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(Virtual)

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

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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# BACKGROUND

Through their territorial action and their commitment to the Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees and to the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda<sup>1</sup>, 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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<sup>1</sup> 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

10:00 / 12:00	<b>Migration &amp; Displacement during and after crises</b> Setting the Scene	14:00 / 16:00	<b>Peer Session 1: People-centred approaches to displacement</b> Spotlight on Americas/Africa/Europe
10:00 / 10:10	<b>Introduction</b> Impacts of migration and displacement on cities <i>Facilitated by: UCLG</i>	14:00 / 14:10	<b>Introduction</b> <i>Facilitated by: UCLG</i>
10:10 / 10:50	<b>Warm up exercise</b> How Migration is mixed and multifaceted - reflecting on migrants' journeys and challenges they face. <b>Objective:</b> Unpacking Mixed Migration - Introduce human rights perspectives, identifying needs, challenges and different circumstances <i>Facilitated by: UCLG</i>	14:10 / 14:40	<b>"Posters' presentation</b> 3-4 minutes per practice (4-8 practices per session) <b>Objective:</b> Showcase LRG actions that contribute to save, preserve and improve the livelihoods and dignity of people fleeing from contexts of crisis <i>Facilitated by: MC2CM</i>
10:50 / 11:30	<b>Setting the Scene</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Representative, UCLG</li><li>• Representative, IOM</li><li>• Representative, UNHCR</li><li>• Representative, Mayors Mechanism</li></ul>	14:40 / 15:20	<b>City-to-City Peer Review</b> <b>Objective:</b> 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 <i>Facilitated by: UCLG &amp; MC2CM</i>
11:30 / 11:50	<b>Acting at the front lines: what role for LRGs?</b> <b>Objective:</b> Introducing key concepts related to the emergency and sustainable responses spectrum, as well as their connections with Global Agendas <i>Facilitated by: UCLG</i>	15:20 / 16:00	<b>Reporting and open discussion</b> <i>Facilitated by: UCLG &amp; MM</i>
11:50 / 12:00	<b>Conclusion and glimpse into the Peer Exchange Sessions</b> <i>Facilitated by: UCLG</i>		
12:00 / 14:00	<b>Break</b>		

# DAY 2

## Tuesday, April 12

10:00 / 12:00	<p>Peer Session 2:</p> <p><b>Whole of government and whole of society approaches towards safe migration governance</b></p> <p>Spotlight on Asia/ MEWA/ Europe/ Africa</p>	14:00 / 16:00	<p>Connecting the Dots:</p> <p><b>Towards sustainable and effective emergency governance of human mobility</b></p>
10:00 / 10:10	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Impacts of migration and displacement on cities</p> <p><i>Facilitated by: UCLG</i></p>	14:00 / 14:10	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p><i>Facilitated by: UCLG</i></p>
10:10 / 10:40	<p><b>"Posters" presentation</b></p> <p>3-4 minutes per practice (4-8 practices per session)</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Showcase LRG actions that contribute to save, preserve and improve the livelihoods and dignity of people fleeing from contexts of crisis</p> <p><i>Facilitated by: UCLG &amp; MM</i></p>	14:10 / 14:30	<p><b>Stage 1: Emergency Responses</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> 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.</p> <p><i>Facilitated by: UCLG &amp; GAUC</i></p>
10:40 / 11:20	<p><b>City-to-City Peer Review</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Discussing 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</p> <p><i>Facilitated by: GTFM</i></p>	14:30 / 15:00	<p><b>Lessons learned</b></p> <p><i>Facilitated by: UCLG &amp; GAUC</i></p>
11:20 / 12:00	<p><b>Reporting and open discussion</b></p> <p><i>Facilitated by: UCLG &amp; GTFM</i></p>	15:00 / 15:30	<p><b>Stage 2 : 2 - 5 Years Post Emergency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who remains there? Follow stakeholders &amp; LRG Actions</li><li>• What new challenges come up?</li><li>• How do LRG policies evolve?</li></ul> <p><b>Objective:</b> 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</p> <p><i>Facilitated by: UCLG &amp; ANVITA</i></p>
12:00 / 14:00	<p><b>Break</b></p>	15:30 / 16:00	<p><b>Open discussion</b></p> <p><i>Facilitated by: UCLG + Anvita</i></p>

# 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

15:00 /  
16:00

### MM Briefing on the road to the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)

10:00 /  
10:10

### Recap of Day 1 and 2

**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*

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

**Discussants:**

- 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



**Link to Concept & Agenda**

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.

