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Forum on human mobility, migration and development advocates for social inclusion and diversity in cities

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Last June 26 and 27, Berlin and its Governing Mayor Michael Müller (who is also a Co-president of Metropolis) hosted the 4th Global Mayoral Forum on Human Mobility, Migration and Development. The event brought together 40 mayors from around the world, as well as representatives from international organisations and NGOs.

The event was a space of encounters, discussions and exchange of good practices in the field of local and metropolitan governance, especially for mayors facing the challenges of receiving migrants and refugees, as well as their joint commitments on migration policies.

The conferences of the forum have been guided by the main frames of reference of global agendas, such as the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, and indicated that we must work to make towns and cities more inclusive and cohesive.

One of the main results of the meeting was the declaration “Mayoral Declaration on Migrants and Refugees: Meeting Needs, Protecting Rights and Fostering Empowerment”, which reinforces the need to work in a multi-level governance; a key recognition of local governments in the policies of reception of migrants and refugees.

Ten members of Metropolis were represented in the forum: Athens, Berlin, Beyrouth, Dakar, Durban, Johannesburg, Madrid, Quito and Rabat. From the meeting, they decided to work on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in its context of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.
Events reference
Fourth Global Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development