



# CREATING INCLUSIVE, SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES: LOCAL APPROACHES TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Vienna, 30-31 March 2017

# Preliminary Agenda

# THURSDAY, 30 March 2017

Venue: Vienna City Hall

18:30-20:00 Opening event

# Welcoming remarks

- Michael Häupl, Mayor of Vienna
- Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General

#### Reception

# FRIDAY, 31 March 2017

Venue: Hofburg Congress Centre, Neuer Saal

## 09:00-09:15

## Welcoming remarks

- Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General
- Tanja Wehsely, Chair of the Vienna City Council Committee on Finance, Economy and International Affairs
- Clemens Koja, Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE and Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council

# 09:15-09:30 Keynote address

• Ahmed Aboutaleb, Mayor of Rotterdam (The Netherlands)



#### 09:30-10:30

# High-level opening session: Local approaches to global challenges

Cities are often at the forefront in addressing many of today's transnational security challenges, including terrorism and violent extremism, organized crime, climate change, disasters, and mass movements of people. Yet as the complexity, scale and interconnectedness of these challenges continue to grow, cities are seldom called upon to contribute to national, regional or global policymaking addressing these issues. In view of the pace and scale of urbanization, cities should play a more prominent role in security policy discussions.

- Joan Clos, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN-Habitat
- Park Won-soon, Mayor of Seoul (Republic of Korea)
- Moderator: Sian MacLeod, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the OSCE

#### 10:30-11:45

# Inclusive cities: Building integrated and cohesive societies

Diversity is a major attraction of urban life, but it can also be a challenge for cities to build a cohesive society. Inclusive cities need to ensure that all individuals and groups have a sense of belonging, are integrated and connected, able to participate in public life, can influence local decision-making and enjoy recognition for their interests. By respecting and promoting diversity, cities can harness the potential inherent in diverse populations in terms of ideas, skills and connections to the wider world. Where inclusion fails, however, socioeconomic segregation and marginalization can pose serious risks to social cohesion and public safety, and lead to tensions and even conflict between groups. In light of continuing large scale movements of people from neighboring regions into Europe, the interaction or lack thereof between local people, long-time resident migrant communities and recent arrivals deserves particular attention.

- Jørgen Kristiansen, Vice Mayor of Kristiansand (Norway)
- Tanja Wehsely, Chair of the Vienna City Council Committee on Finance, Economy and International Affairs
- Friso Roscam Abbing, Head of Fundamental Rights Promotion Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- Seyma Genc, Integration Ambassador, Ambassadors for Integration Network TOGETHER:AUSTRIA
- Moderator: Katarzyna Gardapkhadze, First Deputy Director, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

# 11:45-12:00 Coffee break



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#### 12:00-13:30

# Safe cities: Reducing risks posed by transnational challenges

Many cities across the OSCE area are looking for effective ways to reduce risks posed by various transnational threats such as terrorism, violent extremism, organized crime or trafficking. Globalization and rapid urbanization have led to unprecedented expansion of many cities, creating a number of security-related implications for ordinary citizens. Mayors and municipal policymakers must work in partnership with both national and local actors from various sectors, including law enforcement, civil society, local associations (including women, youth and religious leaders), and the media to protect communities and vulnerable individuals from these risks.

- Hans Bonte, Mayor of Vilvoorde (Belgium)
- Julio Andrade Ruiz, Vice Mayor of Malaga (Spain)
- Elizabeth Johnston, Executive Director, European Forum for Urban Security
- Jonathan Birdwell, Head of Policy and Research, Institute for Strategic Dialogue
- Gautam Babbar, Chief of Strategic Planning and Interagency Affairs Unit, UNODC
- Moderator: Rasa Ostrauskaite, OSCE Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats

13:30-14:45 Lunch break

## 14:45-16:00

# Sustainable cities: Promoting sustainable development through good governance and green policies

Rapid urbanization is putting city authorities under enormous pressure as they seek to maintain high-quality public services and create new economic opportunity for an expanding population. In times of growing income inequality, fuelled by technological change in a globalizing world, the economic viability, social cohesion and security of cities depend greatly on how they are run. Good governance is key to making best use of limited resources and to achieving popular support for forward-looking policies that can unlock the economic potential of cities in a sustainable way.

Cities are also deeply vulnerable to environmental challenges from climate change and natural and man-made disasters. Weak infrastructure and services, as well as a lack of proper urban planning, can exacerbate such vulnerabilities and increase tensions. Conversely, good environmental governance, sustainable and participatory urban management, effective policies for disaster risk reduction and targeted investments can mitigate them and contribute to peaceful communities. The dynamism of cities as places of opportunity and hope also nurtures innovative approaches and partnerships for addressing environmental challenges.



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- **Dina Oyun**, Mayor of Kyzyl (Russian Federation)
- Jacek Jaśkowiak, Mayor of Poznan (Poland)
- Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana (Albania)
- Ana Vasilache, International Consultant, PartnersGlobal
- Moderator: Sonja Popovic, Manager, Aarhus Centre for South and East Serbia

## 16:00-17:00

# Wrap-up session: Building coalitions

In a rapidly urbanizing world, cities are often in the forefront in addressing a wide array of security challenges that are often interlinked and transcend national borders. Many cities are organizing themselves, building national, regional and global partnerships and exploring new ways of co-operating with civil society and the private sector. Regional organizations such as the OSCE can play an important role in facilitating an inclusive dialogue among relevant local, national and international actors and in strengthening the resilience of cities in addressing global security challenges.

- Kari Aina Eik, Secretary General, Organization for International Economic Relations
- Pekka Sauri, Vice Mayor of Helsinki (Finland) and Vice President of Executive Committee of Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)
- Moderator and concluding remarks: Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General

17:00-17:30 Drinks

