



Promoting local efforts in conflict prevention, peace building and post conflict reconstruction



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Local governments and Peace

In today's world, war and armed conflict are still an all-too-frequent reality with disastrous consequences for citizens affected. It is expected that by 2025, two-thirds of the world's poor will live in fragile states and conflict countries, as a result of increased urbanization, scarcity of public goods and the rise of intolerance and tensions.

In situations of conflict, local governments have an important role to play: they have to ensure that service delivery towards citizens is in place despite the difficult context, and they need to promote and facilitate peace as an alternative.

It is against this backdrop that the 2008 First World Conference on City Diplomacy in the Hague recommended to launch an international local government peace prize. This prize has taken shape in the UCLG Peace Prize which falls within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals, one of which is entirely dedicated to Peace, Justice and Strong institutions: SDG 16. It therefore responds to the international challenge of making a peaceful world.



The UCLG Peace Prize

The UCLG Peace Prize is a triennial award for (a coalition of) local governments that have implemented innovative initiatives in conflict prevention, resolution or peace building, that have had a significant positive impact. The Prize aims to contribute to a full acknowledgement of the important but often overlooked role of local governments as peace building actors, thus creating a more effective approach to conflict resolution.

Nominated cases are assessed by a high level expert jury. The winning local government will receive a modest prize package worth €20.000, aimed at strengthening its peace projects and facilitating learning and exchange.

In 2016, the first Prize was awarded to the municipality of Kauswagan in the Philippines, for moving beyond addressing symptoms of violent conflict towards a socio-economic approach that bridges peace and development efforts.

The second award ceremony of the UCLG Peace Prize will take place at the UCLG World Congress in Durban (South Africa), 2019.

How to apply

Local governments that successfully worked to prevent or overcome conflict or to create dialogue in (potential) conflict areas can apply for the UCLG Peace Prize.

As of November 2018, nominations can be put forward on the website and nominations can be submitted through the website of the Peace Prize until the 30 April 2019. **Stay tuned !**

More information on the criteria and eligibility is also available online:

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