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**FROM LARGE MOVEMENTS TO THE GLOBAL COMPACTS:
CITIES AS FIRST RESPONDERS**



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“From Large Movements to the Global Compacts: Cities as First Responders”

Established in 2013, the **Mayoral Forum on Human Mobility, Migration and Development** (“Mayoral Forum”) provides an annual global gathering for municipal and regional leaders to exchange views and practices on migration, development and displacement.

The 6th Mayoral Forum will convene in Quito, Ecuador on 22 January 2020. For the first time this year, the program of the Mayoral Forum will be **integrated with the annual Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)**, a state-led process to help shape the global debate on migration and development, taking place in Quito from 20 to 24 January, 2020.

The integration of these two fora has both a **symbolic and practical value**. Not only does it formally recognize the role that Local and Regional Authorities (LRAs) play in the implementation of global migration policies, it also creates an important precedent in city diplomacy by granting LRAs access to a state-led process. Both during the formal programme of the GFMD as well as at its margins, LRAs will

have the opportunity to interact with national and international actors, to engage in dialogue and identify possible partnerships. By bringing together stakeholders that rarely interact at the global level, the **Mayors Mechanism** aims to help create an enabling environment that accelerates migrant reception and integration efforts on the ground.

The Mayors Mechanism

Established in 2018, the **Mayors Mechanism** – co-steered by United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), The Mayors Migration Council (MMC) and The International Organization for Migration (IOM) – aims at including local and regional authorities within the GFMD process, bringing their voices and expertise into state-led deliberations, and intensifying the dialogue between different levels of government and different stakeholder groups.

The Mayoral Forum in Quito: Cities as First Responders...

The theme of this year’s Mayoral Forum: **“From Large Movements to the Global Compacts: Cities as First Responders”**, speaks to the **frontline role** of local and regional authorities when it comes to issues of migration and displacement. It ties in with specific themes and sessions of the GFMD (national) Government Summit:

- **Theme 1:** Joint responses to mixed migration flows: Partnerships and collective action to protect rights:
 - Roundtable Session 1.2: Facilitating social and economic inclusion
- **Theme 3:** Addressing human mobility as part of urban and rural development strategies:
 - Roundtable Session 3.1: Supporting arrival cities through policy coherence and multi-stakeholder partnerships.

... in Managing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants

In 2015, large movements of refugees and migrants led to the adoption of the **New York Declaration** and the development of the **Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)**, as well as the **Global Compact on Refugees (GCR)**.

Often, cities and municipalities are the main points of arrival for large movements and the first responders to migrants’ and refugees’ needs.



Whilst the global response in 2015 was driven by the Syria crisis and a spike of arrivals in Europe, today it is the Americas that struggle with large movements of people seeking safety and a better life in neighbouring countries and across the continent.

The Mayoral Forum will provide an opportunity for LRAs from the region and those experiencing similar challenges in other regions to **exchange on practical solutions and lessons learned**.

... and Advancing the Implementation of the Global Compacts

The 2020 Mayoral Forum will also provide an opportunity for cities to follow up on the [Marrakesh Mayors Declaration](#), adopted by over 60 cities committing to be first responders and first movers when it comes to the implementation of the Global Compacts.

In 2019, cities have pressed to be **included in the follow-up and review** processes of the GCM and GCR, reiterating their willingness, ability and expertise to advance the Compacts' implementation in unison.

The Forum will allow cities to **share information on and take stock of their diplomacy efforts to date**, and to discuss how their role can be strengthened going forward by pursuing greater involvement in policy and review processes at the national, regional and global levels.



The City Action Pledge

The Mayoral Forum will include a **Call to Local Action on Migration**. Mayors and cities will pledge concrete policies and programs in 6 key action areas:

1. Migration Governance
2. Economic Opportunity
3. Climate Resilience
4. Access to Essential Services
5. Inclusion and Social Cohesion
6. Vulnerable Groups

Areas can be endorsed individually or as a whole, depending on city context and capacities.

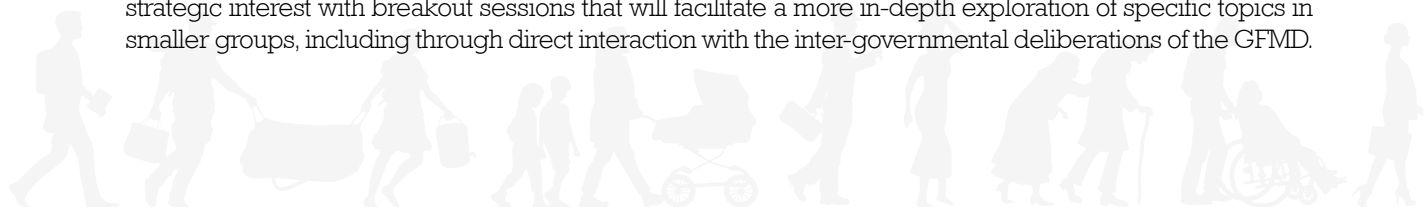
The goal of the Call to Local Action is to elevate the work of LRAs internationally to:

- Showcase how LRAs are contributing to GCM and GCR implementation.
- Source political, technical and or financial partners that can add value to local efforts.

While some pledges will be prepared ahead of the Mayoral Forum, during the event there will be a dedicated space where Mayor Mechanism staff will support LRAs in developing existing or new ideas, through the identification of needs and partnerships.

Meeting Format and connections the GFMD Summit

The 2020 Mayoral Forum will combine high-level plenary sessions, addressing topics of common and strategic interest with breakout sessions that will facilitate a more in-depth exploration of specific topics in smaller groups, including through direct interaction with the inter-governmental deliberations of the GFMD.



GFMD Week at a Glance

TUESDAY 21 JAN	WEDNESDAY 22 JAN			THURSDAY 23 JAN	FRIDAY 24 JAN	
Side Events* GFMD Opening Ceremony*	Mayoral Forum*	Civil Society Day	Business Meeting	GFMD Government Meeting	GFMD Common Space*	Dialogue on the Migration Compact*

The sessions marked with an * are accessible to all accredited LRAs. For the other sessions, participation is by invitation only (e.g. in the GFMD Government Summit) or requires specific registration (e.g. business and civil society).

The Mayoral Forum is an integral part of the GFMD week:

- **Tuesday, January 21: Opening Ceremony of the GFMD Summit and GFMD side events.** High-level officials of the Republic of Ecuador and representatives of the three GFMD mechanisms will open the [Inaugural ceremony of the GFMD Summit](#). **All accredited** representatives, including for LRAs, are invited to attend. The day is closed by a networking reception for all participants.
- **Wednesday, January 22: GFMD Parallel Tracks.** The daylong [Mayoral Forum](#) will run in parallel with the [Civil Society Mechanism Meeting](#) and the [Business Mechanism Meeting](#), and with the [GFMD \(national\) Government Meeting](#). Participants of all tracks will be invited to a cultural event.
- **Thursday, January 23: GFMD CommonSpace.** Mayoral, Civil Society, Business and Government groups will meet in the [GFMD Common Space](#) to connect and showcase concrete examples of multi-stakeholder initiatives in fostering migrants' inclusion for sustainable development.
- **Friday, January 24: GFMD Dialogue on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.** The GFMD Chair will facilitate a half-day [informal exchange on the implementation of the Global Compact](#). Here, representatives of the Mayoral, City Society, and Business groups will feed their key messages and recommendations to the audience of national governments.

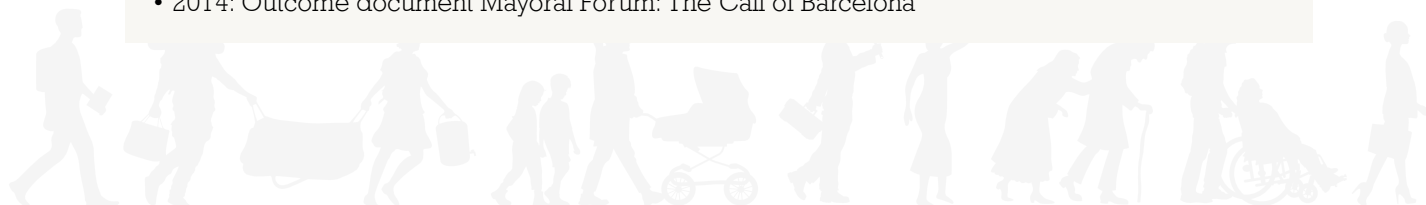
You can find a the detailed schedule of the entire week on the last page of this concept note and through the official [GFMD page](#).

More information

- GFMD Official Website
- GFMD Civil Society Day
- GFMD Business Mechanism

Further Resources:

- 2018: Outcome document Mayoral Forum: Marrakech Mayor's Declaration
- 2017: Outcome document Mayoral Forum: Mayoral Declaration on Migrants and Refugees: Meeting Needs, Protecting Rights and Fostering Empowerment
- 2016: Outcome document Mayoral Forum: Quezon City Commitment to Action
- 2016: The New Urban Agenda, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)
- 2015: Outcome document Mayoral Forum: The Quito Local Agenda on Migration and Development
- 2014: Outcome document Mayoral Forum: The Call of Barcelona





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8:30 – 9:00

Registration

9:00 – 9:30

Opening Plenary

📍 **Mayoral Forum Room**

Speakers:

- **H.E. Ambassador Santiago Chavez**, Chair of the 2019 GFMD
- **Jorge Yunda Machado**, Mayor of Quito, Host of the 6th Mayoral Forum
- **Antonio Vitorino**, Director General, International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
- **H.E. Ambassador Luis Gallegos Chiriboga**, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the UN in New York, Chair of UNITAR's Board of Trustees
- **Vittoria Zanuso**, Executive Director, Mayors Migration Council (MMC)
- **Pablo Jurado**, Vice-President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and President of Consortium of Provincial Autonomous Governments of Ecuador (CONGOPE)

9:30 – 10:30

Plenary Session 1: Local-National Partnerships

📍 **Mayoral Forum Room**

Moderator: **Vittoria Zanuso**, Mayors Migration Council (MMC)

Panellists:

- National government perspectives:
 - **Pietro Mona**, Ambassador for Development, Forced Displacement and Migration, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
 - **Gundula Weitz**, Deputy Director, Head of Division of Policy Issues of Flight and Displacement, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Local government perspectives:
 - **Carlos Alfredo Cox Palomino**, Mayor of Carmen de la Legua, District of Lima (Peru)
 - **Claudia Carletto**, Secretary for Human Rights and Citizenship, City of Sao Paulo (Brazil)
 - **Daniel Quintero Calle**, Mayor of Medellin (Colombia)

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

Plenary Session 2: Implementing Global Goals at the Local Level

📍 **Mayoral Forum Room**

Moderator: **Cecile Riallant**, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Panellists:

- **Claudia Pizarro Peña**, Mayor of La Pintana (Chile)
- **Emilia Saiz**, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
- **Rhissa Feltou**, Mayor of Agadez (Niger)
- **Salvatore Martello**, Mayor of Lampedusa (Italy)
- **Ali Manasrah**, Mayor of Bani Na'im (State of Palestine)

First reaction from the floor: **Alejandro Lopez Perez**, Director of Community Intervention and Social Emergency, City of Madrid (Spain)

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break

Parallel breakout sessions

For detailed concept notes of all breakout sessions, please see the conference documents email. Copies will be available in the conference rooms.

14:00 – 16:30 **Breakout Session 1: Working through partnerships to bolster the local migration response in the Latin American region**

📍 Room TBC

Moderator: **Ana Claudia Marinheiro Centeno Rossbach**, Cities Alliance Latinoamérica
Rapporteur: **David Khoudour**, United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Panellists:

- **Alfred Woeger**, Coordinator MIEUX, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
- **Claudia Pizarro**, Mayor of La Pintana (Chile)
- **Cynthia Loria**, Fundación AVINA
- **Fabrizio Pelicelli**, Regional Director for the Americas - AVSI
- **Maria Fernanda Garces**, Secretary of Productive Development and Competitiveness, Municipality of Quito (Ecuador)
- **Matilde Mordt**, Resident Coordinator UNDP in Ecuador
- **Mayra Alejandra Ramirez Gamboa**, Youth Forum Rapporteur
- **Roi Chiti**, Project Leader, World Urban Campaign, UN - Habitat

14:00 – 16:30 **Breakout Session 2: Building city capacities for local economic inclusion and migrant entrepreneurship**

📍 Room TBC

Moderators:

- **Sonia Plaza**, World Bank
- **Camilo Pinzon**, Alliance for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (AEI)

Rapporteur: to be confirmed

Panellists:

- **Alex Mejia**, Director of the Division for People and Social Inclusion, UNCTAD
- **Farzam Karimi**, Youth Forum Rapporteur
- **Fulvia Farinelli**, Officer in Charge, UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- **Juan Carlos Diaz Macia**, Andalusian Municipal Fund – FAMSI
- **Maurizio Busatti**, Head of Multilateral Processes Division, IOM
- **Maria Clara Martin**, Representative of the UNHCR in Ecuador
- **Maria Lorena Montalvo**, Executive Director, ConQuito
- **Ronald N. Balimwezo**, Mayor of Nakawa, Kampala (Uganda)

14:00 – 16:30 **Breakout Session 3: Migration governance in cities along migration routes: responses of local and regional authorities in Africa**

📍 Room TBC

Moderator: **Mohamed Boussraoui**, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Rapporteur: to be identified during the session

Facilitator: **Lionel Nzamba- Nzamba**, UCLG-Africa

Panellists:

- **Fatna El K'hriel**, Mayor of Arbaoua (Morocco)
- **Maria Norma Layon Aarun**, Mayor of San Martin Texmelucan (Mexico)
- **Mario Roberto Dionisio**, Mayor Santa Maria Vistacion (Guatemala)
- **Mohamed Ben Maouloud**, Deputy Mayor Gao (Malawi)
- **Mounir Srarfi**, Deputy Mayor Tunis (Tunisia)
- **Darla Anguiano**, Youth Forum Rapporteur
- **Rhissa Feltou**, Mayor of Agadez (Niger)

16:30 - 17:00 **Coffee Break**

17:00 – 18:00 **Reporting back from the breakout sessions**

📍 **Mayoral Forum Room**

Moderator: **Mohamed Boussraoui**, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Panellists: rapporteurs breakout sessions

Closing Remarks: Lessons Learned and the Future of City Diplomacy

Speakers:

- **Luis Alonso De Ita Garcia**, Youth Forum Rapporteur
- **Jonathan Prentice**, Head of Secretariat, United Nations Network on Migration at IOM
- **Fatna El K'hief**, Mayor of Arbaoua (Morocco)
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