



DECLARATION OF NANCY

We, the representatives of the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities – ICCAR, having met in Nancy, France on 10 December 2018 for the Meeting of the ICCAR Global Steering Committee:

Value the importance of celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which embodies the enduring universality of its perennial values of equality, justice and human dignity;

Express our commitment to the values of human rights and gender equality as cornerstones of socially inclusive municipal and urban settings;

Reaffirm our commitment to the goals of the Bologna Declaration, adopted by the ICCAR Global Steering Committee in April 2016, for which progress has been made to strengthen joint action, leadership and solidarity across the Coalition, and to position ICCAR as a key platform to advance sustainable and inclusive urban development in the context of the *New Urban Agenda* and the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and its associated *Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*;

Recognize the increasing role of local governments as key global actors in addressing current challenges related to social transformations, and, together with national governments, international and regional institutions, and civil society, as co-shapers of a global framework for action;

Acknowledge that working collectively as a network has added value and impact, because city-to-city collaboration serves as a platform to build a common voice in global forums, which reinforces a unified stand for sustainable urban development;

Attach importance to the human dimension and sociocultural fabric of cities, where people-centered policies and programmes, as well as the meaningful and inclusive participation of communities, lie at the heart of local governance;

Commit to the advancement of inclusive governance at the city level, where the proximity of local authorities to communities and populations is considered beneficial to the common good, and where the values of acceptance, respect, empathy and compassion are nurtured so as to cultivate inclusive societies;

Recognize that while the forms and effects of racism and other kinds of discrimination may change, they remain barriers to the meaningful inclusion of communities in political, social, cultural and economic life;

Adhere to a global movement of cities in favour of inclusion and respect for diversity through UNESCO's International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities – ICCAR;

We, therefore, renew our commitment to the mission of the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities – ICCAR, and undertake to:

- Promote social cohesion in urban spaces, anchored on the principles of fundamental human rights and gender equality, in which human mobility and migratory movements are considered positive contributions to diversity and development, by reviewing the Ten-Point Plan of Action of each regional and national coalition in light of the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals;
- Advance gender equality, as an antidote to gender-based discrimination, by not only engaging women and girls, but men and boys to advance gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls and eliminate gender-based violence;
- Take action in line with the UN Global Compacts on migration and refugees to eliminate prejudice by highlighting the positive and multiple contributions of these groups to all spheres of life in receiving, transition and origin countries;

- Develop effective responses to the rise of hate, bigotry and violent extremism, growing worldwide phenomena that accentuate racism, intolerance and discrimination, by implementing local and collective advocacy efforts to raise awareness, developing guidelines and tools in response to these threats, and conducting capacity-building and education-related initiatives;
- Ensure the promotion of a wide range of cultural expressions of city dwellers in the cultural programs and public spaces of the city by conducting events and awareness-raising campaigns based on acceptance, mutual understanding, and intercultural dialogue;
- Promote good practices and systems that guarantee equity, social justice and shared prosperity;
- Facilitate the collection, analysis and dissemination of good practices by showcasing the potential of local governments to foster social cohesion and urban inclusion, as well as information that helps promote a better understanding of challenges faced at the local level;
- Recognize the role of networks and cities in implementing UN and UNESCO policies on Indigenous Peoples, reconciliation, and promoting dialogue;
- Expand the membership of ICCAR to increase the visibility and influence of the network;
- Strengthen cooperation within ICCAR, and with other platforms, city networks and civil society organizations to achieve common goals ;
- Continue regular meetings of the ICCAR Global Steering Committee, as well as regional and national coalition meetings.

Signed on 10 December 2018, in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in the City of Nancy, France.

Signed:

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