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**WORLD FORUM ON**

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**URBAN VIOLENCE  
AND EDUCATION FOR  
COEXISTENCE AND PEACE**

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## INTRODUCTION

Cities have become microcosms of what is happening in the world, places where all types of violence that oppress and threaten individual and community life merge together. The most worrying among them all is undoubtedly terrorist violence that strikes many cities; but there are also other types of violence that proliferate, some of them are more hidden, others are more visible, but they are all insidious and must be identified and tackled in order to make cities establish greater social justice leading to improve coexistence and peace.

Madrid City Council has launched a **WORLD FORUM ON URBAN VIOLENCE AND EDUCATION FOR COEXISTENCE AND PEACE** to address this situation and lay the foundations to work against urban violence. A Forum allowing to outline the different types of urban violence and discuss channels and ways to prevent, tackle and, if possible, eradicate it. It is a Forum to spread thoughts and practices that allow us to transform the cultures of violence into cultures of peace.

Cities have also suffered the effects of globalisation and have become strategic spaces for advanced economic functions, but also for those expelled from these economic functions who are no longer needed - either as employees or as consumers. Thus, we speak of 'failed cities', 'urban jungles', 'urbanisation of war' and 'urbicide'. In fact, there are processes of 'de-citizenization' or human beings becoming mere 'residents' with no rights, and even as human beings as they lose their 'right to have rights'. These are challenges to the new municipal policies that the Forum must address as a process of transformation of global conflicts at a local level.



Violence falls into three interrelated categories which feed off each other: **DIRECT VIOLENCE, STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE AND CULTURAL VIOLENCE**. Structural violence generates social imbalances producing marginalisation, poverty, exclusion and expulsion from the daily life of people, human groups and entire neighbourhoods. Cultural violence consists of ideologies, beliefs and symbolic universes that justify structural violence and even direct violence. This latter is fed by the previous types of violence and ranges from sexist violence to organised crime and by using the city as a war setting.

In this sense, the transformation of cultures generating violence into cultures of peace is a fundamental task for City Councils through the stimulation of policies that erode legitimacy and the use of violence, and serve for the prevention and peaceful transformation of conflicts. Cultures of peace can and must be mediated by all areas which fall within the competence of City Councils, thus contributing to strengthening coexistence in cities, with justice criteria and care policies.

Since the new global governance proposals that go beyond the borders of existing national States affect new forms of local governance, the **WORLD FORUM ON URBAN VIOLENCE AND EDUCATION FOR COEXISTENCE AND PEACE** will allow **MADRID** to become **THE CAPITAL OF PEACE**, bringing together public figures, experts on municipal public policies who address this manifestation of violence and the corresponding alternatives to conflicts in urban environments. A Forum which is a great opportunity to outline the tasks that municipalities and citizens should take on to work towards coexistence and peace.



## WHAT IS IT?

The Madrid World Forum on Urban Violence and Education for Coexistence and Peace is a meeting place for local leaders, international organisations and networks, academic world, NGOs and civil society. Its purpose is to open a joint process of debate, reflection and construction of common solutions that foster urban environments capable of eliminating expressions of violence.



**CITIES ARE SPACES OF COEXISTENCE AND CONFLICT**, territories where dreams of prosperity are projected, where protection and shelter are sought but where, at the same time, tensions are exacerbated. Various types of violence exist in cities: direct, structural and cultural. Terrorist attacks, racism, xenophobia, violence against women, youth violence, lack of access to education and healthcare, violence at sporting events and in the media - there are many violent manifestations with a strong urban presence.

This Forum aims to identify the main challenges of violence and conflicts that cities should cope with and facilitate the exchange of experiences and offer alternatives to ensure coexistence. To do this, the problem should be addressed with practice, focusing on those experiences of education for coexistence and peace where solutions are identified.

## WHY?

In our societies cities are the main spaces to meet, exchange and interact with people, groups, companies, ideas and values. However, they are also spaces where inequalities are generated and where various types of violence proliferate.

Local authorities have a growing framework for action that may help **PREVENT AND TRANSFORM CONFLICTS AND REDUCE VIOLENCE**. The success or failure of the future of the humanity passes, to a large extent, through cities. A good example of this is the recent adoption of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, in which cities are a key element.

**1. PARIS WORLD COUNCIL RESOLUTION, UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:**

*Cities and local governments have the duty, the responsibility, to work for Peace, against violence as a means of conflict resolution, and to strengthen education for Peace as an instrument of coexistence and future welfare.*

**2. 2015-2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

*Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable (GOAL 11); and Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective and accountable institutions at all levels (GOAL 16).*



## HOW?

The Forum is mainly aimed at mayors, and is open to civil society, citizens, international organisations and networks, and any stakeholders who can help build cities of peace in order to create spaces to share experiences and facilitate the exchange of knowledge. It is important to identify existing violence (terrorism, racism and xenophobia, youth gangs, gender, sport, schools, social networks and new technologies, media, etc.), but always emphasising coexistence, that is, peaceful responses for conflict management.

The Forum will be **AGILE, DYNAMIC AND HIGHLY AUDIO-VISUAL**, structured in panel discussions, debates and an Agora open space. It will be focused on existing challenges, so the Forum should be a space to identify and develop proposals for the prevention and transformation of urban violence.

The Organising Committee of the World Forum on Urban Violence and Education for Coexistence and Peace would like the event to be open and participatory. Therefore, we invite local governments, international organisations and networks, experts and universities, the private sector, civil society and NGOs to join the Forum preparation activities by:

- **IDENTIFYING EXISTING INITIATIVES** and projects aimed at managing urban coexistence conflicts peacefully.
- **PROVIDING AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIAL** (maximum 2 minutes) on a conflictive reality or a violent problem in urban areas.
- **DESIGNING A STAND OR POSTER** about a coexistence and culture of peace initiative.
- **PROPOSING A WORKSHOP** or a parallel session (scope, description, format).
- **PARTICIPATING IN THE DIAGNOSIS** of urban violence in the city of Madrid.

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## WHERE AND WHEN?

The World Forum on Urban Violence and Education for Coexistence and Peace will be held at:

**LA NAVE** (C/ CIFUENTES, 5, VILLAVERDE DISTRICT, 28021, MADRID) **ON APRIL 19, 20 AND 21, 2017.**

Prior to the Forum, various festivals, events, conferences and programmes will be held throughout the city to emphasise the role of coexistence and the culture of peace in our cities. Additionally, various parallel events will be held under the Forum framework, such as the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Executive Committee.

## COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION & CONTACT

**FREE REGISTRATION**  
(from January 2017)

**FORUM WEBSITE:**  
<https://capitaldepaz.madrid.es>

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## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Madrid, 29 December 2016

Dear friend,

I am writing these few lines to inform you about the celebration of the First World Forum on Urban Violence and Education for Coexistence and Peace which will take place in Madrid from 19 to 21 of April 2017, and where I would like you and the experience of your city to be present.

Cities are the human settlements of the present and the future; places that are not exempt from conflicts and expressions of violence, but they are also a place of opportunities. In this Global Forum we want to focus on what local leaders can do to make cities a place of peace and coexistence. Our desire is that Mayors from all over the world take this opportunity to meet with civil society benchmarks, international organisations and peace leaders by opening a process of debate and reflection that is committed to education as a tool of coexistence in order to ensure the future welfare of our cities.

The recently approved New Urban Agenda and the Agenda 2030 for Development recognize that cities are at the centre of the important challenges we are facing. Through this event we respond to the commitment made at the World Council of United Cities and Local Governments held on 4 December 2015 in Paris, within the framework of COP21.

We want to make a very dynamic meeting to share those experiences which address conflicts through graphic and audiovisual materials in order to help us understand how to face urban violence and the alternatives of coexistence. Thus, these experiences will inspire us so that cities may become mediation and prevention channels for the resolution of conflicts.

I hope to count on your presence in Madrid during this meeting and deliver a message together to the world: cities can and must be peace scenarios.

With all my affection,



Manuela Carmena Castrillo

## VIDEO FROM THE MAYOR



### VIDEO INVITATION:

Please click on the following link to watch the invitation of Madrid Mayor, Mayor Manuela Carmena, to participate in the Forum: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohDZxCpYOrA>



## ORGANISING COMMITTEE



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## FORUM ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

	DAYS 17 - 18	DAY 19	DAY 20	DAY 21	DAY 22	
<b>9:00</b>	<b>PARALEL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>CGLU EXECUTIVE BUREAU</b>	9:00 - 11:00 <b>PARALLEL SESSIONS (TABLES OR WORKSHOPS)</b>	9:00 - 11:00 <b>PARALLEL SESSIONS (TABLES OR WORKSHOPS)</b>	<b>PARALLEL ACTIVITIES</b>	
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-	<b>CGLU EXECUTIVE BUREAU</b>					
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<b>12:00</b>			11:30 - 13:00 <b>PLENARY DIALOGUE</b>	11:30 - 13:00 <b>PLENARY DIALOGUE</b>		
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<b>13:00</b>			9:00 A 21:00 <b>AGORA ACTIVITIES ALL DAY EXHIBITIONS, WORKSHOPS, PERFORMING ARTS</b>	13:30 - 14:30 <b>FINAL SESSION FORUM CLOSING</b>		
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<b>15:00</b>			15:00 - 17:00 <b>PARALLEL SESSIONS (TABLES OR WORKSHOPS)</b>	9:00 A 21:00 <b>AGORA ACTIVITIES ALL DAY EXHIBITIONS, WORKSHOPS, PERFORMING ARTS</b>		
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<b>16:00</b>						
-		16:30 - 18:00 <b>OPENING SESSION FORUM INAUGURATION</b>				
<b>17:00</b>						
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<b>18:00</b>		18:00 - 19:30 <b>PLENARY DIALOGUE</b>	17:30 - 19:30 <b>PLENARY DIALOGUE</b>			
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<b>20:00</b>		19:30 - 21:00 <b>AGORA OPENING</b>		20:00 <b>CULTURAL EVENT</b>		
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<b>21:00</b>			21:00 <b>CULTURAL EVENT</b>			

## FORM FOR INITIATIVES / PARTICIPATION PROPOSALS

<b>TITLE OF THE INITIATIVE</b>
<b>LOCATION (City/country/region)</b>
<b>SUBJECT/FIELD (Type of violence, affected population)</b>
<b>WHICH AREA OF MADRID FORUM CAN THE PROPOSAL BE ATTACHED TO?</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>GOVERNANCE:</b> Corrective policies on inequalities in cities, new forms of government. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE:</b> Managing diversity among groups, new forms of social organization. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>CULTURE, EDUCATION &amp; VALUES:</b> Initiatives promoting the peaceful transformation of conflict.
<b>ACTORS INVOLVED (Boost / Collaboration)</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION (Summary of the main actions carried out)</b>
<b>RESULTS / IMPACT / PERSPECTIVES</b>
<b>MORE INFORMATION (Contact details, website, links, materials)</b>
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE INITIATIVE IN MADRID FORUM (19 - 21 April 2017)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>INFORMATION MATERIAL</b> (Brochures, posters, dossier, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL</b> (Short video explaining the initiative) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>EXPLANATORY PANELS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING WORKSHOP</b> (sessions of approx. 60-90 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PERFORMING ARTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER</b> (please specify) _____
<b>TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION (material and technical characteristics)</b>
<b>INFORMATION OF THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENTATION IN MADRID</b>

\* Email address for the reception of initiatives and questions: [capitaldepaz@madrid.es](mailto:capitaldepaz@madrid.es)

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# **MADRID IS WAITING FOR YOU!**

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**APRIL 19, 20 & 21, 2017**

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