MC²CM

Mediterranean City-to-City Migration
Dialogue, Knowledge and Action

High Level Conference

Beirut, 7-8 November 2017

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 Union 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

Venue: Beit Beirut Museum and Urban Cultural Center, Independence Street, Beirut

Working Languages: Simultaneous interpretation is provided in Arabic, English, French and Spanish

12:00 – 14:00	Registration & Arrival lunch
	Signing of ICMPD and UN-Habitat Memorandum of Understanding *Participants will be invited to the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between UN-Habitat and ICMPD to take place at 1.30pm*
14:00 – 14:45	**Official Opening Remarks**
	Jamal Itani, Mayor of Beirut
	Michael Spindelegger, Director General, ICMPD
	Josep Roig, Secretary General, UCLG
	Raf Tuts, Director, Programme Division, UN-Habitat
	Jose Luis Vinuesa Santamaria, Head of Section, EU Delegation

14:45 – 17:00	**High-Level Panel: good practices and persistent challenges in migration governance in cities**
	Objective: present a comparative perspective of migration governance and prompt response from participants including lessons and challenges for migration in the Mediterranean
	Moderator: Mohamed Boussraoui, Senior Officer , UCLG
	➜ Presentation of key findings from MC2CM by **Ana Feder**, Project Manager
	Panellists:
	Yousef Al Shawarbeh, Mayor, Amman
	Mauricio Valiente, Deputy Mayor, Madrid
	Naima Ibn Aboud, Deputy Mayor, Tangier
	Abderrazak Bouziri, Deputy Mayor, Tunis
	Anna Merlin, Councillor, Metropolitan City of Turin
	Ali Belhaj, Director General, National Migration Observatory, Tunisia
	➜ Discussion in plenary
18:00	**Cocktail and Dinner hosted by the Municipality of Beirut** at Villa Linda Sursock, Ashrafieh, Beirut
	Transfer provided from meeting venue to restaurant at 5.15pm

Wednesday, 8 November 2017

08:30 – 09:00	Welcome coffee
09:00 – 11:00	**High-Level Panel: The future of local migration governance in the Mediterranean – policy recommendations**
	Objective: set out the scene for the next MC2CM phase implementation and set out the political endorsement of policy recommendations.
	Moderator: Julien Simon, Regional Coordinator for the Mediterranean, ICMPD
	➜ Presentation of MC2CM policy recommendations by **Josep Roig**, Secretary General, UCLG
	Panellists:
	Jamal Itani, Mayor, Beirut
	Souad Zaidi, Deputy Mayor, Rabat
	Alberto Laplaine Guimaraës, Secretary General, Lisbon Municipality
	Raf Tuts, Director, Programme Division, UN-Habitat
	Simone Troller, Regional Advisor on Migration and Development, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
	Alberto Avetta, President, ANCI Piemonte, Italy
	Fouad El Omari, Member of Parliament and President of Moroccan Mayors Association
	➜ Discussion in plenary

11:00 – 12:00	**Networking break and interactive exhibit**

Participants are invited to an interactive exhibit featuring presentations and Q&A from MC2CM cities on the basis of their local work on migration, integration and inclusion and presentation of the findings from the City Migration Profiles and process.

1. Amman	4. Lyon	7. Tunis
2. Beirut	5. Madrid	8. Turin
3. Lisbon	6. Tangier	9. Vienna

12:00 – 13:15	**Innovative approaches to migration governance on selected fields of action – parallel working sessions**

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.

Knowledge	*Communication*	*Cooperation*
The data challenge – how to build knowledge on city level migration	**Communicating about migration and refugee issues at local level – challenges and strategies**	**Migrant and refugee integration – a concerted multi-player effort**
This session will discuss the challenges inherent in data collection, compilation and analysis on migration and asylum at local level. It will draw on experiences from MC2CM city migration profiles and illustrate how cities are going about addressing this gap.	*This session will draw upon the main challenges cities have in addressing perceptions and public opinion on migration and asylum, including strategies to communicate actions related to inclusion and integration of migrants and refugees.*	*Migrant inclusion and integration solicits coordinated efforts from multiple players and actors across different levels of government. In view of the upcoming peer to peer on inter-institutional coordination, this session will discuss this element of migration governance.*
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13:15 – 14:15	*Lunch*

14:15 – 15:30	**Innovative approaches to migration governance on selected fields of action – parallel working sessions continued**

Knowledge	*Communication*	*Cooperation*
Data solutions – e-governance for migration	**The diversity advantage**	**City of Beirut – City Stakeholder Group meeting – by invitation only**
This workshop will explore a series of innovative tools and methods that can be developed and used to address the data challenge on local migration. Among these, the i.map interactive map on migration urban hub and migration dashboards presented and discussed as potential tools for follow up.	*What are the tools used to maximise the potential brought by diversity? How can local economic and urban development strategies apply a migration lens to utilise this asset to its full capacity? This session will disentangle these questions and set out ways in which cities can apply these learnings to gain the maximum benefit from their diversity brought on by migration.*	*Local and national stakeholders invited by the City of Beirut to discuss and deliberate of the findings of City Migration Profile and on the City Migration Priorities developed in the framework of the MC2CM project and set out a list of future actions to implement these.*
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15:30 – 16:30	**Plenary conclusions on Innovative approaches to migration governance**
	Moderator: Jesus Salcedo, Associate, UN-Habitat
	➔ Presentation of findings from working sessions
	➔ Open debate on Innovative approaches to migration governance
16:30 – 17:00	**Closing: from recommendations to action**
	Elisa Gilgen, Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of Switzerland in Lebanon
	Julien Simon, Regional Coordinator for the Mediterranean, ICMPD