

**Global Policy Forum on Development  
Migration session: a local approach**

**22 March 2018 (9:00-11:00)**

**Title of session:** A Local Approach to Migration with the axis of Security, Development and Resilience

**Objective(s):**

The session will analyse the irregular migration and forced displacement phenomenon in the axis of security, development and resilience. It will focus on the essentials of migration and forced displacement, included the root causes of irregular migration and discuss how European policies can foster place-based solutions to tackle irregular migration and forced displacement and enhance the socioeconomic and local integration of migrants. In particular, urban governance, territorial approach to local development, support to local actors (and in particular engagement with civil society organisations and local governments) and local solutions will be discussed in the context of EU's objective to address migration and forced displacement.

**Expected Results:**

- General understanding of the EU policy framework for contributing to migration management, responses to forced displacement as well as addressing root causes of irregular migration
- Better understanding of the concerns of the different regions and alleviation of stress, including financial and infrastructure, particularly on local authorities
- Contributing to awareness raising on the challenges and opportunities related to migration in the urban context
- Sharing good practices on socioeconomic and local integration of migrants

**Background:**

Migration is a complex and global phenomenon requiring a collectively designed, balanced and sustainable policy response to be developed through strong engagement of civil society organisations and local governments. If well-managed migration provides positive contributions to inclusive growth and sustainable development through transfer of

knowledge and skills. However, if not managed properly, migration can cause major challenges and negative impacts on countries of origin, transit and destination. Therefore, it is essential that migration is managed well, while at the same time addressing the drivers for migration and forced displacement, while upholding human rights of migrants.

In this regard, it is imperatively important to commit to holistic, structured and coordinated action addressing the root causes of migration and forced displacement, such as conflicts, state fragility, insecurity and marginalization, poverty, food insecurity, inequality and discrimination. As most migrants live in urban areas, the challenges of governance, local development and multi-stakeholders' engagement in urban contexts are particularly relevant dimensions to address.

### **Methodology:**

The session builds on the introduction into the contribution of EU Development cooperation on migration management and responses to forced displacement, the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement, and on an exchange of good practices in the field of socioeconomic integration of migrants.

An interactive session, which will count on the active contribution of the participants, will take place.

- Brief explanatory introduction by the moderator and presentation of the speakers
- Speaker presentations
- Q&A Session
- General evaluation