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Mediterranean City-to-City Migration

Dialogue, Knowledge and Action

High Level Conference

Beirut, 7-8 November 2017

Draft Programme

The Mediterranean has become the focus of migration related discussions, too often presented as a challenge or burden. Going against this current, the Mediterranean City-to-City Migration (MC2CM) initiative has, since 2015, sought to highlight the positive aspects of migration. It gathered evidence, catalogued good practices, and promoted partnerships that link migration to urban development in the Mediterranean.

Funded by the European Commission, and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, and implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) in partnership with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and UN-Habitat, this project contributes to enhanced local migration governance.

This high-level event will give Mayors, national representatives and experts the opportunity to discuss the findings, and recommendations of the MC2CM. Subsequently a way forward to the next phase will be paved, in which cities will leverage their unique role to enhance the benefits of migration, at the local and national level.

Tuesday, 7 November 2017

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12:00 – 14:00	Registration & Arrival lunch
14:00 – 14:30	Official Opening Remarks Jamal Itani, Mayor of Beirut Michael Spindelegger, Director General, ICMPD Josep Roig, Secretary General, UCLG (tbc) Joan Clos, Executive Director, UN-Habitat (tbc)
14:30 – 17:00	High-Level Panel: good practices and persistent challenges in migration management in cities Objective: present a comparative perspective of migration governance and prompt response from participants including lessons and challenges for migration in the Mediterranean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Presentation of key findings from MC2CM ➔ Panel responses from cities and experts ➔ Discussion in plenary
18:00 – 20:00	Cocktail & Dinner

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09:00 – 11:00	<p>High-Level Panel: The future of local migration governance in the Mediterranean – innovation, resourcing, diversity.</p> <p>Objective: set out the scene for the next MC2CM phase implementation and set out the political endorsement of policy recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Panel discussion and presentations→ Discussion in plenary
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Networking break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Innovative approaches to migration governance on selected fields of action – parallel working sessions</p> <p>Objective: to provide an opportunity for exchange on specific issues addressed within MC2CM with the goal of proposing actions that can be developed in the second phase of the project as a strategy to breathe life into the political discussions and recommendations.</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 16:00	Innovative approaches to migration governance on selected fields of action – parallel working sessions continued
16:00 – 17:00	Closing: from recommendations to action