setting the Scene  
**Speakers:**  
• Representative, UCLG  
• Representative, IOM  
• Representative, UNHCR  
• Representative, Mayors Mechanism |
| 11:30 / 11:50 | Acting at the front lines: what role for LRGs?  
**Objective:** Introducing key concepts related to the emergency and sustainable responses spectrum, as well as their connections with Global Agendas  
Facilitated by: UCLG |
| 11:50 / 12:00 | Conclusion and glimpse into the Peer Exchange Sessions  
Facilitated by: UCLG |
| 12:00 / 14:00 | Break |
| 14:00 / 16:00 | Peer Session 1:  
People-centred approaches to displacement  
Spotlight on Americas/Africa/Europe |
| 14:00 / 14:10 | Introduction  
Facilitated by: UCLG |
| 14:10 / 14:40 | “Posters’ presentation”  
3-4 minutes per practice (4-8 practices per session)  
**Objective:** Showcase LRG actions that contribute to save, preserve and improve the livelihoods and dignity of people fleeing from contexts of crisis  
Facilitated by: MC2CM |
| 14:40 / 15:20 | City-to-City Peer Review  
**Objective:** Discussing in detail how the different LRG experiences respond to different needs, how they transform through time, what can be learned from them across the emergency to long-term stages, and their relationship and contributions to global agendas  
Facilitated by: UCLG & MC2CM |
| 15:20 / 16:00 | Reporting and open discussion  
Facilitated by: UCLG & MM |
DAY 2
Tuesday, April 12

10:00 / 12:00
Peer Session 2: Whole of government and whole of society approaches towards safe migration governance
Spotlight on Asia/ MEWA/ Europe/ Africa

10:00 / 10:10
Introduction
Impacts of migration and displacement on cities
Facilitated by: UCLG

10:10 / 10:40
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Facilitated by: UCLG & MM

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Facilitated by: GTFM

11:20 / 12:00
Reporting and open discussion
Facilitated by: UCLG & GTFM

12:00 / 14:00
Break

14:00 / 16:00
Connecting the Dots: Towards sustainable and effective emergency governance of human mobility

14:00 / 14:10
Introduction
Facilitated by: UCLG

14:10 / 14:30
Stage 1: Emergency Responses
Objective: Exploring the solidarity element towards facilitating a dignified and safe human mobility, with multilevel cooperation and coordination among all levels of government and all of society. Including the prominent role that humanitarian actors and international institutions might play.
Facilitated by: UCLG & GAUC

14:30 / 15:00
Lessons learned
Facilitated by: UCLG & GAUC

15:00 / 15:30
Stage 2 : 2 - 5 Years Post Emergency
- Who remains there? Follow stakeholders & LRG Actions
- What new challenges come up?
- How do LRG policies evolve?
Objective: Exploring the prominent role of LRGs in the long term and the long-term impact of responses in local communities. Including the important role of local civil society organisations
Facilitated by: UCLG & ANVITA

15:30 / 16:00
Open discussion
Facilitated by: UCLG + Anvita
**DAY 3**  
Wednesday, April 13

| 10:00 / 12:00 | Conclusion and Way Forward: Localising, Adapting, Co-creating Resilient Societies that Leave No One Behind  
Spotlight on human mobility governance in the context of ongoing crises  
**Objective:** Summarising the peer exchange sessions, consolidate and unpack the key learning outcomes and territorial insights from a forward looking perspective. Rapporteurs to share common trends, differences and keys for adaptation to changing circumstances  
**Facilitated by:** UCLG |
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**Facilitated by:** UCLG |
| 10:10 / 11:00 | Peer Learning key outcomes  
Rapporteurs from each session share key findings and open floor discussion  
**Facilitated by:** GAUC |
| 11:00 / 11:40 | Multi-level and multi-stakeholder responses to current crises - Spotlight on Ukraine  
**Discussions:**  
- Representative, Global Alliance for Urban Crises (GAUC)  
- Representative, UCLG Working Group on Territorial Prevention and Management of Crises  
- Representative, UNICEF  
- LRG Rapporteur(s)  
**Objective:**  
Fostering exchange between LRGs and International Partners about needs and solutions for LRG responses to human mobility flows spurred by crises, with a focus on Ukraine  
**Facilitated by:** UCLG |
| 11:40 / 12:00 | Closing Remarks  
**Facilitated by:** UCLG |
| 12:00 / 15:00 | Break |
| 15:00 / 16:00 | MM Briefing on the road to the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)  
This briefing aims to inform the LRG constituency of the opportunities and challenges with regards to elevating local voices at the IMRF, as well as share information about an upcoming Call to Local Action for Migrants and Refugees, an initiative by the MM steering committee members UCLG, MMC and IOM, in partnership with UNHCR, which will be launched at the IMRF. Through this briefing, LRGs will be able to learn about what’s at stake at the IMRF and assess possible avenues for engagement as well as share their inputs and considerations with the Mayors Mechanism.  
**Facilitated by:** UCLG

**Link to Concept & Agenda**