

**LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS TOWARDS THE INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION  
REVIEW FORUM**

**Briefing to the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments**

**15 February (15:00-17:00 CET)**

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**Background**

As stated in the [UN Secretary-General Report on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration \(GCM\)](#), “the instrumental role of local actors in implementing the Compact, as first responders during crises and more generally, has become increasingly apparent.” Since the adoption of the GCM in 2018 and despite the constraints posed by COVID-19 on all communities, local and regional governments have been upholding their commitments towards multi-level and multi-stakeholder cooperation with a view make migration work for all.

This year, from May 16-20, 2022, Member States will come together for the first time to assess their progress towards the GCM at [the International Migration Review Forum \(IMRF\)](#). In view of this high-level political milestone, it will be critical to showcase that LRGs and their leaders continue to deliver pragmatic, ambitious action to meet and exceed the Global Compacts and the 2030 Agenda.

Under the theme ***Cooperation and Partnership: Implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration***, the United Nations Network on Migration (Network) will host a Migration Week on 14-18 February 2022. The Migration Week is an umbrella event inviting the Network’s partners at the global, regional and national levels, to hold or participate in events or activities as they prepare for the first IMRF.

On this occasion, the Secretariat of the GTF and the Mayors Mechanism — jointly steered by UCLG, the Mayors Migration Council, and the International Organization for Migration — invite members and partners of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments to gather, exchange and consolidate the vision and expectations of our constituency in the road to the IMRF. The outcomes of this thematic meeting will be reported to the GTF Annual Meeting, to be held on 24 February at UCLG Retreat.

## Opening remarks

*Welcome and technical details by Prachi Metawala, UCLG Migration Team*

- **Emilia Saiz**, UCLG Secretary General
- **Vittoria Zanuso**, Executive Director, Mayors Migration Council
- **Cecile Riallant**, Head of the Migration and Sustainable Development Unit, International Organization for Migration

## #Listen2Cities: Local and Regional Governments at the IMRF Process

*Moderated by Vittoria Zanuso, Executive Director, MMC*

- **Jonathan Prentice**, Head of UN Network on Migration
- **Sophie Van Haasen**, Coordinator, Mayors Mechanism
- **Safak Pavey**, Senior Adviser, UNHCR

## Galvanizing local action with global impact

*Moderated by Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, UCLG*

GTF members and partners are invited to share city-led initiatives that are contributing to fulfil the objectives of the GCM and to shift the narrative on human mobility.

- The Lampedusa Charter
- CEMR Taskforce Migration & Integration
- Global Task Force on Migration
- MMC-C40 Global Mayors Taskforce for Climate and Migration
- MMC's Global Cities Fund

## Open floor for members and partners

*Proposed guiding questions:*

- *How are you linking the mission and vision of your organisation to migration and displacement?*
- *What are your current priorities when it comes to migration and forced displacement?*
- *Are you planning to engage and mobilize your constituency ahead of the IMRF? If so, how?*
- *Are there any partnership opportunities you would like to discuss with the Mayors Mechanism and its steering partners?*

## Wrap up and way forward

- **Cecile Riallant**, Head of Unit, IOM
- **Emilia Saiz**, Secretary General, UCLG