



Proposal of the UCLG Committee on Development Cooperation and City Diplomacy

UCLG Peace Prize: Creating peace from the local level

1. Background

MasterPeace

MasterPeace is an innovative, bottom-up initiative, which goal is to involve people actively in peace building. MasterPeace aims to inspire people worldwide to bring in their talent for peace and togetherness in the broadest sense. With the campaign, MasterPeace aims to create events on the International Day for Peace (21st of September) and facilitate connections (see www.masterpeace.org).

MasterPeace offers different programmes focused on peace. Artists, entrepreneurs, citizens and local governments have organized initiatives to contribute to the movement. These initiatives are rewarded a ticket to participate in the MasterPeace concert in 2014 in Cairo. The MasterPeace concert will be preceded by a Peace Capital Conference.

UCLG Committee on Development Cooperation and City Diplomacy

In 2008, the former UCLG Committee on City Diplomacy, chaired by the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG), organized the First World Conference on City Diplomacy in the City of The Hague. This conference adopted the Hague Agenda on City Diplomacy, which aimed to set the agenda for city diplomacy throughout the world.

The current Committee on Development Cooperation and City Diplomacy (DCCD) biannually discusses peace initiatives undertaken by UCLG members and has a working group on the peace initiatives in the Middle East.

2. Initial ingredients of the Peace Prize

Why?

Local governments have an important role to play in situations of conflict: they have to ensure that service delivery towards citizens is in place, despite the difficult context and have an important role as promoters and facilitators of peace as an alternative to violent conflicts.

This Prize aims at creating a momentum for local governments that implement strategies for peace-building. It celebrates the excellent work done and contributes to a global statement and local peace building agenda.

What?

The Prize will be awarded to local governments that have implemented an innovative and high impact approach towards peace-building and the creation of dialogue, with local political leadership. The Prize will be awarded biennially and consists of an amount of € 50.000,-.

The Conference that will be organized around the Award Ceremony, aims to gather 200 local governments for exchange and learning on peace building, post-conflict reconstruction and dialogue.



How?

A task force of the DCCD Committee will discuss and validate the criteria for the Prize and will monitor the implementation of the Prize. A professional jury as well as the public will be able to vote for the approach of their preference.

An interactive campaign will be launched, with a website that gathers all good practices in local governments involved in peace-building initiatives. Learning will be facilitated through the interactive media, the conference, as well as in the biennial Peace Prize ceremony.

3. Phases

Phase 1: Discussion in the UCLG Committee on Development Cooperation and City Diplomacy

Phase 2: Design the project and describe the long term plan, including the budget and funds (2013-2020). This project plan will be presented for approval during the UCLG World Congress (1-4 October 2013) in Rabat (Morocco).

Phase 3: The first edition of the Peace Prize will be awarded on the International Day of Peace (21 September) in 2014, in Cairo (Egypt), in the framework of the MasterPeace international conference and Cairo Peace Capital.

Phase 4: Evaluation and follow up towards the 2nd, 3rd and 4th edition of the Peace Prize (2016, 2018, 2020) – host cities to be identified.

4. Next steps

- Requesting support from the members of the Committee to further develop the proposal.
- Identifying members of the Committee who wish to be involved in the discussions about criteria of selection, appointment of a professional jury and other details related to the prize.
- Finding partners interested to invest in the project.

5. Contact

The secretariat of the Peace Prize will be hosted by VNG International and MasterPeace.

MasterPeace: Creating peace together

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