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UNITING  
MAYORS:  
LOCAL  
SOLUTIONS  
ON GLOBAL  
CLIMATE  
CHALLENGES

In partnership with



Dear Fellow Mayor,

We invite you to join our efforts to unite mayors to address climate-related migration towards the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2021 (COP26).

Over 143 million people will be displaced by 2050 in Africa, Latin America and South Asia if we do not take steps to address climate change. Mayors are optimally placed to address local challenges associated with climate displacement, working in tandem with their national and regional counterparts.

As Champion Climate Mayors, we will lead the GPM's efforts on this important issue and help develop a Call to Action that lays out our vision at COP26 in November, hosted in Glasgow. This Call to Action can only be established when mayors unite and act together. This is why we are inviting you to join the project "Uniting Mayors for local solutions to global climate challenges." You can speak at the Kickoff Meeting of this project on February 25, 2021, from 17.00 – 18.00 hrs CET.

In partnership with the British Council and supported by Professor Sheila Foster (Georgetown University) and Associate Professor Kamal Amakrane (Columbia University), we would like to explore with you how mayors can champion local solutions to climate challenges. The project puts a special focus on the rise of sea levels, climate displacement and the most vulnerable groups affected by climate change through an inclusive mayors' dialogue.

This kickoff will be the first meeting in a series of events to establish a Mayors Call to Action, which will be presented at the [PRE-COP26 MILAN](#) and [COP26 in Glasgow](#).

We hope you will accept our invitation, and join us from around the world to address climate-related displacement and build up a coalition of leading mayors on this urgent issue. We are looking forward to your registration and to working with you as we explore local solutions on the urgent issue of climate-related displacement.

Kind regards,

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