

## Concept Note

### PREVENTING URBAN VIOLENCE – PEER LEARNING AMONG CITIES

(2 May, 15:00 – 16:30)

#### Background

The United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Peace Prize is an award for any subnational government that is implementing, or has implemented, a project with significant impact on advancing a culture of peace in its community. It aims to support the further recognition of local governments' role in peacebuilding and in ensuring exchange and learning between local governments on this issue. Although the potential thematic scope of local government interventions for peace is highly diverse, this session will be a platform for such exchange among peers with a specific focus on preventing urban violence. The fourth edition of this award will be launched at the World Forum on Cities and Territories of Peace, marking the opening of the call for applications.

This session focuses on the potential of peer learning among cities for advancing peace, and in doing so will zoom in on the specific issue of urban violence. As a conversation starter for reflection and exchange, the session will feature the approach of the city of Recife with the realisation of, among other, Compaz community centres. The city has been selected as a finalist of the UCLG Peace Prize 2022 and has received support from the national government of Brazil to help extend their approach to 30 other Brazilian cities. The session will further reflect on the potential to build on the Hague Charter for Municipal Peace, launched at the Hague Municipal Peace Talks in 2024 and formally connected to the peace policy of Recife prior to the Forum.

The session will be interactive with room for audience participation in discussions. The panel discussion will take the form of a talkshow setting.

#### Speakers

- Mr. **Jan van Zanen**, UCLG President and Mayor of The Hague, Netherlands
- Mrs. **Lluïsa Moret Sabidó**, President of the Barcelona Provincial Council and Mayor of Sant Boi de Llobregat, Spain.
- Mr. **Mauricio Zunnino**, Mayor of Montevideo
- Mr. **Paulo Moraes**, former Executive Secretary for Urban Security of Recife, Brazil.
- Representative of **UCLG World Secretariat**
- Representative of **partner network** (TBC)
  
- Moderator: Mr. **Daan Stelder**, Senior Project Manager at VNG International and the UCLG Peace Prize Secretariat

#### Outline

- Opening
- Keynote remarks
- Background on the UCLG Peace Agenda and the UCLG Peace Prize as an instrument for peer learning
- Video: the Compaz approach of the City of Recife.
- Presentation unique approach to urban violence prevention of Recife
- Reflection and interactive talkshow session with representatives of partners and other cities