



Quezon City Commitment to Action

We, the participants – mayors, governors, prefects, and local officials – to the Third Global Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development held in Quezon City, Philippines on 29-30 September 2016, support the following statements:

The annual Global Mayoral Forum shall continue as a productive, dynamic, open and beneficial process of dialogue, networking, and as a platform for learning, sharing and collaboration between and among local authorities, together with regional and national governments, international organizations, international financial institutions, business, and civil society (migrant groups, academia, policy think tanks, among others). Before the next Mayoral Forum in 2017, support will be sought for local authorities' initiatives that enhance their capacities on matters pertaining to migration and refugees in urban settings.

Moreover, the Global Mayoral Forum will seek to support the local implementation of the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) so as to ensure that 'no one is left behind'. In this context, special attention should be made to promoting new and more balanced partnerships between territories of destination and territories of origin which reflect both established and emerging migration corridors.

Every migrant is a human being. All municipal and regional policies, programmes and services for migrants and their families must be founded on human rights, social justice and gender

equality. They must be responsive, inclusive and collaborative, and contributory to local development.

Interventions and support to local communities and migrants are necessary throughout the migration experience that will differ significantly based on local realities. This is true from the pre-decision/pre-migration phase to ensure that migration is an informed act, to the integration phase in destination communities (and where relevant, to the return and reintegration phase). Local authorities play a central role in enabling migrants to become productive members of society in their communities of destination, while facilitating the retention of links with home communities in the country of origin.

Migrants and their families are agents of development and social transformation both in origin and destination communities. Local and regional authorities shall create an enabling and conducive environment (physically, socially, economically) to maximize the local development impact of migration through the integration of migration into local and regional development planning. This implies: provision of financial and technical support, establishment of appropriate structures and facilities, implementation of related programmes and services, and forging of sustainable partnerships,

The Mayoral Forum represents an important place to strategize on the humanitarian aspects of migration as well. As for their communities as a whole, local authorities are faced with addressing the needs of migrants and refugees during crises, to respond to crises in ways that protect migrants and refugees, and to help migrants and refugees recover from crises. Mayors and regional authorities present took note of the Proposed Draft Set of Guidelines for Local Authorities entitled "Protecting Migrants in Emergency Situations". With the leadership of the Mayor of Quezon City and the Mayor of Legazpi (both cities in the Philippines), an Informal Working Group is to be formed to make these Guidelines more concrete and specific to ASEAN Cities, and to finalize them for presentation at the ASEAN Summit to be held in Manila, Philippines in August 2017.

The Mayoral Forum acts as a vital bridge between macro and micro policy setting in this crucial field of work. As such, the outcomes of the Mayoral Forum – and with it the collective voice of Mayors and other local leaders – will be advocated at relevant international policy gatherings including but not limited to: the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), the reporting process for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the UN Conference on United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), and the 2018 Conference on the UN Global Migration Compact (as called for at the UN Leaders Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants (2016)). In the same vein,

through the Mayoral Forum network, Mayors and local leaders will continue to be apprised of relevant decisions that may have an impact on local capacities and decisions with regard to migration and refugee policies.

The Barcelona "Call to Action" (2014), the Quito Local Agenda on Migration and Development (2015), and the official outcome document of the Quezon City Mayoral Forum heretofore referred to as the "Quezon City Commitment to Action" (2016) represent the growing body of policy declarations endorsed collectively and in solidarity by local authorities, as they implement migration and refugee policies fostering social cohesion and participation, inclusive growth, and sustainable development.

They will serve as guiding references for local authorities to continue advancing the rights, protection, integration, empowerment of migrants through concrete actions and initiatives, and to ensure that migration is experienced as a positive development phenomenon for all affected: migrants, refugees and their families, and the communities in which they originate and in which they reside.

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Iriga City	Surabaya	Yene
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Laguna Province	Nepal	Bamako
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