



International Coalition
of Inclusive and
Sustainable Cities – ICCAR



COALITION OF ARAB CITIES AGAINST RACISM, DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND INTOLERANCE

Planning workshop

Facing social transformations – inclusive and sustainable cities

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I. INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

The urban population today represents more than half of the world’s population. Municipalities are living laboratories at a human level, in which all ethnic and social origins, all cultures and religions coexist and live together. Consequently, municipal authorities are the authorities closest to citizens and therefore the ones best able to implement policies that are likely to have a real impact on them. They embody the political, ethical and legal requirement to ensure social peace, to renew the daily desire to live together, to guarantee individual rights and freedoms and equal access to services for all citizens.

At the international level, it is important to underline the emergence of new visions for the cities of tomorrow as sustainable, inclusive and peaceful. These include the New Urban Agenda, adopted at the third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III, Quito, Ecuador, October 2016) and **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11**, which call States to “make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”.

In a context of rapid globalization and the emergence of new forms of exclusion and discrimination, which jeopardize the culture of peace and living together, UNESCO launched the **International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities – ICCAR**, formerly the International Coalition of Cities Against Racism) in 2004. Such an initiative comes in response to the call for a common front in the global fight against racial discrimination, made at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (WCAR), Durban, South Africa, in 2001.

Through ICCAR, UNESCO fosters international cooperation between cities in order to strengthen advocacy for global solidarity and collaboration, and promote inclusive urban development, free from all forms of discrimination, by advancing joint action through the development of participatory city-level policies, services and initiatives. ICCAR aims to strengthen a global network of cities interested in exchanging experience and knowledge in order to improve their policies against racism, discrimination, xenophobia and exclusion.

ICCAR comprises seven regional and national coalitions, taking into account the specificities and priorities laid out in the “Ten-point Plan of action” of each one of them. The plan of action is composed of ten commitments covering the various areas of competence of the municipal authorities, such as education, housing, employment and culture.

The ICCAR Global Steering Committee, comprising the leading cities of the seven regional and national coalitions, underlined in the Bologna Declaration (April 2016) their commitment to the full mobilization of the ICCAR platform in response to the priorities of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the **New Urban Agenda**, strengthening solidarity, advocacy and joint initiatives through the Coalition. Initiatives will seek to identify and disseminate good practices in order to drive forward inclusive urban planning, free from all forms of discrimination, thus making the Coalition a major platform in the promotion of inclusive and sustainable urban planning.

During the last two years, progress has been made in revitalizing ICCAR as a global platform for advocacy geared towards inclusion and diversity in urban areas, ensuring that its visibility is enhanced and that interregional joint action is promoted. Mobilization has focused on strengthening the coordination and dynamism of the Coalition.

II. COALITION OF ARAB CITIES AGAINST RACISM, DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND INTOLERANCE

The Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance was established and officially launched on 25 June 2008, in Casablanca, Morocco. At the launch conference, Casablanca was designated as the lead city of the Coalition of Arab Cities, and the member cities collectively developed and adopted a [“Ten-Point Plan of Action”](#).

Since then, the Coalition of Arab Cities has not really taken action and it is timely to revitalize it. In 2016, national and regional contexts have recently undergone profound upheavals and non-discrimination has become a matter of urgency. The challenges are daunting: growing inequalities, social and economic marginalization, urbanization and ghettoization, emigrations and immigrations, violence and discrimination, among others. **Faced with these societal phenomena, which endanger social cohesion, how can cities help each other to find fair, appropriate and innovative solutions?**

In this context, the Coalition of Arab Cities can find a new momentum to take action in the fight against racism and all forms of discrimination, based on the recognition of universal human rights principles.

Finally, in recent years, several countries have endorsed a **process of decentralization and increasing autonomy** of local authorities (as in Morocco). At a time when more powers and responsibilities are being delegated to the municipal authorities, this new situation also requires cities to set up networks of solidarity and exchange of practices at national, regional and international levels.

III. COALITION PLANNING WORKSHOP

In this context, UNESCO proposes to organize in collaboration with the Arab Institute for Human Rights (AIHR), on 6 and 7 April 2017, in Tunis, a **Planning Workshop for the Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance**. This workshop will follow the conference entitled “Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Cities in the Arab Region: A Human Rights Approach”, organized jointly by UNESCO and the European Research and Training Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (ETC Graz), in collaboration with AIHR.

The conference aims to:

- Bring together a number of member cities of the Coalition and other cities interested in reviewing the collaborative approach to be followed (lead city, platform for exchanges and solidarity, statutory meetings, mobilization of partners, etc.), in the light of the ten-point plan of action (2008);
- Share differentiated and contextualized diagnoses of the management of diversity in these cities and of the existing discrimination phenomena;
- Exchange on good practices of urban policies aimed at managing diversity and preventing and combating discrimination;
- Define the forms and terms of governance of the Coalition;
- Establish a roadmap to ensure the impact and sustainability of the Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance within ICCAR.

IV. PARTICIPANTS

- Member cities of the Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance
- Representatives of some member cities of the other regional coalitions
- National Human Rights Institutions,
- National Commissions for UNESCO
- Representatives of civil society organizations
- Arab Institute for Human Rights (AIHR), Tunisia
- European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, Graz, Austria
- UNESCO

AGENDA

6 April 2017

8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	<p>Opening Remarks <i>Moderator:</i> Ms Maya Ben Khaled, Projects Director, AIHR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ghaith Fariz, Director of the UNESCO Office in Cairo • Mr Abdelbasset Benhassen, President of the Arab Institute of Human Rights (AIHR)
9:30 – 10:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Presentation of the agenda <i>Tour de table</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Ms Linda Tinio-Le Douarin, Assistant Programme Specialist, Section Inclusion and Rights, and ICCAR Coordinator, the Social and Human Sciences Sector (UNESCO)</p>
10:30 – 12:30	<p>First session <i>Revitalization of the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities – ICCAR in the light of Global Agendas : Progress and Lessons learned</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Ms Mona El Zoghbi, Projets Coordinator, UNESCO Office in Bierut, Lebanon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Linda Tinio-Le Douarin, Mr Phinith Chanthalangsy, UNESCO • Ms Lucienne Redercher, Deputy Mayor on Culture, Integration and Human Rights, City of Nancy • Ms Najat Zerrouk, African Academy of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Second session <i>Differentiated and contextualized diagnoses of the existing discrimination phenomena and examples of municipal policies of remediation</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Ms Jana El Baba and Mr Phinith Chanthalangsy, Programme Specialists, UNESCO Offices in Cairo and Rabat</p> <p>What problems and challenges are Arab cities confronted with related to inclusive municipal policies? Discussion themes: Migration and discriminations, Gender and discriminations, Cultural and social diversity and discriminations, Decentralisation and Social inclusion policies,...</p>

	<p>Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Izzeddin Shammout, Councillor to the Mayor of Amman • Mr Moussa Burayzat, General Commissioner, National Centre for Human Rights <p>Lebanon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Qamarddine Ahmed, Mayor of Tripoli • Mr Mohamed El Baba, Representative of Mayor of Saida • Ms Nahla Zibaoui, City Stakeholder, Saida <p>Morocco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Abdeljalil Abazid, City Councillor, Casablanca • Mr Hicham Jebbari, President of the City Council, Essaouira • Ms Hafida Majdar, City Councillor, Marrakech • Mr Mustapha Ourbiaa, City Councillor, Rabat • Ms Assia Agnaoui, City Councillor, Tangiers <p>Mauritania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr M'Bareck Satigui, Vice-President of the Urban Community of Nouakchott <p>Tunisia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Fawzi Hiorchani, Mayor, Nafta • Mr Walid Chriaa, Mayor, Sayada <p>Qatar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Abdullah Ali Al Mahmoud, member of the National Human Rights Committee
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Third session <i>Sharing good practices</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Ms Linda Tinio-Le Douarin, UNESCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiences of Save Cities free of Violence against Women and Girls, Ms Raphaëlle Rafin, UN-Women Office for the Maghreb, Rabat • Bringing Human Rights to Disenfranchised Areas, Mr Abdelbasset Benhassen, President of the Arab Institute of Human Rights (AIHR) • Moroccan CSOs' initiatives to fight against discriminations, Ms Camille Fidelin, member of Groupe antiraciste de défense et d'accompagnement des étrangers et migrants (GADEM), Morocco • UNESCO/ European Training- and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (Graz) partnership in support of ICCAR, Mr Klaus Starl, Executive Secretary of the Graz Centre <p>Discussion</p>
17:00	<p>Reception</p>

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7 April 2017

9:00 – 10:00	<p>Fourth session – working meeting <i>Reading and examination of the “Ten-Point Plan of Action” and Draft Declaration of the Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance</i> Moderator: Ms Jana El Baba and Mr Phinith Chanthalangsy, UNESCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of member cities • UNESCO • CSOs
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
10:30 – 12:30	<p>Fifth session – working meeting <i>Presentation of a realistic roadmap for the Arab Coalition, and proposal for a lead city</i> Moderator: Ms Mona El Zoghbi and Ms Linda Tinio-Le Douarin, UNESCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of member cities • UNESCO • CSOs
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Conclusion by Mr Ghaith Fariz, Director of the UNESCO Office in Cairo</p>