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THE UCLG PEACE PRIZE

Summary and recommendations

The UCLG Peace Prize generates international public attention local governments that implement strong initiatives in ensuring sustainable and peaceful development. Local governments that have implemented an innovative and high impact approach towards peace-building and the creation of dialogue are eligible for nomination. In addition to worldwide exposure and recognition, the winning local government receives a financial award to strengthen its peace projects and/or to facilitate learning exchanges with other local governments facing similar challenges.

The prize also aims to contribute to a full acknowledgement of the important but often overlooked role of local governments as peace building actors who strive to create or maintain dialogue, thus generating a more effective approach to conflict resolution, and is a critical instrument of the UCLG Peace Agenda, allowing to showcase local and regional governments as spaces of peace.

This document presents the process followed for the third edition of the UCLG Peace Prize.

The General Assembly is invited to:

1. **Take note** of the process for and finalists of the prize.
2. **Encourage** members to disseminate information on the prize and the initiatives presented.

Background

1. In situations of conflict, local governments have an important role to play: they have to ensure that service delivery for citizens is in place despite the difficult context, and they need to promote and facilitate peace as an alternative to violent conflicts. Supported by UCLG and its members, this edition of the UCLG Peace Prize has been made possible by contributions, both financial and in terms of content, by the South African Local Government Association (SALGA), the City of The Hague, VFonds, the Dutch peace NGO PAX and VNG International, within the framework of the UCLG Policy Council on Opportunities for All, Culture and City Diplomacy: Keys to Sustainable Development and Peace.
2. The prize generates international public attention by putting the spotlight on inspiring initiatives from local governments around the world in ensuring sustainable and peaceful development. The prize also aims at creating a platform for exchange and inspiration.



3. In addition to worldwide exposure and recognition, the winning local government will receive a financial award to strengthen its peace projects and / or facilitate learning exchanges with other local governments facing similar challenges.

The jury

4. The jury of the UCLG Prize is composed by representatives from the world of local government and conflict prevention/peace-building:
 - **Mr. Wim Deetman**, The Netherlands, Former mayor The Hague, former chair of the UCLG Committee on City Diplomacy
 - **Mr. Jerome Gama Surur**, South Sudan, Former Governor of Eastern Equatoria
 - **Ms. Katarina Kruhonja**, Croatia, Peace activist and Director of the Centre for Peace, Non-violence and Human Rights
 - **Mr. Tarik Kupusović**, Bosnia and Herzegovina, former Mayor of Sarajevo
 - **Prof. Janne Nijman**, The Netherlands, Chairperson of the T.M.C. Asser Institute, Professor of History and Theory of International law at the University of Amsterdam
 - **Prof. Thulisile Nomkhosi Madonsela**, South Africa, Professor of Social Justice Stellenbosch

The process

5. The UCLG Peace Prize 2022 edition was officially launched in December 2021 in The Hague. The launch marked the start of the application period during which eligible local governments could submit their initiatives. The prize is open for award to local governments who either themselves work for peace and conflict resolution in their own area, or provide positive assistance to local governments in conflict and fragile areas, which includes pre-and post-conflict situations, but also areas that have experienced peace for decades. The prize is awarded to a local government as an institution, not to individuals. There may well be cases where local governments work together on a peace initiative, and in such cases the prize could be awarded to them jointly. This may for example include cooperation between a conflict-hit local government and its external partner city. The Peace Prize is open to any subnational government that falls within UCLG's own interpretation of the term "local government". Broadly speaking, this means that a local government is a subnational government defined as such by its own country's constitution or legislation. Any nominated initiative should have taken place at least partly within the 3 years prior to application.
6. Local governments could submit their application using a standardised application form, and add annexes in the form of photos and/or videos. Applications have first been reviewed by the technical Evaluation Committee. This committee ensures background checks on strong applications, collects more information where needed, and rates all applications on the following criteria:
 - The impact and effectiveness of the initiative in favour of peace – how did it promote peace in the community – **25 points.**
 - The broad replicability or learning potential of the initiative for other local governments in similar situations – **15 points.**
 - The degree of demonstrated innovation or creativity shown in the design of the initiative – **15 points.**
 - The sustainability for the future of the initiative – **10 points.**
 - The degree to which the initiative is embedded in the local government organisation – **10 points.**

- The degree of difficulty, complexity or danger of the situation faced on the ground by those involved in the initiative – **15 points.**
 - The general clarity and details of the information provided about the initiative – **10 points.**
7. In total, the above criteria provide for a maximum score of **100 points** for nominated projects. All applications and their particular scorings will be shared with the Jury of the Peace Prize. The Jury takes note of the scorings but these only serve to inform them, and the Jury can select any finalist and winner they see fit, independent of the scorings. Through digital meetings and requests for information from strong contenders, the Jury selects a shortlist of five finalists.

The finalists

8. The jury has selected the following five finalists:
- a) **Mersin, Türkiye:** Developing the Social Cohesion Centre to support integration, intercultural learning and peace education.
 - b) **Mishiha, Burundi:** Through Growing Peace Clubs in schools, supporting the development of youth into responsible and trustworthy members of society.
 - c) **Monterrey, Mexico:** Reducing youth recruitment by criminal groups, through helping teenagers dealing with trauma by offering psycho-social support and socio-productive workshops.
 - d) **Palmira, Colombia:** Implementing a comprehensive approach to violence prevention focused on working with youth by prioritizing resources through the PAZOS project.
 - e) **Recife, Brasil:** Promoting citizenship, human rights, a culture of peace, and access to justice in disadvantaged areas through COMPAZ community peace centers.

The award ceremony

9. The winner will be announced on 13 October during the UCLG General Assembly. A publication will be developed highlighting the best practices that this process has collected.
10. The finalists and the winner of the Peace Prize will present their cases during the World Congress, in a session on 14 October that will also serve to lay the groundwork for the future of the Award.