

Peace Begins Here: Local Solutions for Conflict

Local, regional governments and their associations leading dialogues for peace, in the framework of UCLG World Council 2024

Organized by the City of The Hague and the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG), the morning programme of the 3rd Municipal Peace Talks will unite stakeholders to explore the vital role of local governments in promoting peace and dialogue. This event coincides with The Hague's 125th anniversary of the 1899 Peace Conference, reaffirming the city's legacy as a global hub for peace and justice.

Objectives

- Local peacebuilding solutions for a diverse set of conflict-related challenges faced by local governments
- Facilitating local to local dialogue which addresses the humanitarian aspect of peacebuilding and leads to concrete action within UCLG

10:00 - 10.30 Opening

Moderator

- Ikenna Azuike, presenter and broadcaster

Speakers

- Jan van Zanen, Mayor of The Hague

10:30 - 12:00 Break-out sessions

1. *Prevention of Radicalisation and Polarisation*

Moderator

- Octavi de la Varga, Strategic International Projects Advisor at Diputació de Barcelona

Speakers

- Joseph Nazareth, Chairperson of Lonamac CBO
- Werner Van Herle, Head of Security and Prevention Department of Mechelen
- Lawrence Eghosa, District Director of Laak, The Hague
- Diego Miranda, Mayor of San José (TBC)
- Noshaba Sattar, Project Lead at Diverse Democracy Initiative (TBC)

2. *Urban Violence*

Moderator

- Paulo Moraes, Executive Secretary of Citizen Security of Recife

Speakers

- Rose Mbone, Founder of The Legend Kenya
- Martin Bisp, CEO of Empire Fighting Chance
- Felipe Llamas Sánchez, partner PHARE Global Territories (TBC)
- Andrew Ginther, Mayor of Columbus (TBC)

3. *Disputes Between Communities*

Moderator

- Dion van den Berg, PAX for peace

Speakers

- Shamier Madhar, Dutch Youth Imam
- Awraham Soetendorp, former Dutch Rabbi – TBC
- Martine Bokenge Nge, General Inspector of the Territories (DRC)

4. *Migration*

Moderator

- Amany Shalha, Representative Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Speakers

- Pietro Puccio, Mayor of Capaci
- Wilson Sanya, Mayor of Koboko
- Halima Kaakour, Lebanese Organisation for Peace and Development
- Tineke Ceelen, Director of Stichting Vluchteling (Netherlands Refugee Foundation)

12:00 - 12:30 Plenary conclusion