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2ND MEETING MIGRATION ALLIANCE

BUILDING TOGETHER A COMMON AGENDA OF MOBILISATIONS BETWEEN LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE GOVERNANCE OF MIGRATION.

FINAL STATEMENT

An international and collective action plan for migration Lisbon, 26 & 27 January 2023

The second meeting of the Migration Alliance, organised by OCU and ANVITA, was held at the Universidade Nova de Lisboa, in the city of Lisbon, Portugal, on 26 and 27 January 2023, with the participation of over 130 people, representing 41 cities in 23 countries. These two days of activities, exchanges and co-construction proved that many good practices exist, work and should serve as an example for another model of reception of migrants and refugees. Their effectiveness depends on good coordination between the various local actors: local authorities and civil society organisations, particularly organisations led by the people primarily concerned.

Whether in Africa, America or Europe, these local practices deserve to be supported, disseminated and encouraged to be replicated in other places and contexts. These practices revolve around the promotion of interculturality, unconditional access to rights and the political and civic participation of the residents of a territory.



These workshops around local practices have allowed us to build a joint action plan for an alternative governance of migration, involving all the representatives of civil society organisations and local authorities, committed to the emancipation of migrants. This agenda is aimed at three key and complementary targets: national and international institutions, public opinion and territories. Advocacy towards institutions will be based on local experiences so that they inspire national and international policies. Our strategy will be to meet with the decision-makers of each region of the world, and to work with researchers for the implementation of an International Panel on Migration (IPM).

On June 15th and 16th 2023, in Strasbourg, the participants in the Migration Alliance will call on Europe and its Member States to adopt other models for the dignified reception of migrants. On November 8th and 9th 2023, in Sao Paulo, a Latin American meeting with regional leaders will follow in order to promote reception and inclusion policies that respect human rights. In 2024, the African local actors will take the lead with the aim of promoting their demands regarding the reception of people in situations of migration and exile to their regional decision-makers.

Awareness-raising actions aimed at public opinion will aim to change the narrative on migration into a positive and rational discourse based on the notion of interculturality. This communication aimed at the general public will be coordinated and widely disseminated among the Alliance Migrations' actors so that everyone can take it up in their territory. A Welcoming Week will be celebrated every year to increase the visibility and the impact on the populations of our territories. The local citizenship card will also be a tool to open up rights locally, involve migrants and raise awareness among the whole population. It was noted that social networks have an important role to play in combating preconceptions.

To strengthen networking, a collaborative platform could be set up to give visibility to concrete local experiences from all over the world, to propose operational tools and to facilitate contacts. The aim is to provide real support to local actors working on regularisation issues.



The identity of the Alliance will have to be clearly defined to provide the participants with a sense of belonging, and to include participants of minority groups (women, undocumented migrants, LGBTQ people, etc.) and from all types of territories (African territories, Asian territories, rural territories).

Future meetings should be based on collective intelligence tools in order to include all.

In view of these strategies and commitments on the part of the Migration Alliance and in order to make them feasible, all participants in the meeting agree and present the following joint action plan.

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