



INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON MIGRATION 2015: **Conference on Migrants and Cities**

26-27 October 2015

The Conference on Migrants and Cities (CMC) will be IOM's second global high-level conference organized in the framework of the International Dialogue on Migration (IDM) –its principal forum for migration policy dialogue over the past decade.

Why the CMC?

- To address the link between migration and cities and to demonstrate and recognize the role of local and city institutions in the management of human mobility ;
- To bring around the same table national and local authorities to debate, for the first time in a global policy forum (IDM), the important issue of mobility management at local level and advance the discourse of the socio-economic well-being of migrants and their inclusion in communities and societies in which they live ;
- To provide an opportunity to take stock of the ongoing processes and efforts of the international community dedicated to mainstreaming migration into local development planning.

Why now?

- Because of the growing international attention to urbanization and local strategies for sustainable development as illustrated by the multitude of regional and international processes on the topic ;
- Because migration is a significant component of cities, yet it is largely missing from the global debate on urbanization ;
- Because local authorities are dealing with migration, yet are not fully included in migration policy-making ;
- Because the implementation of many of the anticipated objectives of the post-2015 development agenda will entail an important role for the leadership of cities, particularly for the realization of sustainable, safe and resilient cities and access to services .

What will the CMC do?

- It will offer a global forum to discuss the link between migration and cities and provide the local authorities representatives with the opportunity to exchange experiences, ideas and practices on the complex dynamics of mobility at the local level ;
- It will highlight the role of local and city leaders in managing mobility and its challenges as well as take stock of various local programmes and initiatives ;
- It will advance the understanding of and provide recommendations for the inclusion of migration and migrants in local, national and global development planning ;
- It will build bridges between the different levels of migration management and identify how IOM and other relevant actors can enhance assistance to local and national authorities at the policy, research and operational levels ;
- It will identify successful partnerships for managing mobility at the local level and for promoting migrants' potential for development ;
- It will mainstream ongoing efforts of the international community through taking stock of the existing regional and sub-regional processes dedicated to topics of mobility, cities and urbanization and link them together ;
- It will launch IOM's flagship publication: the World Migration Report 2015 - Migrants and Cities: New Partnerships to Manage Mobility.

Who will attend?

- Mayors, Ministers in charge of cities, local authority affairs, integration and social affairs ;
- High-level government officials and representatives of all other relevant governmental departments and of local authorities ;
- International Organizations and UN Agencies, civil society organizations and the private sector, experts, researchers and academics.

How to register?

- To register for the Conference, please contact the IDM Workshop team at idmworkshop@iom.int or [+ 41 22 717 93 89 / 535](tel:+41227179389)

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