



INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON MIGRATION 2015: **High-level Conference on Migrants and Cities**

Palais des Nations, Room XVIII

26-27 October 2015

Agenda

The International Dialogue on Migration 2015: Conference on Migrants and Cities aims to offer mayors, ministers and other high-level government officials, local authorities, the private sector and civil society organizations a global policy platform to discuss the complex dynamics of human mobility at city and local level and assess how risks can be managed and development opportunities maximized. Cities are attracting increasing numbers of people in search of a better life, more employment opportunities and better services, but also those fleeing conflict, natural disasters and environmental degradation. In 2014, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs estimated that more than half of the world's population resided in urban areas and that the number of people living in cities would reach approximately 6.4 billion by 2050, constituting 66 per cent of the global population. Migration, both internal and across borders, is playing an important role in the global shift to cities and in driving cities' development agendas. However, this role seems to be largely overlooked in the global debate on urbanization and development, and it has been given little attention in international discussions on migration and human mobility. While some cities and local governments are attuned to the realities of migration and have policy responses that include migrants – and take migrants' voices into account when putting forward agendas at both the national and federal levels – others have ignored this in their development planning. The overall objective of the conference is therefore to bridge that gap and support city and local authorities in devising an inclusive policy framework and actions to consider migrants and their contribution to the development of cities. Specifically, the exchanges of experiences and practices at the conference will serve to: (a) take stock of various local programmes and initiatives to manage migration at local level; (b) advance the understanding of and provide recommendations on the inclusion of migration in local, national and global development planning; (c) build bridges between the different levels of migration management and identify how IOM and other relevant actors can enhance assistance to local and national authorities at the policy, research and operational levels; and (d) identify successful partnerships for managing mobility at local level. Finally, through this conference, IOM aims to raise the awareness of local populations and their leaders to the importance of migrants' contributions and shift the debate to the positive experience of migration and the new development avenues it could open for local populations.

26 October – Day 1	
9.00–10.00	Registration
10.00–10.45	Opening session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Lacy Swing, Director General, IOM (opening remarks) • Esther Alder, Mayor of Geneva (welcome remarks) • Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) • Marta Cygan, Director, Strategy and General Affairs, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
10.45–12.00	Session I: Migration in cities: shaping the urban future
	<p><i>Cities are experiencing constant internal and international migration flows that bring with them increasing population density and diversity, as well as creating complex interconnections between cities at the national, regional and global levels. While managing the complexities of increasing mobility and migration can be challenging for cities, there are significant potential benefits in terms of city growth and development. This session will discuss how both internal and international migration shapes the social, demographic and economic life of cities around the world. It will look at how local and city leaders adapt to the rapidly changing demographic dynamics prompted by migration and present best practices to manage and leverage the potential of migration for the socioeconomic development of cities.</i></p> <p><i>The questions below are among those proposed to guide the discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How are migration factors included in cities’ policymaking processes?</i> • <i>How does migration contribute to the future of cities and how are population movements taken into account?</i> • <i>What are the main challenges associated with growing mobility flows towards urban spaces?</i> • <i>What innovative policy instruments and governance arrangements exist at local and regional levels to respond to the urban diversity and social cohesion challenges in cities?</i> • <i>How have local authorities adjusted their social policies and services to ensure migrants have access to these services?</i> <p>Moderator: Beris Gwynne, Director and Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, World Vision International</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Owen Woyongo, Minister of the Interior, Ghana • Firudin Nabiyeu, Chief of the State Migration Service, Republic of Azerbaijan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wu Hailong, Permanent Representative of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland • Maureen Fallas, Mayor of Desamparados, Costa Rica • Marie Price, Professor of Geography and International Affairs, Department of Geography, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., USA • Kasségné Adjonou, President of the Union of Communes, Togo • Maurice Mbolela, Executive Secretary, Local Government Association, Zambia
12.00–13.00	<p>Session II: Successful integration of migrants: recognizing the key role of local authorities</p>
	<p><i>Mayors are at the forefront in the daily management of migration. Therefore, as city leaders, they play a crucial role in developing and implementing inclusive policies that facilitate the integration of migrants in their cities, while improving migrants’ well-being and maximizing their contribution to the socioeconomic development of cities and their communities of origin.</i></p> <p><i>The panel will discuss the role of mayors in achieving social cohesion as well as the protection of migrants’ rights through comprehensive local policy planning. It will also address the significant role of local authorities who, through their first-hand experiences with migrants, promote inclusive societies by recognizing both the cultural and social contributions made by migrants to cities and by sensitizing local populations to the potential positive impact of diversity.</i></p> <p><i>The questions below are among those proposed to guide the discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can mayors be part of the solution to effectively manage urban migration and how can they link smart migration policies and urban planning?</i> • <i>What kind of local strategies can be used to promote migrants’ inclusion and integration to facilitate the socioeconomic development of cities?</i> • <i>How do migrants fare in cities? What is their level of health and well-being and what inclusion challenges do they face?</i> • <i>What is the role of local authorities in the development of migration policies? How can this role impact the successful integration of migrants?</i> <p>Moderator: Anders Knape, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Henshaw, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, US Department of State, United States of America • Gustavo Baroja, Prefect of the Province of Pichincha, Ecuador • Jozias van Aartsen, Mayor of the Hague, the Netherlands • Kagiso Calvin Thutlwe, Mayor of Gaborone, Botswana • Xie Xiaodan, Vice Mayor of Guangzhou, China • Thomas Fabian, Deputy Mayor of Leipzig, Germany, Chair of the Social Affairs Forum of Eurocities

13.00–15.00	Lunch break
13.30–14.30	Side Event
	<p><i>Launch of the IOM/JMDI White Paper: Mainstreaming migration into local development and beyond</i></p> <p>Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General, IOM (opening remarks)</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecile Riallant, Programme Manager, Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI), UNDP, Brussels, Belgium • Olivier Ferrari, Migration and Development Specialist, IOM, Geneva <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Bongat, Mayor, Naga City, the Philippines • Amina Benkais Benbrahim, Representative for Integration for the Canton of Vaud, Switzerland • Olivier Le Masson, Programme Coordinator, Officer for African and European Partnerships, GRDR Migration–Citoyenneté–Développement, Paris, France
15.00–18.00	Session III: Migrants shaping cities: integrating migrants into the local agenda
	<p><i>Migration flows affect cities in different ways. The kind of experience a city has with migrants can influence the type of migration-related policies that local leaders develop. Moreover, a city’s migration experience can contribute significantly to changing the narrative and improving the public perception of migration. This session will look at how local authorities integrate migration factors and migrants into local planning. Moreover, the session will discuss the role of migrants as city-makers and their contribution to development in communities of origin and destination. Through their talent and diversified contribution, migrants help cities become successful and competitive globally.</i></p> <p><i>Cities with good strategies of inclusion attract better skilled migrants, innovators, investors, students, returnees and diasporas, and thus benefit from their investment in migrant-inclusion policies. Talent mobility of young migrants in particular could also be addressed with a focus on their contribution to cities and the factors that can hinder such contributions. The session will showcase best practices for migrant-inclusive local planning and will also analyse challenges faced by local authorities in fully harnessing the economic potential of migrants’ contribution. The session will furthermore discuss the role of diasporas in local economic development in both countries of destination and origin.</i></p> <p><i>The questions below are among those proposed to guide the discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How are migrants shaping the image of cities and how could cities best take advantage of what migrants bring with them?</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How are local authorities shaping the public perception of migrants? Do they promote their cities as being diverse and inclusive?</i> • <i>What are the best practices for integrating migrants and their needs into local planning? What are the potential consequences of not including migrants in the process?</i> • <i>How does a migrant's well-being affect his or her ability to contribute to a city's development?</i> • <i>How do cities benefit from diasporas' role in bridging origin and destination cities and promoting the socioeconomic development of both?</i>
15.00–16.30	<p>Moderator: Howard Duncan, Executive Head of Metropolis, Carleton University, Canada</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Bongat, Mayor of Naga City, the Philippines • Caroline Bi Bongwa, Mayor of Bamenda, Republic of Cameroon • Juan Carrasco, Mayor of Quilicura, Chile • Thomas Moens, Advisor, Cabinet of the State Secretary for Asylum Policy and Migration, Belgium • Jakob Smits, Director, Reception Centre Petit-Château, Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (Fedasil), Belgium • Salomé Ndayisaba, Director General of the Diplomatic Affairs Inspectorate, the Diaspora and Communication, Ministry of External Relations and International Cooperation, Burundi • M. Dolores López, Commissioner for Migration, Barcelona City Council, Spain
16.30–18.00	<p>Moderator: Fernando Murillo, Architect and Urban–Regional Planner, Buenos Aires, Argentina</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuela Carmena, Mayor of Madrid, Spain • Kojo Bonsu Wiafe, Mayor of Kumasi, Ghana • Leoluca Orlando, Mayor of Palermo, Italy • Mariama Adamou, Mayor of Karofane, Niger • Ezequiel Milla Guerra, Mayor of La Unión, El Salvador • Nisha Agarwal, Commissioner for Immigrant Affairs, New York City, USA • Lefteris Papagiannakis, President of the Athens Migrant Integration Council, Greece
18.15–20.00	Reception: Serpentine Bar
End of Day 1	

27 October – Day 2	
10.00–11.00	Launch of the 2015 World Migration Report – <i>Migrants and Cities: New partnerships to manage mobility</i>
	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Lacy Swing, Director General, IOM • Marie Price, Professor of Geography and International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., United States of America • Yu Zhu, Professor, School of Geography, Director, Center for Population and Development Research, Fujian Normal University, Fuzhou, China • June J.H. Lee, Editor-in-Chief, <i>2015 World Migration Report</i>, IOM
11.00–13.00	Session IV: Migrants in vulnerable situations in cities
11.00–12.00	<p><i>Responding to vulnerabilities linked with urban migration crises</i></p> <p><i>Cities often host large numbers of migrants and persons displaced by conflicts, disasters and other shocks. Their inflow into cities, in particular when massive and sudden, can challenge the capacity of urban authorities and markets to provide adequate access to formal land tenure, housing, income, health and education. Moreover, migrants and displaced persons – and in particular the most vulnerable groups among them – often encounter barriers to accessing essential resources and opportunities. This often results in specific patterns of marginalization and insecurity, and in increased vulnerability in the face of natural and man-made disasters affecting host cities. While national migration policies may shape the conditions in which these marginalization processes take place, it is at local level that the resilience and well-being of migrants are built, and this benefits the whole urban community. This session will aim to explore the ways in which cities have responded to pressures linked with incoming population flows, have prevented or addressed the specific vulnerabilities of migrants and displaced persons to shocks and crises, and have built on the newcomers’ capacities to reduce risks, build resilience and promote the well-being of all city dwellers.</i></p> <p><i>The questions below are among those proposed to guide the discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the experiences of cities that have managed large inflows of migrants or people displaced by crises?</i> • <i>How can the specific needs and vulnerabilities of urban migrants and displaced persons be addressed? Are specific responses actually needed?</i> • <i>What responses exist at local level to include migrants and displaced persons in efforts to prevent, prepare for, manage and recover from urban crises (both natural and man-made)?</i> • <i>How can migrants, diasporas and home communities contribute to building the resilience of cities of destination and localities in areas of origin?</i>

	<p>Moderator: Gordon McGranahan, Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liduvina Magarin, Vice Minister for Salvadorians Abroad, El Salvador • Yacinthe Wodobode, President of the Special Delegation of the city of Bangui, Central African Republic • Iman Icar, Deputy Mayor of Mogadishu, Somalia • Valerio Neri, Director General, Save the Children, Rome, Italy • Cristiana Fragola, Regional Director for Europe and the Middle East, 100 Resilient Cities, Rockefeller Foundation, London, United Kingdom
12.00–13.00	<p><i>Migrants and Cities: Partnerships in health</i></p> <p><i>The health of urban migrants is of special concern, as the conditions in which many migrants live and work, their frequent isolation, disempowerment and lack of social capital make them particularly vulnerable to negative health outcomes. Contemporary cities show widely disparate health profiles and among the most disadvantaged and vulnerable are migrant populations especially those who do not have a regular migration status, lack social protection in health such as health insurance and those with specific health needs, such as women, children. Addressing migrants’ health determinants by improving urban migrants’ access to quality health services, and the conditions in which they live and work, is a sound public health strategy and a prerequisite for achieving sustainable urban development. Not only is there the human right to health, ill-health also carries negative social and economic consequences for the individual, the family and society at large. Ill-health limits educational attainment and employment opportunities, and therefore fuels poverty, marginalization and ill health.</i></p> <p><i>This panel will discuss the interplay of health, migration and development matters at city level and present different perspectives on reducing migrants’ health vulnerabilities through effective partnerships. Representatives from cities, international organizations and civil society will share their views on the main migration related health challenges at city level and successful experiences of cities that have managed to enhance migrants’ participation in urban decision-making and access to essential health services, amongst others. Innovative, participatory, and pragmatic solutions require a broader partnership and a new awareness.</i></p> <p><i>The following questions are among those proposed to guide the discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Are there important examples that illustrate how relevant data on health and social status of urban migrants can inform sound policy development?</i> • <i>What are effective advocacy tools to empower migrants and achieve inclusion of migrants into social services including health services, as means to avoid marginalization?</i> • <i>How to best inform both migrants and health services providers about entitlement and ways to navigate the system in order to optimize health coverage?</i> • <i>What are the special concerns for migrant women, in particular with respect to sexual and reproductive health?</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the special challenges related to the increasing number of refugees and internally displaced in urban non-camp settings in light of today's conflicts and natural disasters?</i> • <i>How to achieve intercity dialogue and diaspora engagement to share good practices and build capacity of health services providers?</i> <p>Moderator: Davide Mosca, Director, Migration Health, IOM</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gilbert Cedillo, Councilman, City of Los Angeles, United States of America • Djibril Diallo, Senior Adviser to the Executive Director of UNAIDS and President of the African Renaissance and Diaspora Network, New York, United States of America • Nonceba Molwele, Councillor, Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Health and Social Development, Johannesburg, South Africa • Amara Quesada-Bondad, Executive Director of Action for Health Initiatives Inc. (ACHIEVE), Quezon City, the Philippines • Alex Ross, Director, World Health Organization (WHO) Centre for Health Development, Kobe, Japan
13.00–15.00	Lunch break
13.30–14.30	Side Event
	<p><i>Migrant Tales of Cities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the IOM campaign, <i>I am a migrant</i> • Documentary on <i>Children on the Move in Cities</i> by IOM and Save the Children
15.00–15.30	Migrants' voices session
	<p>Moderator: Azzouz Samri, Head of Governing Bodies Division, IOM</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anta Sane, Professor, Howard University and University of the District of Columbia Community College, Washington, D.C., United States of America • Xyza Cruz Bacani, Photographer, Hong Kong, China
15.30–16.30	Session V: Linking local and central authorities for good migration governance
	<p><i>Migration plays a key role in the urban transition globally. How cities and countries manage this transition is critical to their future. Migration and its good governance are crucial for urban planning and sustainable development. This session will address how local and central authorities share migration governance across the</i></p>

	<p><i>different sectors, including immigration, education, health and labour. It will present case studies of coordination between local and national authorities in developing local and national migration policy. The focus will be on the positive impact of coherent policymaking processes between various levels of authorities on the well-being of migrants, the socioeconomic development of host cities and that of the countries themselves. It will also identify obstacles to shared governance and migration policymaking and will share good practices.</i></p> <p><i>The questions below are among those proposed to guide the discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are good practices for shared central–local migration governance?</i> • <i>What institutional mechanisms are needed for joint decision-making processes for local and central authorities regarding migration governance?</i> • <i>What are the negative consequences of a lack of cooperation between central and local authorities in migration governance?</i> • <i>Would the devolution of some aspects of migration governance to local authorities be feasible?</i> <p>Moderator: François Decoster, Chair, Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX), European Committee of the Regions, Mayor of Saint-Omer and Member of Nord-Pas-de-Calais Regional Council</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emilia Bjuggren, Vice Mayor of Stockholm, Sweden • Khalifa Ghoula, Counsellor, State Secretariat for Immigration and Social Integration, Ministry of Social Affairs, Tunisia • William Cobbett, Director, Cities Alliance, Belgium • Catalin Grosu, Director – Foreign Affairs and Protocol, Bucharest City Hall, Romania
16.30–17.30	Session VI: Migrants and cities: new partnerships to manage mobility
	<p><i>This session would present innovative partnerships for migration management at local level involving both local and national authorities. City-to-city partnerships to manage the contribution made by migrants to communities of origin and destination, as well as partnerships between migrants, civil society and the private sector, will also be presented. The session will also consider the role of international and specialized organizations in supporting cities’ efforts to promote orderly migration.</i></p> <p><i>The questions below are among those proposed to guide the discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How do migrants contribute to building partnerships between cities of origin and destination? What role do diasporas play in connecting cities and promoting co-development?</i> • <i>How can international organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector effectively assist cities in building capacities for migration management?</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the best practices for public–private partnerships on migration management?</i> • <i>How do cities learn from each other to implement sound migration management?</i> <p>Moderator: Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General, IOM</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ferran Bel, Mayor of Tortosa, Spain • Liu Gyoung-gee, Vice-Mayor of Seoul Metropolitan Government, Republic of Korea • Hubert Julien-Laferrrière, Mayor of the 9th District of Lyon, Vice President of Grand Lyon Habitat, Representative of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), France • Jaime Lanasa Gatnau, Member of the Board of Trustees, Fundació Bancària “la Caixa”, Barcelona, Spain • David Burrows, Managing Director International Organizations, Worldwide Public Sector, Microsoft Corporation
17.30–18.00	Wrap-up and closing remarks
End of Conference	