



Borgarráð

Reykjavík, 8. apríl 2025  
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**Fyrirhuguð ferð borgarstjóra til Parísar og þátttaka í *OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth Initiative***

Fyrirhuguð er ferð borgarstjóra til Parísar dagana 13.-17. apríl nk. til að taka þátt á ráðstefnunni *Urban Days* á vegum Efnahags- og framfarastofnunar *OECD*. Með borgarstjóra í för er aðstoðarmaður.

Hluti af fyrsta degi ráðstefnunnar er helgaður verkefninu *OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth Initiative*. Borgarstjóri fékk boð á þann hluta ráðstefnunnar í ljósi þess að borgarstjóra hefur verið boðið að vera þátttakandi í framangreindum hópi. Það tilkynnist því borgarráði hér með að í framhaldinu mun borgarstjóri sækjast eftir þátttöku í *OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth Initiative* með formlegri umsókn.

Borgarstjóri þáði einnig boð borgarstjóra Parísar á viðburðinn *Cities for Peace* sem fram fer þann 16. apríl.

Hjálögð er dagskrár ráðstefnunnar og boð til borgarstjóra um þátttöku á sjöunda fundi *OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth Initiative* og dagskrá viðburðarins *Cities for Peace*.

Heiða Björg Hilmisdóttir  
borgarstjóri

Hjálagt:

Dagskrá ráðstefnunnar *Urban Days* á vegum *OECD*.

Boðsbréf til borgarstjóra um þátttöku á sjöunda fundi *Champion Mayor for Inclusive Growth Initiative*, dags. 6. mars 2025.

Dagskrá vegna viðburðarins *Cities for Peace* sem fram fer þann 16. apríl og stutt kynning á verkefninu.



**Reykjavík**

# Event Agenda

Download the full PDF agenda for more detailed information, including speakers

## Event Agenda

### Day 1 : April 14, 2025

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| 06:00 - 11:00 | <b>7th meeting of the OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth (by invitation only)</b><br><br>8:00-9:00 - Registration and Welcome Coffee<br><br>9:00-9:15 - Welcome remarks by OECD Secretary General Mathias Cormann<br><br>9:15-11:00 - Cities for All in Times of Uncertainty<br><br>11:00-11:30 - Coffee Break<br><br>11:30-13:00 - Spotlight on Transforming Urban Mobility: Ensuring Accessibility, Resilience, and Equity in a Changing World<br><br>13:00-14:30 - Family picture and Champion Mayors Lunch - A Call to Action for better policies for resilient places |
| 12:30 - 16:15 | <b>Kick-off Ceremony &amp; Cities for All</b><br><br>14:30-15:15 - OECD Urban Days: Kick-off Ceremony<br><br>15:15-16:15- Cities for All Ages<br><br>16:15-16:45 - Coffee break<br><br>16:45-18:15- Confronting the Housing Crisis in Cities  |

### Day 2 : April 15, 2025

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| 07:30 - 11:00 | <b>The Circular Economy in Cities and Regions of the European Union</b> |
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|               | <p>9:30-11:00 - Closing the Loop: Circular Economy in European Cities and Regions</p> <p>11:00-11:30 - Coffee break</p> <p>11:30-13:00 - Circular Cities and Regions in Action: Insights from 10 Policy Scans</p>   |
| 11:00 - 12:15 | <p><b>Lunchtime Masterclass #1: “The 15-minute City and Proximity Revolution”</b></p> <p>By Carlos Moreno, Scientific Director of the Chaire ETI, IAE Paris Sorbonne</p>  |
| 12:30 - 16:00 | <p><b>Sectoral Deep Dives on the Circular Economy</b></p> <p>14:30-15:30 - Deep Dive #1: Beyond Bricks – Circular Buildings for a Greener Tomorrow</p> <p>16:00-16:30 - Coffee break</p> <p>16:30-18:00 - Deep Dive #2: From Drain to Gain – Rethinking Water in a Circular Economy</p> |

### Day 3 : April 16, 2025

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| 07:30 - 11:00 | <p><b>Localising the Sustainable Development Goals</b></p> <p>9:30-11:00 - Local Action, Global Impact: Towards a Global Stocktake on SDGs Localisation</p> <p>11:00-11:30 - Coffee break</p> <p>11:30-13:00 - SDGs in Action: Impact Stories from 10 Cities and Regions</p>           |
| 11:00 - 12:15 | <p><b>Lunchtime Masterclass #2: “The Geopolitics of Climate”</b></p> <p>by François Gemenne, Professor, HEC Paris</p>  |
| 12:30 - 16:00 | <p><b>Spotlight on SDG 13 (Climate) and SDG 14 (Oceans)</b></p> <p>14:30-16:00 - A Territorial Approach to Climate Action and Resilience (TACAR)</p> <p>16:00-16:30 - Coffee break</p> <p>16:30-18:00 - A Territorial Approach to the Blue Economy: the role of cities and regions</p> |

### Day 4 : April 17, 2025

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| 07:00 - 11:00 | <p><b>Financing Cities</b></p> <p>8:00-9:00 - Leveraging Decentralised Development Cooperation to drive and</p> |
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Development Assistance Committee (DAC)

9:00-9:30 - Opening Remarks

9:30-10:30 - Financing the Cities of Tomorrow: a shared responsibility

10:30-11:30 - Harnessing City-to-City Partnerships to Finance Urban Development

11:30-12:00 - Coffee break

12:00 - 13:00 - Real Estate Investment in a Changing Climate

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**Invitation to 7th Meeting of OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth (14 April 2025)**  
as part of the **OECD Urban Days (14-17 April 2025)**

Paris, 6 March 2025

Dear Mayor,

We are delighted to invite you to the **7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth**, which will take place on **Monday 14 April 2025** at the OECD Headquarters in Paris, France, as part of the **OECD Urban Days**.

Global economic growth is projected to exceed 3% in 2025, yet real life prospects are unfolding differently across and within countries – including in cities. As economic powerhouses, cities continue to drive national competitiveness, but the urban fabric is beginning to fray under risks of extreme weather events, side effects of technological advancements such as generative AI, and basic necessities becoming unaffordable for many.

Under the theme of “**Cities for All in Times of Uncertainty**”, the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of OECD Champion Mayors will bring together mayors (by invitation only) to share insights on how to craft more equitable and resilient cities while navigating unknown waters against the backdrop of rising divides. It will include a roundtable on “**The Future of Mobility for Inclusive Cities**” to rethink how post-pandemic urban transport systems can support a greener, fairer and brighter future for all residents. Following a **Champion Mayors lunch**, the afternoon will focus on **Creating Cities for All Ages** and **Confronting the Housing Crisis in Cities**, which will also be open to a broader range of stakeholders as part of a larger landmark event, the first-ever OECD Urban Days.

**Until 17 April 2025**, the **OECD Urban Days** will gather global leaders, experts and changemakers to discuss the latest insights on how to design and finance inclusive, circular and sustainable cities. Throughout the week, you will have an exciting opportunity to explore bold solutions on a range of urban topics, from using water resources and buildings more efficiently to reimagining climate-resilient communities and the post-2030 agenda. This is also a unique chance to help shape a strong call for action to convey to the OECD Ministerial Meeting on Regional Development Policy in Warsaw, Poland, on 19-20 May 2025.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth and the OECD Urban Days. You will find a preliminary agenda enclosed, and further registration details will follow shortly. In the meantime, please kindly confirm your attendance and interest to speak at other sessions of the OECD Urban Days by email to [Camille.Viros@oecd.org](mailto:Camille.Viros@oecd.org) and [Andrew.Lombardi@oecd.org](mailto:Andrew.Lombardi@oecd.org) by **14 March 2025**.

Yours sincerely,



Matúš Vallo

Mayor, City of Bratislava  
Chair of the OECD Champion Mayors for  
Inclusive Growth Initiative



Lamia Kamal-Chaoui

Director, OECD Centre for  
Entrepreneurship, SMEs,  
Regions and Cities

## Cities for Peace

### April, 16th - The Program

#### About the event

*On Wednesday, April 16, a Peace Conference will be held at the Hôtel de Ville in Paris, organized by the City of Paris and the French association Les Guerrières de la Paix, which has been nominated for the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize. This event, part of a long tradition of city-led peace initiatives, aims to bring together Israeli and Palestinian peace activists alongside mayors from all over the world.*

*The conference will feature an afternoon of testimonies and public discussions, highlighting concrete solutions and dedicating a special focus to the role of women in conflict resolution. This gathering seeks to foster collective reflection on the challenges facing the Middle East and to determine how cities can best contribute to the restoration of peace in this region, which has been fractured by decades of violence and destruction, escalating dramatically since October 7, 2023.*

*At the conclusion of the conference, a movement (or campaign) will be launched, inviting participating mayors to endorse a commitment document proposed by the activists, symbolizing their dedication to peace efforts.*

## The Program

**12:30 PM: Welcoming of speakers (civil society activists + mayors + GDP team)**

**12:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Standing lunch cocktail in the Mayor's salons**

**1:30 PM:** Public reception, guided to the Salle des Fêtes

**2:30 PM:** Opening of the conference by the Mayor of Paris and Hanna Assouline, president of Les Guerrières de la Paix

**3:00 PM - 4:15 PM: Roundtable #1 - Mayors committed to peace and their concrete actions at the local level to promote peace**

**Tarik Ottmani**, Mayor of Essaouira, Morocco

**Anne Lindboe**, Mayor of Oslo, Norway (TBC)

**Femke Halsema**, Mayor of Amsterdam, Netherlands (TBC)

**Richard Mutabazi**, Mayor of Bugusera Rwanda (TBC)

**4:30 PM - 5:30 PM: Roundtable #2 - The role of women in conflict resolution**

**Lama Amayra**, Palestinian professor from Hebron and leader at Tomorrow's Women, an initiative training young Israeli and Palestinian women committed to peace.

**Nava Hefetz**, rabbi and Israeli peace activist, member of Rabbis for Human Rights.

**Céline Bardet**, international law jurist and war crimes specialist, who founded the NGO "We Are Not Weapons of War", committed to fighting gender-based and sexual violence in armed conflicts.

**5:45 PM - 6:00 PM: Introduction of Les Guerrières de la Paix - Presentation of the activists**

**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM: Joint call for Peace from Israeli and Palestinian civil society, featuring successive statements from prominent activists.**

**Hiba Qasas**, originally from Nablus in the West Bank, is the founding Executive Director of the Principles for Peace (P4P) Foundation, based in Geneva.

- How can we envision the political future of the region in a pragmatic and responsible way?  
How can we rethink and reshape global peace processes by placing the voices and expertise of grassroots Israeli and Palestinian actors at the center of the conversation?

Introductory video

Speech – 5 min



**Maoz Inon, Israeli peace activist whose parents were both killed on October 7, 2023**

- How can we emphasize the voices of resilience of those who have been bereaved since October 7th and who are working more than ever for peace.?

Introductory video

Speech – 5 min

**Amira Mohamed and Ibrahim Abu Ahmad, Palestinian citizens of Israel and activists, are the creators of one of the most acclaimed podcasts on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict:**

**Unapologetic – Third Narrative**

- How can we reject imposed identities, polarization, and clashing narratives by offering a third voice that of a pragmatic youth, resolutely focused on the future

Introductory video

Joint speech – max 7 min

**Itamar Avneri and Sally Abed, representatives of **Standing Together**, considered the largest Arab-Jewish grassroots movement in the country, which has played a major role since October 2023 in organizing ceasefire protests and humanitarian convoys to Gaza.**

Introductory video

- A new generation of activists has emerged since October 7.  
They are determined to fight for their shared future, claiming space both in the streets and on social media.  
How can we continue working together on the ground, organizing together, resisting together—living together?

Joint speech – max 7 min



**Huda Abu Arquob**, activist, Palestinian feminist activist, Director of the Palestine program at Search for Common Ground.

Video excerpt (from the documentary Women Warriors for Peace)  
vidéo

- The role of women, mothers, and intergenerational transmission in building the future and offering a horizon of peace to the next generations.

Introductory video

Speech – 5 min

**Nava Hafetz**, rabbi and Israeli peace activist, member of **Rabbis for Human Rights**.

- How can we continue to fight for peace every day? How can we pragmatically work for peace on a daily basis ?

Introductory video

Speech – 5 min

**Huda Abu Arquob**, activist, Palestinian feminist activist, Director of the Palestine program at

**Eli Bijaoui**, Israeli playwright, script writer, movie director, translator.

- How does Art continue to serve as a resistance during times of war ? In what ways can art challenge oppression? How does art facilitate dialogue and promote peace ?

Introductory video

Speech – 5 min

**Yonathan Zeigen**, Israeli activist and son of peace icon Vivian Silver, who was killed on October 7. Since then, he has dedicated himself fully to reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians.

- How can one continue to believe in peace after suffering deep personal loss due to war?

A profound lesson in humanity, resilience, pragmatism, and hope with:

Speech – 5 min

- The mutual recognition of both peoples' legitimacy may be the key—and the heart of the challenge—in shaping any political horizon and achieving a sustainable, lasting peace.

This voice of recognition, pragmatism, and resilience has long been carried by **Ali Abu Awwad**, a leading Palestinian peace figure and founder of **Taghyeer**.

(Introductory video excerpt from the film *Resisting for Peace*)

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Speech – 5 min

**7:30 PM – 8:00 PM: Launch of a Peace Coalition + Group Photo**

**Closing remarks** by the **Mayor of Paris**, joined by mayors from cities around the world.

**9:00 PM: Projection of the word “Peace” in four languages on the Eiffel Tower**

## The Peacebuilders



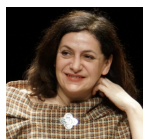
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