

Virtual Partnership Conference Germany – United Kingdom

Urban Diplomacy in times of multiple crises

7 and 8 December 2022

10:30 – 15:30 CET (9:30 – 14:30 GMT)

Simultaneous interpretation (German <> English) will be available throughout the event via Zoom

Day 1: 7 December 2022

Moderation: Alexander Thamm

10:30 CET Overview, introduction, housekeeping remarks

10:35 Welcoming remarks

- Service Agency Communities in One World/Engagement Global
Alexander Wagner
- Association of German Cities
Marius Korte
- German Federal Foreign Office
Moritz Pieper

10:50 Project information Urban Diplomacy Exchange
Livia Pichorner, Project Manager Urban Diplomacy Exchange

11:00 Keynote
Setting the scene: Urban Diplomacy, the 2030 Agenda and the responsibility of cities in times of multiple crises
Martino Miraglia, SDG Localization and Local Governments, UN-HABITAT
Q&A

11:15 --- Break ---

11:30 Moderated panel discussion

Urban Diplomacy as an instrument for achieving global goals

- *Daniel Pejic, Research Fellow, Melbourne Centre for Cities*
- *Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council*
- *Martin van der Pütten, Head of International Relations, City of Dortmund*

12:15 --- Break ---

13:30 Introduction of the two group sessions and pitch of the good practices by cities.
Participants dividing into group sessions.

13:45 Parallel group sessions on challenges and good practices from cities

Group session 1: Urban diplomacy for peace

Examples on strengthening city cooperation in times of newly erupting migration crises in Europe and dealing with the challenges of refugee integration
SDG 16 + SDG 11

Each city ca. 10 min input + 15 min. Q&A and exchange

- City of Reading: *Councillor Jason Brock, Leader of Reading Borough Council*
- City of Hannover: *Marie Bullet, Head of International Affairs Office*
- City of Düsseldorf: *Sven Weiss, Office for Migration and Integration*

Group session 2: Urban diplomacy for climate action

Examples of ambitious climate action in cities
SDG 13 + SDG 11

Each city ca. 10 min input + 15 min. Q&A and exchange

- City of Ludwigsburg: *Amely Krafft, Department of City Development, Climate and International Relations*
- City of Durham: *Stephen McDonald, Principal Officer, Climate Change and Sustainability*
- City of Oxford: *Tom Garrod, Zero Carbon Oxford Officer*

15:00 --- Break ---

15:05 Wrap-up of group-work sessions and feedback from each group

15:20 Closing and overview for the second day

15:30 End of day 1

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Day 2: 8 December 2022

Moderation: Janis Fifka

10:30 CET Welcome, housekeeping remarks, review Day 1 and overview Day 2

10:40 Keynote
City diplomacy: From theory to practice
Lorenzo Kihlgren Grandi, Founding Director, City Diplomacy Lab
Q&A

10:55 Moderated fireside chat
Urban diplomacy and cities engagement in multilateral processes

- City of Bristol: *Caroline Twigg, Head of International Affairs*
- City of Mannheim: *David Linse, Head of Department International and European Affairs and Protocol*

11:40 Introduction to the parallel interactive exchange groups **Cities engaging in multilateral processes and partnerships for the SDGs**

11:45 --- Break ---

12:00 **Cities engaging in multilateral processes and partnerships for the SDGs**
2 parallel interactive exchange groups (Moderated discussion with guiding questions)
Interactive exchange on urban diplomacy mechanisms, actors, processes and SDG localization
SDG 17 + SDG 11

12:45 Wrap-up of peer-to-peer consultation and feedback from each group

13:00 Recapitulation and reflection

13:10 Next steps of the project

13:30 End of the event

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