



## Inclusive Cities for All: COVID-19 Urban Response

Interactive Discussion of Venice Declaration Signatories in Observance of the World Cities Day 2020



Wednesday, October 28th, 2020

10:00 - 11:00 NYC time · 15:00 - 16:00 Central European Time · Virtual Conference Room

### PROGRAMME

Updated 21/10/2020. Please, note that this programme is subject to change.

#### Welcoming Remarks

**Olivier Yao**

*World President of the International Federation for Family Development*

#### Opening Remarks

**Roberto Ciambetti**

*President of the Veneto Regional Council,  
Vice-President of the Bureau, European Committee of the Regions*

#### Interactive Discussion

##### **2020 Annual Report**

**Jose Eduardo Storopoli**  
*UNINOVE University (Brazil)  
Project Academic Coordinator*

##### **Carinthia Report**

**Beate Prettner**  
*Deputy Governor of Carinthia (Austria)  
Vice-President of ELISAN*

#### Q & A

#### Statements

**Gianna Zamaro**

*Director of Social Policies and Disabilities, Autonomous Region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia (Italy)*

**Valdemar Bernardo Jorge**

*Secretary of Planning, State of Parana (Brazil)*

**Georgios Markopoulos**

*President, Regional Union of Municipalities of Attiki (Greece)*

**Rodrigo Massi**

*International Relations Coordinator, Municipality of São Paulo (Brazil)*

**Francesco Rucco**

*Mayor of Vicenza*

**Jean-Max Trouillet**

*President of the Steering Committee, European Local Inclusion and Social Action network (ELISAN)*

#### Closing Remarks

**Chris Williams**

*Director of the UN-Habitat  
New York Liaison Office*

#### Concluding Remarks

**Daniela Bas**

*Director of the United Nations DESA  
Division For Inclusive Social Development*

#### Moderator

**Nora Urrea**

*Vice-President of the International Federation for Family Development*

## BACKGROUND NOTE

The COVID-19 pandemic has precipitated an unprecedented global crisis, with thousands of lives lost, millions of families affected, and with 200 and densely populated 200d2 paying the highest toll. Many urban settlements have reacted rapidly and effectively to contain the virus, mostly thanks to first responders commitment, local authorities' readiness and families confinement collaboration.

Although, shortcomings have been exposed in many urban 200d2 putting extra pressure on the social protection, education, health, and welfare systems, resulting in increased stress for families. Local and regional authorities have a critical task to protect all family members, stall the pandemic and prepare their communities for recovery and strengthened resilience. At the same time, the 200d2 non COVID-19 has re-shaped urban life around the world. Local communities have played a key role in contributing to keeping people safe and maintaining some economic activities.

In this crisis as in many others, the family unit has proven to be one of the main agents for recovery, governance, protection and development within societies and thus cornerstone for the post-COVID-19. If families are these crucial development agents, an adequate environment is needed to facilitate their role. Local authorities should be considered the family unit as an important social agent to respond, recover, prevent and prepare for the ongoing challenges.

The recognition of communities' value must be maintained beyond the virus outbreak. In the transition to a new sustainable urban normality, local communities must 200d2 n expanded role supporting government stimulus packages for employment creation, delivery of essential services, ensuring a green-economic transformation, the 200d2 non2 f adequate shelter and public space and reestablishment of local value chains. The Inclusive Cities for Sustainable Cities 200d2 n is a worldwide 200d2 no promoted by the International Federation for Family Development that aims to be inclusive of sustainable families by being responsive to their needs in these ten issues, 200d2 no 2030 Agenda and Habitat III and under the leadership of the Veneto Region in Italy: Housing, New Technologies, Education, Healthcare, Safety, Clean Air, Transportation, Affordability, Leisure and Tourism, and Vulnerable Families. Their commitment consists of presenting once a year the results in those topics and attending an 200d2 Conference organized to share 200d practices.

As detailed by the Manifesto signed by all participants in the last 200d2 meeting of the participants in the 200d2 n, it is necessary to outline the 200d2 no a city that places the citizen at the center of its concerns and becomes responsive to the many challenges of the urban future, as a shareable and inclusive city which places family care as the basis for it. The report to be presented in this celebration is a first step towards this design for the future, enriched with lessons learnt during the pandemic.

The new law of the Veneto 200d2 non 'Interventions to support the family and natality' is also a 200d example in the application of those principles.

## DISCUSSION POINTS

### **1. Support local governments and family evidenced-based interventions, integrated community / family data, mapping and analysis**

- a. Health: measures compatible with subsistence, food security, access to water and sanitation
- b. Housing: burden on rent and mortgages, homeless shelter and quarantine designated facilities.
- c. Safety: safe urban mobility and transport, especially first responders.

### **2. Mitigate economic impact and initiate recovery by:**

- a. Care: mitigate the economic impact, take into account the informal sector.
- b. Recovery: local and regional fiscal recovery plans to consider family units and members.



This project, promoted by the International Federation for Family Development under the leadership of the Veneto Region, is directed to cities and territories that wish to actively contribute to goal SDG11 and be responsive to the family needs. Their commitment is detailed in the Venice Declaration.

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## MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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