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Multi-stakeholder Partnerships – African Intermediary Cities as Actors and Partners in Urban Migration Governance

Date : 18.05.2022
Time : 9:00 – 12:30
Venue : Room 14

Partnerships Project

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President: Mohamed Wajdi Aydi, Vice-Mayor of Sfax

Moderators: University of Nuremberg, Samuel Hall, German Development Institute, Mixed Migration Centre

Speakers: Mohamed Wajdi Aydi – City of Sfax, Samuel Pyne – City of Kumasi, Franck Yotedje – Afrique Intelligence, Robert Hakiza – YARID, UN-Habitat (tbc), Cécile Riallant – IOM, Vincent Cochetel (tbc) – UNHCR, Ahmed Skim – Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation, and Moroccan Expatriates

Rapporteurs: Janina Stürner & Lasse Morthorst

Program (See details on agenda)

09:00 – 09:15: Session introduction and rules by the president and the moderator, introduction of the Partnerships Project

09:15 – 10:30: High-level expert panel, contributions by Vice-Mayor of Sfax, Lord Mayor of Kumasi, Representative of YARID, Representatives of UN-Habitat, IOM, UNHCR, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation, and Moroccan Expatriates

10:30 – 11:00: Coffee break

11:00 – 11:30: Presentation MMC

11:30 – 12:15: Two parallel breakout sessions on complementarity and sustainability in partnership approaches

12:15 – 12:30: Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the session

African intermediary cities are increasingly becoming central nodes of mixed migration movements. With the adoption of the “Charter of local and subnational governments of Africa on migration” in 2018, over 30 local and regional governments (LRGs) emphasized that mixed migration could be a catalyst for socio-economic development if LRGs had the necessary means and partners to implement inclusive and cross-sectoral approaches. In parallel, there is a growing interest among international organizations, national governments and civil society actors to explore possibilities for collaboration with LRGs. Organizations and projects such as Cities Alliance, the Mayors Mechanism, MC2CM and UCLG Africa have pioneered work in this regard. While important progress has been achieved so far, knowledge and cooperation gaps remain in some areas between local, national and international actors.

This workshop brings together actors from different contexts and levels of governance, including LRGs, national authorities, civil society, city networks, international organizations, and migrant and refugee-led organizations. Building on the idea that bottom-up approaches to urban migration governance can prove decisive in developing effective urban sustainability strategies, the aim is to strengthen debates among the different actors, to reflect on their respective capacities, interests and limitations in responding to mixed migration in intermediary cities. In particular, this workshop will focus on identifying complementary skills, sharing innovative practices and rethinking opportunities for shaping multi-stakeholder partnerships in the spirit of the African Local Migration Charter and the Global Compacts for Migration and Refugees. Drawing on these interactive debates, the participants will co-shape recommendations for multi-stakeholder and multi-level partnerships:

- Bringing together local, national and international actors to create and implement inclusive and outcome-oriented strategies;
- Strengthening resources and capacities of LRGs in addressing mixed migration;
- Introducing local perspectives to national and international fora to ensure that transnational policy-making is based on and responsive to local challenges and potentials.

The session is co-organized by UCLG Africa, the University of Nuremberg, Samuel Hall and the GDI as part of the project “Multi-stakeholder Partnerships – African Intermediary Cities as Actors and Partners in Urban Migration Governance”. The session benefits from a cooperation with the MMC bringing in the latest findings of their research in collaboration with UNHCR on “Going to town: A mapping of city-to-city and urban initiatives focusing on the protection of people on the move along the Central and Western Mediterranean Routes”. The session is supported by the Robert Bosch Stiftung and the MC2CM project.

Building on the workshop results, some of the participating cities will have the opportunity to enter into research partnerships to explore new courses of action for developing urban migration governance through multi-stakeholder partnerships.