



Forum Cities and Regions for Development Cooperation: Local and regional partnerships for sustainable urban development

Brussels, 4-5 February 2019
Draft Agenda

Monday 4 February 2019

08:00-09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00-09:45	Opening Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President, European Committee of the Regions Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO) (tbc) Souad Ben Abderrahim, Mayor of Tunis, Tunisia (tbc) Peter Kurz, Mayor of Mannheim, Germany, and member of the European Committee of the Regions (tbc)
09:45-10:45	Global International Policy Framework for urban/local sustainable development François Albert Amichia, President of the Council of the Territorial Communities, West African Economic and Monetary Union (tbc) Franco Iacop, Friuli Venezia Giulia Council /member of the European Committee of the Regions (tbc) Carla Montesi, Director of the Directorate for Planet and Prosperity, DEVCO Aziza Akhmouch, Acting Head of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, OECD
10:45-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	Successful partnership initiatives between cities and regions <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Phnom Penh, Cambodia - Paris, France2. Nicosia Initiative for Libyan municipalities3. Buenos Aires, Argentina - Madrid, Spain4. Ukraine- EU Peer-to-Peer Cooperation5. Dogbo, Benin - Roselare, Belgium
12:30-13:00	First call for proposals on “Local authorities: Partnerships for sustainable cities”: Main features Paolo Ciccarelli, Head of Unit Cities, Local Authorities, Digitalisation and Infrastructures, DEVCO

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14:00 - 18:00

Open space discussions on partnerships for sustainable urban development

Participants will discuss relevant topics on partnerships for sustainable urban development, identified by them within the following themes. The debates aim to generate policies recommendations for the EU institutions.

Coffee will be served during this open space session

Partnership (Strengthening Urban governance at various levels of administration and between different actors)

- Integrated urban planning
- Public finance management
- Land management
- Rural-urban and primary and secondary cities linkages
- E-governance, databases, municipal digitalisation

People (Social dimension of urban development)

- Urban poverty
- Forced displacement and migration
- Education and training
- Food security/ Territorial food policy

Peace (inclusive and safe cities)

- Inequalities and social exclusion
- Local/Regional authorities cooperation in contexts of state fragility
- Urban violence
- Gender equality and women empowerment

Planet (Green and resilient cities)

- Urban mobility
- Energy efficiency and transition
- Water and waste services
- Environmental protection

Prosperity (Prosperous and innovative cities)

- The role of private investments in urban sustainable development
- Investment climate at local level
- Boosting business development and job creation locally and regionally

17:00-18:00: participants join the session on “Private sector as catalyst for sustainable development”

[Antti Karhunen, Head of Unit Private Sector development, Trade, Regional Integration, DEVCO \(tbc\)](#)

Ben White, Co-Founder of VC4A Venture Capital Platform (tbc)
Hala Bugaighis, Co-Founder of Jusoor, MENA Young Leader 2017 (tbc)

18:00-18:30	Keynote speech on Development and Migration: Future demographic challenges for African cities Stephen Smith, Professor of African Studies, Duke University
18:30-20:00	Networking Reception

Tuesday 5 February 2019

09:30-11:00	Debate among participants on the recommendations stemming from the open space discussions
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:15	High level debate among local and regional authorities and EU Institutions Linda McAvan, Member of the European Parliament (tbc) Hans Janssen, Member of the Committee of the Regions Stefano Manservigi, Director-General, DG DEVCO, European Commission Marc Lemaitre, Director-General, DG REGIO, European Commission (tbc)
12:15-13:00	Closing Representative from RO EU presidency (tbc) Barbara Duden, Chair of the European Committee of the Regions, CIVEX Commission (tbc) Stefano Manservigi, Director-General, DG DEVCO, European Commission Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN Habitat (tbc)
13:00-14:00	Lunch and end of the Forum

Additional activities organised alongside the Forum will include:

- An exhibition with stands presenting relevant decentralised cooperation initiatives
- A networking area allowing representatives and practitioners from local and regional authorities in the EU and partner countries and EU institutions to meet and match their interests
- Associated events organised by partners after the main event at different premises, to maximise synergies.

