



*GOVERNING LOCALLY: CITY LEADERSHIP AT THE FRONT AND
CENTER*

*IN IMPLEMENTING MIGRATION POLICY -
PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT AND SECURING PROTECTION
Quezon City, 29-30 September 2016*

PROGRAMME (AS OF 22 SEPTEMBER 2016)

Background

The Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development is the annual gathering of municipal and regional leaders serving to promote globally relevant policy dialogue, foster the exchange of experiences in governing migration, and strategize on how to work collectively. It seeks to support new and innovative approaches to urban governance in contexts of greater diversity, and to showcase city leadership in the implementation of migration policies for inclusive growth.

At the Second Mayoral Forum that took place in Quito Ecuador on 12-13 November 2015, the Quito Local Agenda on Migration and Development – outlining municipal and regional actions towards implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - was endorsed unanimously.

Building on this foundation, this Third Mayoral Forum in Quezon City reflects a two-pronged emphasis on the Quito Local Agenda's Actions no. 6 and no. 10, namely: the role of diaspora in furthering development in communities of origin and destination; and the protection of migrants in vulnerable situations within urban centres.

DAY 1 (29 SEPTEMBER 2016)

08:30 **Participants Registration / Accreditations**

09:00 **Welcome Plenary**

- *Mr. Herbert M. Bautista, Mayor of Quezon City*
- *Ms. Maria Dolores Lopez Fernandez, Commissioner of Immigration, Barcelona, Spain*

- Mr. Cesar Mantilla, Secretary of Inclusion, Quito, Ecuador
- Mr. Ovais Sarmad, Chief of Staff, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Mr. Nikhil Seth, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, Executive Director of the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) (by video)
- Ms. Irene Vojackova-Sollorano, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Serbia
- Dr. Colleen Thouez, Chair, World Bank KNOMAD Capacity Building Group, Senior Advisor, UNITAR, and Advisor to the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration

Chair: Ms. Imelda Nicolas, Former Chairperson, Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO)

09:45 **Attaining the SDGs through Local Leadership**

Presentation and moderation by: Dr. Colleen Thouez

Remarks by:

- Dr. Howard Duncan, Executive Director, Metropolis International, Ottawa, Canada
- Dr. Bernadia Tjandradewi, Secretary-General, Union of Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific
- Ms. Cecile Riallant, Head, Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI)
- Dr. Edna Co, Director, CIFAL Philippines, University of the Philippines

10:30 **Tour de Table by Mayors on Expectations and Perspectives**

Chair: Ms. Cecile Riallant, Head, Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI)

11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:45 **Supporting the Role of Diaspora in Furthering Development in Communities of Origin and Destination**

Session 1: Engaging and Supporting Diaspora: Opportunities and Challenges

Under the Quito Local Agenda Action 6 – Promoting Economic Development and Human Prosperity, it is acknowledged that migrants contribute positively to the development of cities and major metropolitan areas worldwide. The diversity created by human mobility is an asset in making cities richer and more competitive spaces with greater prosperity (Mayoral Forum 2014, Barcelona Declaration). Migrants are agents of development and social transformation both in origin and destination countries.

This session will discuss existing challenges in engaging with diaspora, not least having reliable data on who and where diaspora reside. It will explore concrete ways in which city administrations overcome obstacles to engagement. Specifically, this session will explore the following:

- *Building data on diaspora, e.g. data gathering by local administrations on diaspora (including diaspora databases), mapping and creating lists of diaspora with specific skills and expertise (such as legal skills, contractual negotiations, cross-cultural communication, etc.) who may be*

able to assist (from the country in which the diaspora is resident); and repositories on projects involving diaspora;

- Identifying and addressing obstacles to productive engagement with diaspora (abroad);
- Managing diversity and working with diaspora to mitigate xenophobia for social, economic and cultural inclusion and growth;
- Inter-generational sensitivities towards integration and the role of diaspora in building identity and fostering active inclusion; and
- The use of new technologies for communication, project implementation to connect and promote growth.

Chairs: Dr. Manolo Abella, Chair, KNOMAD Working Group on Low Skilled Labour Migration, and Mr. Nilim Baruah, Regional Labour Migration Specialist, International Labour Office (ILO) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (TBC)

12:45 Lunch: Presentation on the UN New Urban Agenda, Habitat III Conference

Presenter: Ms. Jill Helke, Director, International Cooperation and Partnerships, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

14:00 Supporting the Role of Diaspora in Furthering Development in Communities of Origin and Destination (continued)

Session 2: Diaspora Interventions Facilitated by City Governments: Impact, Sustainability and Replicability

Cities create conducive environments (physically, socially, economically) to maximize the local development impact of migration. This often includes promoting diaspora exchanges, encouraging entrepreneurship, facilitating cultural exchanges, establishing partnerships with migrant associations, etc. City administrations are “the” key partner in facilitating development outcomes in origin communities. This session will explore city leadership in the following:

- Role of the diaspora in addressing emerging local level development concerns (e.g. disaster risk reduction, public health, good governance, etc.);
- Mobilizing diaspora financial and technical resources for growth;
- Championing local Public/Private Partnerships with diaspora; and
- Creating matching grants and other incentive schemes to facilitate investment by diasporas and returning migrants in community development initiatives.

Chairs: Mr. Kristof Tamas, Head of Secretariat, Delmi Sweden-The Migration Studies Delegation, and Dr. Manolo Abella, Chair, KNOMAD Working Group on Low Skilled Labour Migration

17:00 Summary and Exchange on Views on Day 1

Speakers:

Mayor John Bongat (Naga City, Philippines)

Prefect Pablo Jurado Moreno (Province of Imbabura, Ecuador)

Ms. Elisabetta Gentile, Economist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)



- 17:30 Adjourment**
- 18:00 Reception: Launching of UNITAR CIFAL Philippines**
- 19:30 Dinner Hosted by Quezon City: Presentation on the outcomes of the UN Leaders Summit to Address Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants (September 2016)**
- Keynote Presentations (by videoconference):*
- *Mr. Gregory Maniatis, Senior Advisor to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Migration, Co-Director, International Migration, Columbia University Global Policy Initiative, and Senior European Fellow, Migration Policy Institute (MPI)*
 - *Mr. Dilip Ratha, Head, World Bank Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD), and Manager, Migration and Remittances Unit, World Bank*

DAY 2 (30 SEPTEMBER 2016)

- 09:00 Inclusion and Protection of Migrants and Refugees in Vulnerable Situations within Urban Centres**

Session 3: On Protection, Rights, and Resilience

In an increasingly mobile and connected world, many migrants cross international borders with vulnerabilities in various phases of migration – from pre-departure, on-site and upon return. Many migrants who leave countries of origin end up in vulnerable and exploitative work and living conditions in destination countries. Also, in the past two years alone, the world has seen an exodus of people in various parts of the world fleeing poverty, conflict, natural and man-made disasters, and systemic human rights abuses. Origin and destination cities must be at the forefront of policies that promote and protect migrants' rights. This session provides a platform for cities to discuss the following:

- *Reducing all forms of violence and violations of migrants' rights (including cross-border violence) and deaths (including relating to terrain and sea voyages) and countering human trafficking;*
- *Addressing the gender dimension of migrants in vulnerable situations, especially of women and child migrants;*
- *Ensuring safe and secure working environments for all migrant workers with special attention to migrant women and those in precarious employment;*
- *Identifying the role of diaspora communities in partnering with cities for prevention of vulnerabilities;*
- *Building resilience within communities;*
- *Exploring existing models and tools to look at: e.g. Migrants in Countries in Crisis (MICIC)*



Initiative¹, and the Protection System for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (SPRAR)².

Chairs: Mr. Mohammed Abdiker, Director of Operations and Emergencies, International Organization for Migration (IOM), and Mr. Yasser Saad, Deputy Representative, Regional Office, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Dialogue between Mayors and Civil Society Representatives

➤ Chair: Mr. William Gois, Migrant Forum in Asia

12:45 Lunch: Presentation on Diversity and Inclusion in the Context of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

Speaker: Ms. Nadia Sobhan, Government of Bangladesh, Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

14:00 Inclusion and Protection of Migrants and Refugees in Vulnerable Situations within Urban Centres (continued)

Session 4: On Inclusion, Opportunities, Participation

From schools to health and psycho-social care, housing and social services, from welcoming services to documentation and identification processes, to services supporting small businesses, not to mention the humanitarian work broached by cities with rising numbers of urban refugees and forcibly displaced, local administrations have experienced an impressive transformation in recent years. More than not with limited resources, city administrations must develop “living together” policies that incorporate the needs of all city residents while acknowledging the special needs of newly arrived migrants - in particular those that experience a heightened vulnerability be they refugees or vulnerable migrants. What are the contextual realities of different city administrations, and how have they managed increasing diversity, be it from the effects of gradual globalization, environmental change and urbanization, or from the effects of sudden influxes of people? This session provides a platform for cities to discuss the following:

- Ensuring the human rights of migrants and displaced, regardless of migratory status, through equal access to social services, education, housing, employment;
- Ensuring the economic inclusion of migrants through job training and recognition of qualifications, employment and entrepreneurship;
- Building firewalls between administrations to deliver services despite migrants’ legal status;
- Countering xenophobia in public discourse and public life, including by working with local media;
- Ensuring enhanced public participation of migrants in civic life;
- Identifying areas for strengthening multi-stakeholder partnerships across cities, and with regional

¹ MICIC is a government-led process that will result in voluntary, non-binding guidelines for the protection and assistance of migrants in countries experiencing conflict or natural disasters, with a set of effective practices that states and other stakeholders notably municipal and regional authorities can draw upon in responding to such situations.

² SPRAR is a national network of 382 municipalities in Italy, to resettle people, bring towns back to life and offer a model for Europe as it faces problems integrating large migrant populations.



and national government to facilitate the inclusion of newcomers, engaging the private sector and harnessing technology.

Chairs: Dr. Howard Duncan, Executive Director, Metropolis International, and Mr. Mohammed Abdiker, Director of Operations and Emergencies, IOM

15:30 **Summary and Exchange on Views on Day 2**

Speakers:

Governor Al Shihab Sa'ad (Province of Irbid, Jordan) (TBC)
Council Member Abdullah Kanaan (Municipality of Saida, Lebanon) (TBC)
Dr. Megha Amrith, United Nations University (UNU)

16:00 **From Dialogue to Action: Partnerships for Progress**

Speakers to include:

Ms. Jill Helke, Director, International Cooperation and Partnerships, IOM on the draft set of guidelines for local authorities "Protecting migrants in emergency situations"
Mayor Herbert M. Bautista (Quezon City, Philippines) and Mayor Noel Rosal (Legazpi City, Philippines) on MICIC Guidelines for Asian Cities

Other Mayors to discuss new project proposals and partnerships

Chairs: Dr. Colleen Thouez (UNITAR, KNOMAD) and Ms. Cecile Riallant (JMDI)

17:30 **Closing Ceremony**

- Mr. Ola Almgren, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Philippines
- Mr. Raoul Imbach, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Switzerland
- Ms. Jill Helke, Director, International Cooperation and Partnerships, IOM
- Dr. Colleen Thouez, Chair Capacity Building, KNOMAD and Senior Advisor, UNITAR
- Ms. Marta Warwick, Director of the World Bank Office (TBC)
- Mr. Herbert M. Bautista, Mayor of Quezon City
- Secretary Ismael Sueño, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Republic of the Philippines

18:30 **Departure for QCX**

20:00 **Cultural Night Hosted by the Quezon City Government** (by invitation)

