



Promoting local efforts in conflict prevention, peace building and post conflict reconstruction



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Local governments and Peace

In today's world, war and armed conflict are still an all-too-frequent reality with disastrous consequences for citizens of the cities, towns and localities affected. It is expected that by 2025, two-thirds of the world's poor will live in fragile states and conflict countries, as a result of increased urbanization, scarcity of public goods and the rise of intolerance and tensions.

In situations of conflict, local governments have an important role to play: they have to ensure that service delivery towards citizens is in place despite the difficult context, and they need to promote and facilitate peace as an alternative to violent conflicts.

It is against this backdrop that the 2008 First World Conference on City Diplomacy in the Hague recommended to launch a local government peace prize. This prize has taken shape in the **UCLG City of Bogotá Peace Prize**.

The Peace Prize

The UCLG City of Bogotá Peace Prize is a triennial award for (a coalition of) local governments that have implemented initiatives in conflict prevention, resolution or peace building, that are proven to have had a significant positive impact. The prize aims to contribute to full acknowledgement of the important but often overlooked role of local governments as peace building actors, thus creating a more effective approach to conflict resolution.

Nominated cases are assessed by a high level expert jury. The winning local government will receive a modest prize package worth €20.000, aimed at strengthening its peace projects and facilitating learning and exchange.

The first award ceremony of the UCLG City of Bogotá Peace Prize will take place at the **UCLG World Congress in Bogotá, on 12-15 October 2016**. Here, the local governments that will be nominated as finalists will get the opportunity to present their approaches and the jury will declare the final winner.

How to apply

Has your local government successfully worked to prevent or overcome conflict or to create dialogue? Or does it help local governments in conflict areas in their efforts to achieve or maintain peace? Then consider nominating it for the UCLG City of Bogotá Peace Prize!

Nominations can be submitted through the website of the Peace Prize until the 31st of May 2016. More information on the criteria and eligibility is also available online:

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