

Civil or Civic Defense: The Role of National and Local Authorities in Peace Building and Institutional Development in post-conflict context

Description of event:

The focus of the networking session will be peace-building through capacity-building and good governance. While this session will focus mainly on the role of local government in peace-building, it will provide the national government perspective and present best practices and lessons learned from various contexts in the Middle East and Asia.

The recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) peace publication will constitute a base for the networking session where presenters/speakers will share their experience and provide stimulating discussions on issues that will lead/feed into the Dialogue Session and provide further guidance to elaborating the “Guiding Principles for Sustainable Relief” in post-conflict situations.

Name of organization:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
International Centre of Municipal Development (ICMD)

Description of organization:

FCM is the national association of municipal governments in Canada. Its main international programming is done through its International Centre of Municipal Development (ICMD). ICMD's mission is to develop and empower municipal governments worldwide to improve the quality of life and the sustainability of local communities - by means of *knowledge development; municipal capacity development; enabling institutions capacity development; policy and regulatory frameworks development; and multilateral organisations policy and programme support.*

Partner organizations:

UN-HABITAT
The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works, Iraq
Ministry of Local Government, Palestinian Territories
Rafah Municipality, Gaza Strip, Palestinian Territories
City of Datu Paglas, Maguindanao Province, Philippines

Confirmed speakers:

Ms. Nesreen M. Siddeek Berwari, Minister for Municipalities and Public Works, Iraq
Dr. Hussein Al Araj, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Local Government, Occupied Palestinian Territories
Mr. Abubakar P. Paglas, Mayor of Datu Paglas, Maguindanao Province, Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao, Philippines
Dr. Ali Barhoum, Rafah Municipality, Occupied Palestinian Territories
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