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## Call to Local Action on Migration

Through the Call to Local Action launched by the [GFMD Mayors Mechanism](#) in November 2019, local and regional governments follow their commitments made in the Mayors Marrakesh Declaration, and pledge to take concrete action to implement the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and Global Compact on Refugees in unison, and to report on their progress in the International Migration Review Forum in 2022 and in the Global Refugee Forum in 2023. For further information, please write: [info@mayorsmechanism.org](mailto:info@mayorsmechanism.org).

## Pledge of the City of São Paulo, Brazil

### PLEDGE 1

**PRIORITY 1:** IMPROVE CITIES INTERNAL, VERTICAL AND INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE AND COOPERATION

- Increase local administration capacity for inclusion
- Improve dialogue and cooperation with different stakeholders and Increase our partnership to facilitate migrants' spatial, social, economic and cultural integration
- Improving data collection and measurement of progress.

### **Brief Description:**

Implement and monitor the Municipal Plan of Policies for the Immigrant Population 2021-2024<sup>1</sup>, elaborated through a process of social participation together with civil society and international organizations. The Municipal plan was drafted by the City of São Paulo in collaboration with the [Municipal Council of Immigrants of São Paulo](#), and with the technical support of IOM and UNHCR.

### **Concrete Actions:**

- Implement the 80 goals detailed in the Municipal Plan of Policies for the Immigrant Population 2021-2024, which includes eight priority areas:
  1. Participation of migrants in local migration governance
  2. Access to social assistance and housing
  3. Valorisation and support of initiatives that foster cultural diversity

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<sup>1</sup> Click here for the plan in [Portuguese](#) and [English](#).

4. Protection of human rights and combatting xenophobia, racism, religious intolerance and any other form of discrimination
5. Ensuring access to services for women and LGBTI+ migrants
6. Promotion of decent work, job creation and skills recognitions
7. Access to education, including Portuguese language courses
8. Access to public health, leisure activities and sports

**Expected Results:**

- Achieving the Plan’s 80 goals, dedicated to fulfilling the objectives of the Municipal Policy for the Immigrant Population law:
  - o to ensure immigrants’ access to social rights and public services
  - o to promote respect to diversity and interculturality
  - o to prevent rights violations; and iv) to promote social participation and develop actions in coordination with the civil society
- Each of the goals also link back to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Timeframe:**

- Start date: January 2021
- Reporting framework: December 2022

**PLEDGE 2**

**PRIORITY 1: IMPROVE CITIES INTERNAL, VERTICAL AND INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE AND COOPERATION**

- Increase city to city solidarity and collaboration through joint projects and community of practices
- Strengthen multilateral cooperation through city networks and global engagement in city diplomacy
- Share knowledge, good practices and innovative approaches to refugee responses in urban settings

**Brief description:** The city of São Paulo has benefited in the past from other cities’ best practices, multilateral cooperation and engagement in city diplomacy. The city has also contributed to its ground-breaking policies. Through the partnership with the [Mayors Migration Council](#), the city has enhanced its human rights agenda and developed new capacities as a global actor in defence of immigrants’ rights.

**Concrete Actions:**

- Engage with Mayors Migration Council to contribute with the implementation of the Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees.

**Expected results:**

- Engage other cities and contribute to São Paulo's learning to inspire actors to define local action plans based on the premises of global pacts and local experiences along the way, through arrangements that can be developed according to the structures and institutional possibilities of each city.

**Timeframe:**

- Start date: January/2020
- Reporting framework: to be defined

### **PLEDGE 3**

#### **PRIORITY 2: ENSURE ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Increase city to city solidarity and collaboration through joint projects and community of practices
- Strengthen multilateral cooperation through city networks and global engagement in city diplomacy
- Share knowledge, good practices and innovative approaches to refugee responses in urban settings
- Promote economic integration and access to work in order to minimize economic drivers that compel migration and to favour economic integration of migrants and refugees.
- Support migrants in their integration (skills recognition, capacity assessment, job coaching, administrative counselling, language training)
- Create awareness among the city population of the importance of collective action for migrants' and refugees' integration and engage business community leaders
- Promote migrants' and refugees' entrepreneurship

**Brief Description:** The [Open Doors Program](#) is a model for language training offered through public schools and based on human rights perspectives. The innovative aspect of this program includes its extensive reach through territorialized public services and community-based approach by engaging families with local public educators. As for the Municipal Plan (2021-2024) the city has established a set of goals to improve the programme.

#### **Concrete activity:**

- Roll out of the "Open Doors Program" – Portuguese classes for immigrants at public schools and actions focused on income generation and employability.

#### **Expected results:**

- Improved accessibility, including the availability of classes (time and places), transport subsidy and communication. Offering advanced language training for professional and academic purposes and joint actions with professional certification and other integration demands.

#### **Timeframe:**

- Start date: before 2019/2020 onwards
- Reporting framework: December 2022

### **PLEDGE 4**

#### **PRIORITY 4: IMPROVE ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES WITH A FOCUS ON ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, QUALITY EDUCATION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

- Improve non-discriminatory access to health care and education
- Increase coordination and multi-stakeholder collaboration for improved health and education services delivery
- Advocate for access to education for all children and adolescents, regardless of migration or legal status

**Brief Description:** Universal access to health care, basic education and social programs have been the city policies' main objective since the Municipal Policy for the Immigrant Population was published. One of the main strategies has been the training of public agents in several areas. In the Municipal Plan for the Immigrant population, there are 10 goals directly associated with training as means to enhance access to public services and programs related to health care, education, social

and labor programs, childcare and child protection, and human rights. These goals also comprise training for the provision of humanized assistance to LGBTI+ immigrants, intercultural and humanized birth and others.

**Concrete Actions:**

- Provide training for ground-level public agents in the migration matter, including health and education professionals.

**Expected Results:**

- Strengthen access to and quality of service delivery, with a special focus on health, labour, education and other sectoral policies.

**Timeframe:**

- Start date: before 2019/2020 onwards
- Reporting framework: December 2022

**PLEDGE 5**

**PRIORITY 5: PREVENT AND COUNTER DISCRIMINATION AND XENOPHOBIA**

- Raise awareness to prevent discrimination and xenophobia.
- Empower and engage local community leaders to prevent, denounce and act against incidences of intolerance, racism, xenophobia and other forms of discrimination against migrants and diasporas
- Promote awareness raising campaigns targeted at communities of origin, transit and destination in order to inform public perceptions regarding the positive contributions.
- Play a critical role in shaping a better-informed narrative on migration, through incubating solutions and generating evidence on 'what works' for migrants, families, communities and Cities.

**Brief description:** The Municipal Plan (2021-2024) has a specific goal of creating programs to raise awareness of the immigrant population rights and prevention of xenophobia, racism, religious intolerance and other forms of discrimination, considering cross-section sensitivities such as gender, age, language; as well as to facilitate access to regularization, labour, public services and validating immigrant identification towards public and private entities.

**Concrete actions:**

- Elaborate campaign against xenophobia and other forms of discrimination, preferably along with the Municipal Council of Immigrants.

**Expected results:**

- Publishing 2 campaigns every year, targeting the prevention of racism, xenophobia and other means of discrimination and the promotion of immigrants' rights.

**Timeframe:**

- Start date: before 2019/2020 onwards
- Reporting framework: December 2022

## **PLEDGE 6**

### **PRIORITY 6: PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

- Promote and protect the rights of the most vulnerable — with emphasis on upholding the rights of children through legal aid and information provision and guardianship for unaccompanied and separated children.
- Adopt gender-responsive and child sensitive approaches to address and reduce vulnerabilities
- Access to public safety resources including safe zones for reporting crimes and mechanisms to protect migrants from exploitation including undocumented migrants

**Brief description:** Contemporary forced labour is a major concern for the city of São Paulo and is most common among immigrant workers. As of 2020, the city has published its municipal flow of assistance for victims.

#### **Concrete actions:**

- Implement municipal flow of assistance for victims of contemporary forced labour.

#### **Expected results:**

- All workers assisted within the flow framework have appropriate protection and assistance.

#### **Timeframe:**

- Start date: 2020 onwards
- Reporting framework: December 2022