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**Editorial**

Consolidating the key role of local and regional authorities in contributing to the achievement of the new Post-2015 Development Agenda

By Cecile Riallant, JMDI Programme Manager.

Having just come back from the well-attended and successful IOM Conference on Migrants and Cities that took place in Geneva from 26-27th October, I was delighted to see so many actors come together to support and promote the same key messages as the JMDI: that local and regional authorities should have a prominent role in implementing the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as front runners in tackling the challenges and harnessing the opportunities that migration brings to territories.

This is echoed in the new IOM World Migration Report which was launched at the same conference and which looks at migration at the city level and aims to raise understanding of the local socioeconomic dynamics of migration and the close connection between migration and urban development. The JMDI has also recently partnered with IOM to carry out a study on locally-led practices of “mainstreaming migration into local development planning and beyond” which was turned into a White Paper and also launched at the IOM Conference where we were happy to see much interest from participants.

Overall, recognition for the key role of local authorities is becoming increasingly evident as cities across the world come...
up with innovative and effective ways to manage migration for inclusive growth and the international community strives to support them.

Yet much remains to be done to ensure that cities and other local authorities worldwide have the support, capacities and resources to become resilient in their diversity and work towards inclusive growth. For this reason, the up-coming Second Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development is extremely pertinent. The JMDI has been one of the driving organisations behind this emerging locally-led policy dialogue on M&D which has culminated in a yearly Mayoral Forum that brings together cities and other local authorities to discuss and share knowledge on how to better manage migration for local development.

The first Forum was held in Barcelona in 2014 and resulted in the Call of Barcelona, acknowledging the central role played by local governments in the issues of mobility, migration and development. The next Mayoral Forum is now set to take place in Quito, Ecuador on 12-13th November and will focus on looking into how cities and other local authorities can contribute to the migration related indicators of the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through knowledge sharing and establishing partnerships and precise actions. These actions are to be defined under the Final Outcome Document of the Second Forum which look at how to make cities inclusive, safe and resilient, how to foster sustainable growth at the local level as well as promoting equal access to services and the protection of human rights for all, including forced migrants, in a bid to promote human development and economic prosperity.

With migration issues now officially and firmly rooted in the new Sustainable Development Goals, we seem to be on the right path to ensuring that the benefits of working on the local dimension of migration and development can be well and truly harnessed. Given the current increasing migration and forced migration trends, coupled with global decentralization and urbanisation patterns, the key role of local authorities has therefore never been so relevant.

We hope you enjoy this issue and find it useful for your work. Please do provide us with your feedback by emailing jmdi.pmu@undp.org

Cecile Riallant
**JMDI News**

**Launching the White Paper on Mainstreaming Migration into Local Development Planning at the IOM Conference on Migrants and Cities**

On the 26th October, 2015, within the framework of the IOM Conference on Migrants and Cities, the JMDI, jointly with IOM, launched the “White Paper on Mainstreaming Migration into Local Development Planning and Beyond” at a side event held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Building upon the increasing recognition of the positive contribution of migrants towards inclusive growth and sustainable development in the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, this study is the result of the JMDI and the IOM joint efforts to provide a thorough analysis of what has been done thus far in terms of mainstreaming migration at the local level to paint a global picture of working processes, lessons learnt and policy recommendations for future mainstreaming exercises.

Although mainstreaming processes are now mainly addressed at the national level, their translation and application at the local level is increasingly considered as a crucial aspect in view of maximizing the potential of migration for development. Indeed, several territories around the globe have initiated such coherence-building processes in the recent years, and therefore their experiences constitute a precious knowledge-base in terms of good practices and lessons learnt.

It is within this context that the White Paper was aimed at analysing and comparing different existing mainstreaming initiatives, synthetizing the main features of these, identifying the good practices and lessons learnt and providing a set of policy recommendations for a wide variety of stakeholders, including local and regional authorities. Moreover, the White Paper has consolidated the main migration mainstreaming processes at the local level into a visual aid that serves as a basis for further mainstreaming exercises.

You can download this publication [here](#)
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JMDI participation in the 8th Global Forum on Migration and Development, Istanbul,

Around 600 delegates from 150 countries and 30 international organizations gathered from 12 to 16 October 2015 in Istanbul for the 8th Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Summit Meeting taking place under the Chairmanship of Turkey.

The GFMD process brings together expertise from all regions and countries aiming to discuss issues on migration and development. Policy-makers from a wide range of government agencies participate, including from Ministries and Departments of Development, Labour, Foreign Affairs, Gender Equality, Interior, Integration, Immigration and Nationals Abroad. This forum also invites academics, NGOs, trade unions, the private sector, migrants and diaspora representatives to enhance the global dialogue about migration and development.

This year, the GFMD Istanbul was the first global development forum held after the official launch of the new Sustainable Development Goals, therefore, emphasis was put on ensuring that the voice of the GFMD and the need to ensure continued recognition for and measuring of migration related indicators within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In addition, overall dialogue was heavily marked by reference to the current and on-going refugee crisis and the need to look at root causes through the lens of medium and long-term durable development solutions.

Other transversal thematic areas were also discussed during the sessions, for instance issues of gender, human rights and the role of local authorities triggering development.

JMDI side event during the Government Days

The 2015 GFMD marked the JMDI’s seventh active participation in and support to the event. This year, the JMDI, in collaboration with KNOMAD and UNITAR, co-organized a side event entitled ‘Exploring the key role of local authorities in promoting the international migration and development agenda’ in order to promote the key role of local authorities in promoting the international migration and development agenda based on the experience of local and regional authorities, national authorities and international actors.

This event, which took place during the GFMD’s Government Days, provided the opportunity to link national and local levels of government around the thematic of migration and development by bringing local and national authorities together with international organizations to share their good practices.
in migration and development at the local level and to look at how support and coordination among all these levels can be achieved for enhanced management of migration for local development.

During the session, examples of good practices led by local authorities were provided from the region of Murcia, Spain and Sedhiou, Senegal. Based on the Filipino case, the national Commission on Filipinos Overseas shared their experience and what they consider to be the key elements necessary to mainstream migration into national and local development planning. International actors then took the floor, namely the European Commission, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the International Organization for Migration to share what they are doing to support local and regional authorities to flourish in this role as migration and development actors.

The main results that came out of the event was a general consensus that migration management for development is clearly already very much being tackled head on at the local level and in very different and innovative ways, yet much work still remains to ensure that local and regional authorities have the space, resources, competencies and capacities to fully flourish in this role.

There was therefore a general consensus that national governments, members of the civil society and the international community need to work to ensure that the voice of local authorities is included in the international agenda on migration and development, particularly within planning for the implementation of the new Sustainable Development Goals and the Addis Ababa Agenda for Action on financing for development. Moreover, these very same actors have a key role in ensuring that the rich knowledge and experience that local authorities have is shared among other local actors, as well as within the context of the national and international dialogue and programmes surrounding migration and development. This means ensuring further space for interaction at global events and dialogues such as the GFMD to which the JMDI committed to continue to strive for as a key element of its work to promote the local dimension of migration and development.

JMDI participation in the Common Space day

The JMDI also actively participated in the Common Space day as a rapporteur for a break-out session entitled “Beyond xenophobia and exclusion: local partnerships and action for the social inclusion of migrants and diasporas”. This session saw many interesting contributions that highlighted the importance of improving governance of increasingly diverse societies and the relevance of changing the narrative on migration to combat xenophobia and promote a positive public opinion surrounding migration based on an understanding of migration as a natural part of human history. In order to achieve these, the role of the education sector was identified as crucial to teach children the history of their countries as well as that of the private sector where businesses can take the lead in ensuring fair and equal recruitment and mitigate exploitation.
JMDI Participation in the 3rd World Forum on Local Economic Development

The 3rd World Forum of Local Economic Development (LED) took place in Turin (Italy) from 13 to 16 October 2015, gathering more than 2,000 participants from 130 countries, including the General Secretary of the United Nations Ban Ki Moon, several ministers and over 60 mayors worldwide.

During these three days, national, regional and local governments, associations, entrepreneurs, academics, researchers and members of civil society were able to discuss how to achieve more inclusive, innovative, equitable and environmentally sustainable development.

The Forum has become a key platform to critically review the local economic development framework, discourse and practices in order to better respond to the key challenges presented in the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Overall, the sessions addressed debates on the potential of social inclusiveness that innovations have within localized areas, on how to facilitate the connection between different areas and sectors operating locally by expanding the labor market and on the promotion of forms of participation and planning for the strengthening of the ties between the city and its surrounding areas peripherals.

Among the various panels of the LED Forum, the JMDI was invited for the second time, to participate in the two sessions dedicated to the theme of migration. The first, organized by Caritas, entitled “Migration and Development”, aimed to promote migration as a resource and opportunity for the territory, also at the social level. Mr. Giacomo Negrotto, JMDI local development specialist, introduced the JMDI as a global platform gathering international agencies and national and local actors interested in mainstreaming migration from local development. He presented the projects being implemented by the JMDI, highlighting the relevance in sharing good practices and technical support as well as in creating partnerships among local, national and international actors, in order to manage migration to foster development at the local level.

Finally, he presented the JMDI Toolbox as a useful methodological tool to learn more about the nexus between migration and local development.

The second, panel organized by the ILO, entitled “Is migration a development opportunity? Enabling employment mobility between local labor markets: networking capacities and enhancing opportunities”, highlighted the positive effects of migration on local economic development. In this session, the JMDI presented the achievements and good practices of three projects implemented by the JMDI in Senegal, El Salvador and Nepal.

Overall, the JMDI raised awareness about the key role of local authorities in mainstreaming migration into local development planning. Participants’ response was very positive and they showed interest by addressing interesting and engaging questions.

Mayoral Fora on Mobility, Migration and Development - Supporting the emergence of a new locally-led policy dialogue on M&D

Part of the JMDI’s work to maximize the potential of migration for local development is to connect local M&D actors at the national and international level to facilitate partnerships and knowledge sharing. The JMDI does this by promoting the local dimension of M&D and bringing local M&D actors’ voices to the international development arena. One of the many ways in which the JMDI has been doing this is by supporting the emergence of a locally-led policy dialogue on M&D through the Mayoral Forum on
Mobility, Migration and Development, the first of which took place in Barcelona on 19-20th June, 2014. More information here. The official outcome of the Barcelona Mayoral Forum became the Call of Barcelona, unanimously endorsed by the participants and emphasizing equality of rights, duties and opportunities as a core basis for a cohesive society and acknowledging the central role played by local governments in the issues of mobility, migration and development.

With its national tradition of inclusion enshrined in its Constitution, the City of Quito and its Mayor are pleased to host the Second Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development on 12-13 November 2015. The City of Quito is emblematic of the age of migration: being a city of origin, destination, and transit of migrants, Quito has historically enriched itself from internal and international migration.

The objectives of the upcoming Mayoral Forum will be to:

- Provide a globally relevant non-political space for mayors and municipal leadership to strategise on how to work collectively, stay engaged, and gain support for their policies and activities relating to promoting economic development in a context of diversity;

- Share experiences and concrete recommendations on how to progress in leveraging the development outcomes of greater migration and mobility, and successfully managing diversity;

- Launch new initiatives with on the ground impact within and between cities, and agree on parameters for such initiatives;

- Bridge macro and micro levels of governance by sharing information and insights including the new SDGs (25-27 September 2015); the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) (Istanbul, 12-16 October 2015); The IOM Inter-Ministerial Conference on Cities (Geneva, 26-27 October 2015); the UN-Habitat III (Quito, 17-20 October 2016); and through Regional Consultative Processes; Supplement existing regional and international initiatives with a political road map: the “Quito Local Agenda on Mobility and Development” for cities and regions after 2015.

For more information on the Mayoral Forum, see the concept note here. The results of the Mayoral Forum will be consolidated into a Final Outcome Document which will gather the knowledge and expertise of cities and local authorities’ worldwide on how to manage migration for local development within the new context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

All actors are welcome to provide their contribution to the Final Outcome Document by 4th November via the JMDI E-discussion which you can access here.
Launching new M4D Net functionalities

With the launch of the new website a few months back, the JMDI is now proud to present some new functionalities that aim to provide further support and capacity building to local authorities and other local actors in their M&D endeavours as outlined below and presented in our new video available here.

Support Unit: Users can now send specific queries to a member of our roster of experts that make up the new JMDI Support Unit. To do this, users can fill in an online form. This allows local actors to reach out to a set of experts with expertise in a plethora of areas related to migration and development for tailored advice and support. Available here.

Live chats: Live Chats are online chats that will take place on the M4D Net for approximately one hour on a specific topic. These aim to provide a space for local actors to discuss, share experience and knowledge on specific M&D issues. The Live Chats will be moderated by one of our experts, thus providing local actors with the opportunity to tap into the knowledge and understanding of M&D at the national and international levels as well as share with and learn from fellow local actors. Available here.

Queries: In order to support local authorities and other local actors involved in implementing M&D initiatives to share their experience and learn from each other in an ad-hoc manner, the JMDI has conceived the Queries Forum which will allow members of the M4D Net to launch specific queries to the Net at any time and publicly, requesting advice on a specific issue of interest in a spirit of promoting peer-to-peer learning and support. Available here.

Knowledge nuggets: Given the wealth of information and knowledge the JMDI is able to gather from JMDI supported projects, our partnerships, events and dialogues we engage in, the Knowledge Nuggets section is a space to allow us to share quick tips and information that can support local actors in their M&D endeavours. Available here.

For more information on all the functionalities of the website, see this flyer.
JMDI Stories from the field

The JMDI is now around the mid-way point of project implementation in the 8 countries it works in and a lot has been happening on the ground. This section provides the story of participants that benefited from JMDI projects in a bid to illustrate the work the JMDI is carrying out. For more information on all the JMDI projects, see here.

El Salvador

**Project:** Supporting youth entrepreneurship in 7 municipalities of Morazán to mitigate emigration and support local development

**Main partner:** Fundación Agencia de Desarrollo Económico Local de Morazán (Local Economic Development Agency of Morazán)

**General Objective:** Contribute to reducing irregular migration and social risk of youth by fostering entrepreneurship and harnessing the endogenous potential of 7 municipalities of the Department of Morazán.

**Specific objectives:** (i) Knowledge generation on the phenomenon of migration in the municipalities covered by the project, to contribute to the influence of migratory issues at municipal and community levels. (ii) Entrepreneurship capabilities and self-employment generation among young people, enabling them to successfully implement their business ideas as an alternative to migration. (iii) Establishment and implementation of productive youth-led initiatives to ensure their inclusion in local development; (iv) Establishment of partnerships with strategic public and private organizations linked to migration and development at local, national and international level.

**Story from the field:** Melida Isabel Bonilla is a young entrepreneur with a great desire to excel living in Caserío La Culebra, San Bartolo Canton of Guatajiagua municipality, Department of Morazán, El Salvador. Thanks to the support of her parents she managed to attend high school and with a lot of effort she graduated in 2012. However, she was not able to continue her technical or higher education due to a lack of financial resources, at which point she dedicated herself to supporting her mother with household chores. Since her childhood, she has always been interested in working in agriculture and would watch her father cultivating different types of plants according to the season. That is how her curiosity and interest in starting a business and supporting her family was born.

Then, in 2014, she was approached by the Morazán Local Economic Development Agency Foundation (ADEL Morazán) to participate in their Morazán Youth Entrepreneurship Program which is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through the Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI). This programme is implemented in the municipality of Guatajiagua, among others. Melida was delighted to participate in this programme through which she received business training with ADEL Morazán and launched her own small business in banana production.

Through a well-designed business plan, she has been able to get all the necessary supplies and materials for the management of her company. This is how this 20-year-old girl has become a young entrepreneur and proud owner of a banana company through which she is able to support her family, who are also involved in its daily running.

Melida is ambitious and will continue the training process with ADEL Morazán. She expects that with the revenues generated by her company, she will eventually be able to afford to go to university to study agronomy in order to strengthen her business with expert knowledge. Melida is a clear example of how when youth are empowered, they can create their own development opportunities as an alternative to irregular migration.

Melida Bonilla, young entrepreneur in the JMDI and ADEL Morazán Programme
Reports and Articles

White Paper on ‘Mainstreaming Migration into Local Development Planning and Beyond’
Published by the Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in October 2015.

Migration, human rights and governance Handbook for Parliamentarians N° 24
Published by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the International Labour Organization, and the United Nations (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) in October 2015.
http://www.migration4development.org/sites/default/files/ipu-ilohchr_parliamentarians_handbook_migration_hr_governance_oct2015_0.pdf

Mitigating Death and Inspiring Action at the World’s Deadliest Border: MOAS saves 10,000 lives during its first year
Report by Migrant Offshore Aid Station, published in August 2015.
http://www.moas.eu/category/report/

Migration EU expertise 2009-2015. Advancing migration cooperation with partner countries through demand-driven, peer-to-peer expertise: Lessons learnt and good practices
Published by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and by the MIEUX Team in September 2015.

The World Migration Report 2015: Migrants and Cities, New Partnerships to Manage Mobility
Published by International Organization of Migration (IOM) in October 2015.
https://www.iom.int/world-migration-report-2015

Promoting Diaspora Engagement: what have we learnt?
Published by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) in August 2015.

“As Though We Are Not Human Beings” Police Brutality against Migrants and Asylum Seekers in Macedonia
Published by Human Rights Watch in September 2015

Sources

Upcoming events

Mediterranean Economic Week, Marseille, 4-7 November
The 9th edition of the Mediterranean Economic will focus on the role of ‘Cities and Territories, drivers of economic development in the Mediterranean’. This year the conference will support the initiative of the Luxembourg Presidency of the European Union, to strengthen the cooperation between Europe and the countries of Maghreb (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia) with regard to vocational training and entrepreneurship. More information here.

Valletta Conference on Migration, Malta, 11-12 November
The conference will build on existing cooperation processes between Europe and Africa, particularly the Rabat and Khartoum processes on migration, and the EU-Africa Dialogue on Migration and Mobility. The summit will address the challenges but also the opportunities of migration. It will also recognise that migration is a shared responsibility of countries of origin, transit and destination. More information here.

Second Mayoral Forum, Quito, 12-13 November
The annual Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development (“Mayoral Forum”) is a City-led global initiative supported by UNITAR and its partners to gather city leaders from around the world to strategize and propose new and innovative approaches to urban governance in contexts of greater diversity. More information here.
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Share your stories, news and experiences!

Please send your Questions/Queries, Projects, News items, Member Spotlight suggestions, Events, JMDI Training Tools, Resources and upcoming Vacancies, to be highlighted in the next edition to: jmdi.pmu@undp.org

About the Newsletter: The purpose of this newsletter is to share news from members of the Migration for Development Community of Practice (CoP), your organizations and initiatives. The newsletter also highlights key developments in the field of migration and development, including funding opportunities and events, and consolidates the best of the information shared with the CoP via the website and the network M4D-Net.

To receive emails from the knowledge network please register here.

The Migration and Development CoP brings together a wide range of practitioners – including NGOs, civil society organizations (CSOs), local authorities and academics – working on or interested in the field of Migration and Development. The CoP aims to help form partnerships, strengthen the role of local authorities and civil society, further the sharing of experiences and lessons learned, develop individual skills and provide mutual support.

If you have any comments or suggestions relating to the Newsletter, please email them to Joanne Irvine at joanne.irvine@undp.org.
About the JMDI

The Migration for Development Community of Practice is hosted by the Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI). The JMDI is a joint initiative between the European Union, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the United Nations which supports local authorities working in the area of migration and development. Implemented by UNDP in collaboration with IOM, ITC-ILO, UNHCR, UNFPA, UNITAR and UN WOMEN, the Joint Initiative is working to:

1. provide technical and financial support to local authorities active in the field of M&D by upscaling their initiatives;
2. reinforce the capacities of local authorities to harness the potential of migration for development;
3. connect local authorities globally with each other and with other key stakeholders in the field of M&D. More information here.

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**Main activities:** Scaling up on existing local authorities’ initiatives in the area if migration and development  

Capacity building on local authorities to effectively link migration and development  
Global website [www.migration4development.org](http://www.migration4development.org) with over 4,000 M&D practitioners who interact and exchange on the platform  
Online Community of Practice (M4D Net): over 4,000 members from over 120 countries interact on the platform.