



Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration

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UN to spotlight importance of sustainable cities, home to growing numbers of migrants

*Fifty-first session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development
“Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration”
New York, 9-13 April 2018*

New York, 6 April—The world’s cities are now home to a growing population of migrants – millions of persons who have migrated from rural areas, other cities or other countries.

Stressing the need to promote sustainable cities, the 51st session of the Commission on Population and Development will examine the changing spatial distribution of the world’s population, the need for policies to promote sustainable and inclusive urban growth, and the role of international migration as a driver of global economic and social development.

Today, more than half of the world’s population lives in cities. By 2030, six out of every 10 people will live in urban areas, and by 2050, it could be two out of three people.

Migration remains a key driver of city growth, and migrants make important contributions to work, entrepreneurship and cultural diversity in their host communities. Migration may also pose challenges to cities, especially when there is spatial segregation or inadequate integration of migrants.

Efforts to manage urbanization, including through policies to assist cities that are hosting growing populations of migrants, can contribute to sustainable development by improving access to education, health care and housing, and by raising the productivity of labour and expanding opportunities for economic growth.

For more information on the Commission’s forthcoming session, please visit:
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The report of the Secretary-General on “Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration” is available here: <https://bit.ly/2GU8AOB>

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Keynote Speakers/ Events:

- Mr. Gora Mboup, President and CEO of GORA Corp (Senegal) - 9 April, 12 p.m. EST
- Professor Marie Price, George Washington University (USA) - 10 April, 12 p.m. EST
- Expert panel and interactive discussion on “Cities at the forefront of receiving migrants: experiences and lessons learned” - 11 April, 3 p.m. EST

What: 51st session of the Commission on Population and Development

When: 9 -13 April 2018

Where: Conference Room 4, UN Headquarters, New York

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