

Concept note

Meeting of the UCLG Working Group for the Prevention and Territorial Management of crises

*Palais Anna and Jean-Gabriel Eynard, Geneva, Switzerland & online
November 29th, 10:00 – 16:30 CET*

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), as a global network of cities and local, regional, and metropolitan governments and their associations, is committed to representing, defending, and amplifying the voices of local and regional governments to leave no-one and no place behind.

The UCLG Working Group for Territorial Prevention and Management of Crises aims to provide a platform for local governments to exchange knowledge and expertise on disaster management as well as to reinforce the role of local governments in those situations.

Its next meeting will take place online and in Geneva on November 29th 2021 in presence of Mr. Sami Kanaan, Member of the Executive Council of the City of Geneva and President of this Working Group. Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General of UCLG, will provide opening remarks and will attend online. We expect representatives from local authorities in Mali, Ghana and Lebanon as well as representatives from humanitarian organizations based in Geneva to attend the meeting in person.

Objectives

This meeting will be an opportunity for testimonies from local authorities in general and in Mali, Ghana, and Lebanon in particular, when faced with crises, the challenges they face as well as their specific needs. It will also be an opportunity to discuss with humanitarian organizations based in Geneva on how to work better together when a disaster hits as well as to present the strategy of the Global Alliance for Urban Crises (GAUC).

Format

For capacity reasons, a maximum of 20 people will be attending the meeting in Palais Anna and Jean-Gabriel Eynard in Geneva. The rest will be attending online. The meeting will take place in French and in English with interpretation in the other language.

COVID measures

A valid Swiss or EU COVID certificate is mandatory to attend the meeting in Geneva. For people living outside of the EU, a negative PCR test valid 72 hours up to the end of the meeting is required.

Draft programme

Schedule	Session	Format
9:30-10:00	Arrival and coffee	
10:00-10:15	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Luca Nizzola, Project Manager, Office of External Affairs and Communications, City of Geneva. • Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, UCLG. • Mr. Filipe Decorte, Chief Programme Development Branch, UN-HABITAT, Head of the Steering Committee, GAUC. 	Plenary
10:15-10:45	<p>Presentation of the UCLG Working Group on the prevention and management of crises and presentation of the UCLG international solidarity fund; presentation of the guidance for local authorities on effective working with humanitarian actors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Simoné Giovetti, Head coordinator for the UCLG Working Group on the prevention and management of crises, Head of Office, Cités Unies France (CUF). • Mr. Daan Stelder, Project Manager, VNG International. <p>Presentation of the UCLG global advocacy with the support of the UCLG consultation mechanisms; the learning strategy in line with the Sendai framework; the 2022-2026 reinforcement of the global partnership for crisis management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jean-Baptiste Buffet, Head of Policy, UCLG. 	Plenary
10:45-11:15	<p>Presentation of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee: a framework to strengthen collaboration between humanitarian actors and local governments, developed under the aegis of the GAUC, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and Presentation of the GAUC and its new strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Filipe Decorte, Chief Programme Development Branch, UN-HABITAT, Head of the Steering Committee, GAUC. • Mr. Jorn Owre, Senior adviser, Norwegian Refugee Council. 	Plenary
11:15-11:45	Coffee break	Plenary
11:45-11:50	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sami Kanaan, Member of the Executive Council, City of Geneva, Chair, UCLG Working Group on the prevention and management of crises, Co-Chair, UCLG Policy Council on Safer, Resilient and Sustainable Cities, Capable of Facing Crises. 	
11:50-12:45	The perspective of humanitarian organizations and UN agencies on working with local governments during interventions in urban areas	Plenary

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ronald Jackson, Head, Disaster Risk Reduction & Recovery for Building Resilience, UNDP. • Ms. Ela Serdaroglu, Shelter Lead and Global Shelter Cluster Co-lead, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). 	
12:45-14:00	Lunch in Palais Eynard	
14:00-14:15	<p>Cases study in the presence of communities from CUF partner countries that have either been able to respond to a crisis or are currently mobilized in response to a crisis.</p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Fanny Sallé, Departmental Councillor, President of the CUF crisis group. • Mr. Rob Metz, Mayor of Soest. 	Plenary
14:15-15:15	<p>Learning Session on resilience co-organized by UCLG Learning</p> <p>CASE 1: Lebanese communities facing multiform crisis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Maroun Antoun, Mayor of El-Qrayeh, Lebanon. • Mr. Bechir Odeimi, Director, Technical office Lebanese cities (BTVL). <p>CASE 2: Ghanaian communities facing COVID crisis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Michael Agyemang, Director of Planning, Kumasi Metropolitan Area. • Mr. Charles Kwasi Adjei, Senior Development Planning Officer, Kumasi Metropolitan Area. <p>CASE 3: Mali communities facing COVID crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Diabaté Mamou Bamba, Mayor of Pelengana. • Mr. Youssouf Diakité, Director General, Association of Malian Municipalities, President of G5 Sahel for the Associations of National local authorities (AMM). 	Face-to-Face in 3 groups
15:15-15:30	Coffee break	
15:30-16:00	Debate with the audience: presentation of the cases	Plenary
16:00-16:30	Conclusions and recommandations	Plenary