

## 5° WORLD FORUM OF CITIES AND TERRITORIES OF PEACE (WFCTP)

### PARTICIPATORY MANAGEMENT FOR COEXISTENCE AND PEACE

**Concept Note: “Caring Cities: Alliances and Strategies to Advance Comprehensive Policies”**

 Saturday, May 3, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.

 Montevideo, Uruguay

 Venue: Antel Arena

#### **Background and Justification.**

The promotion of comprehensive care policies has been a shared priority among various stakeholders committed to building more just and cohesive societies. In this context, Mercociudades, **UN Women LAC**, **the Barcelona Provincial Council**, and **the Montevideo City Government** have worked together to promote the Local Care Agenda in strategic spaces for dialogue and coordination with key municipal and international actors, in a bi-regional framework (between Latin America and Europe).

As a result of this collaboration and the strengthening of strategic alliances over the years, we have identified the **5th World Forum of Cities and Territories of Peace, to be held in Montevideo from May 2 to 5, 2025**, as a key opportunity to foster the exchange of good practices and experiences in comprehensive care policies at the local level, focusing on the value of proximity to promote policies tailored to the needs of each population, and ensuring that these responses emerge from the participation of the communities themselves.

In this context, we propose organizing a **dialogue entitled “Caring Cities: Alliances and Strategies to Advance Comprehensive Policies”**, with the aim of strengthening the commitment of local governments to the development of equitable and sustainable care systems.

#### **Thematic Areas.**

The Dialogue thematically aligns with axes 3 and 4, prioritized by the organization and proposes to address the following areas:

THEMES			
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Intolerance, racism, discrimination and extremism	Migration, diaspora and violence	Gender-based in violence	Inequalities, inclusive development and climate justice
TRANSVERSAL AXIS			
<b>A.</b> Citizen participation and intergenerational dialogue			
<b>B.</b> Resources for participatory management for coexistence and peace			
<b>C.</b> City diplomacy and strategic articulations			

### Objectives of the Dialogue.

- ✓ Provide a space for exchange among local governments, international organizations, and key stakeholders to share **experiences, challenges, and strategies** in implementing comprehensive care policies, considering the territorial diversity of the region.
- ✓ Position care policies as local **policies for social cohesion**, highlighting their link with **coexistence and peace**.
- ✓ Promote **strategic alliances** between local governments and international organizations to **strengthen and expand** comprehensive care policies at the local level.

### Session Format.

- 📌 **Type:** Parallel alliance session within the participatory program of the WFCTP.
- 🕒 **Duration:** 90 minutes.
- 🗣️ **Language:** Spanish / Portuguese (no translation services).
- 🎤 **Speakers:** Representatives from local governments, international organizations, and care experts.

### Expected Outcomes.

- A. Creation of **strategic alliances** between local governments and international organizations to strengthen comprehensive care policies at the local level.
- B. Generation of inputs for designing **advocacy strategies** in bi-regional spaces.
- C. Positioning the voice of local governments in regional care debates, considering that the Regional Conference on Women to be held in August in Mexico will have a clear perspective on care territories.

### Session Dynamics:

- Institutional welcome and context setting.
- Framework presentation on care territorialization: This second block presents a more conceptual and strategic view of care from feminist thought, human rights, and territorial planning. It seeks to provide a theoretical-political framework for the local experiences in the next segment.

- Panel of experiences from local governments and strategic actors: Concrete experiences on the implementation of care policies, focusing on proximity and citizen participation.
- Closing with a synthesis of lessons learned and next steps.