

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

**Roadmap, April 2017 – April 2018**

### Priority areas of work and cooperation

1. In accordance with the Tunis Declaration, the cities gathered in the Tunis meeting on 6-7 April 2017 agreed that the Coalition shall work and collaborate on the following priority areas: (i) Conducting territorial diagnosis and data collection on racism, discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance issues in our cities, (ii) Undertaking awareness-raising and sensitization initiatives related to the mandate of the Coalition, to the benefit of our constituency and administration, and (iii) Enhancing collaboration with the civil society actors for joint initiatives, in the year to come, as a revitalisation plan. A state of the arts will be conducted at the next region meeting in April 2018.
2. Within the next 2 months, the involved cities will elaborate a preliminary work plan proposing concrete steps to translate one or several priorities into action, and share the work plan with UNESCO and the other cities for consolidation. Work plans that could be implemented by the cities will receive the UNESCO/ICCAR Label and UNESCO will facilitate experience sharing and networking at the regional and international level.
3. UNESCO will propose to the involved cities a review of the 2008 Ten-Point Plan of Action in order to align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda, as well as the transversal themes of human rights and gender equality. The involved cities shall consider this Plan of Action as a global orientation document of the Coalition, while focusing their work on the three priority areas above-mentioned.

### Internal governance

4. The interested lead cities will validate the draft terms of reference of the lead city with their City Council in accordance with their own rules and procedures, express their interest formally to UNESCO by 31 May 2017. UNESCO will consult the member Cities in order to reach a consensus in selecting the lead city.
5. UNESCO will transmit the report and communication to all “member” cities regarding the outcomes and conclusion of the Tunis Coalition Meeting, by 30 April 2017
6. UNESCO will propose to the lead city a procedure for adhesion of members to the Coalition, for validation by 31 May 2017
7. The lead city is engaged in holding the next Coalition meeting in a year time, and will propose a framework allowing the holding of an annual regional coalition meeting, by 31 May 2017

8. Involved cities will advocate for other cities to join the Arab Coalition. UNESCO will send to each city the communication materials to this end.
9. Setting up of a communication plan, including the establishment of an Arab Coalition website
10. Envisage the possibility of displaying a city plaque of the Coalition in member cities' city halls

### **Advocacy/Partnerships**

11. Representation of the Arab Coalition at the ICCAR side event during the World Conference on Urban Violence and Education for Coexistence and Peace, Madrid, 19-21 April 2017
12. Representation of the Arab Coalition at the General Conference of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism (ECCAR), Nancy, France, 16-18 October 2017
13. Representation of the Arab Coalition at the ICCAR Global Steering Committee Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, USA, in December 2017.
14. Exploring the possibility of joint initiatives with other regional/national coalitions, including the replication of existing projects such as the partnership among UNESCO, M.V. Vardinoyannis Foundation and ECCAR
15. Contribution to the UNESCO Assessment Tool on "Towards an enabling environment for urban inclusion"
16. Exploring the possibility of holding training workshops on urban inclusion in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair on Intermediate Cities, Spain
17. Explore avenues of cooperation with UCLG-Africa (Rabat) in organizing a joint event combining the Coalitions of Arab and African Cities and UCLG-Africa's network
18. Exploring avenues of cooperation with the Fondation Safi and the Municipality of Safi (Morocco) in contributing to the Safi World Forum on Post-COP 22 for Sustainable Cities, September 2017.

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