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Mediterranean Host Municipalities Learning Network
Follow-up Webinar to the 3rd Annual Event
Local Economic Development in Host Communities
January 10th, 2019

CONTEXT

To support local governments dealing with a high influx of forcibly displaced, the Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI) periodically organizes knowledge exchange, capacity building and learning activities for municipal representatives who are members of the Host Municipalities Learning Network (HMLN).

During the 3rd Annual Event of the HMLN “Local Economic Development in Host Communities” which took place in Gaziantep, Turkey, November 19-22nd, 2018, municipal representatives from Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, and Turkey gathered together and set their learning priorities drawing from HMLN exchanges over past year and the Competitive Cities’ “mayor’s wedge”. At the same time, a delegation of representatives from Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda was also present as observer to share similar challenges in a forced displacement context.

After three days of exchanges, HMLN members validated the theme of Local Economic Development (LED) and strategic planning for the year 2019 and expressed the need for sub-sectorial deep-dives on stakeholder mobilization and participatory approaches, socio-economic inclusion, skills and innovation, data gathering and analysis, and enterprise support and private sector mobilization.

Since June 2016 the [Mediterranean Host Municipalities Learning Network](#) aims to support host local governments with evidence-based knowledge and Capacity Building to improve their response capacity for forced displacement. The Network benefitted from several face-to-face workshops and webinars on priority themes, surveys, as well as online discussions in the ad-hoc Collaboration4Development (C4D) online collaborative platform. The Host Municipalities Network is moderated by the Center for Mediterranean Integration, as part of the [Mediterranean Refugees and Host Communities Program](#).

OBJECTIVES

This Webinar aims to:

- Reconnect HMLN members and follow up on the agreements and priorities taken during the 3rd Annual Event;
- Prepare for next steps in learning and exchange among HMLN members;
- Continue the exchange with deep-dive presentations and open discussion on the World Bank Mashreq Forced Displacement Strategy.

PARTICIPATION IN THE WEBINAR

This webinar targets HMLN members. Given its scope, participation will be upon invitation only. The Webinar will consist of a virtual exchange allowing participants to interact by connecting directly from



their computer or smartphone with internet connection. Arabic-English simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

AGENDA

Please note that timings refer to GMT+02. See the table below for further information.

14.00 – 14.15	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Janette Uhlmann, Senior Program Officer, Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI)</u>
14.15 – 14.30	Technical Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Naila Ahmed, Senior Social Development Specialist</u> <i>The Mashreq Displacement Strategy</i>
14.30 – 15.00	Q&A and Open Discussion
15.00 – 15.15	Next steps and agreements for the year 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Janette Uhlmann, Senior Program Officer, Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI)</u>• <u>Nicolas Meyer, Consultant, Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI)</u> <i>The HMLN governance</i>
15.15 – 15.45	Open Discussion
15.45 – 16.00	Conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Janette Uhlmann, Senior Program Officer, Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI)</u>

LOCAL STARTING TIMES

LOCATION	LOCAL STARTING TIME
MARSEILLE	13.00
BEIRUT	14.00
AMMAN	14.00
JERUSALEM	14.00
ISTANBUL	15.00
BAGHDAD	15.00
WASHINGTON D.C.	07.00



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