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# Reviewing the State of Safety in Cities: Partnerships and Solutions for Localized Implementation

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Crime, violence, and social exclusion are three of the most important problems for contemporary cities, given the trends of rapid urbanization and continuous increase of global inequalities and marginalization. This strategic landscape requires new solutions for city leaders that combine and cut across knowledge and best practice, and strengthen partnerships for sustainable development and safe inclusive urbanization.

The constant quest of urban leaders to find solutions is now paralleled by a new international consensus to prioritize safe and inclusive cities. The international community has endorsed the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda (NUA). The implementation of these global agendas will depend on “localization”, implying that solutions should be implemented as close as possible to the specific settings they are intended to affect. It calls for leadership at the city level by all those operational actors that can ultimately contribute to the reduction of crime, violence, and social exclusion by 2030.

The conference *Reviewing the State of Safety in Cities: Partnerships and Solutions for Localized Implementation* has the overall aim of matching knowledge and experience about “what works” with identified needs to foster safe and inclusive cities. Key questions are: How to reduce crime, violence and insecurity in cities? How to scale and replicate what works? How to build cross-cutting partnerships to co-produce safe and inclusive cities? What are new resource mobilization models to finance and scale effective programmes, initiatives and policies? What monitoring mechanisms are necessary to track progress?

The event is the first of a biennial conference series in Geneva and is part of UN-Habitat’s Global Partnership Initiative on Urban Safety. These activities aim to facilitate stronger partnerships between local and national governments, international organizations, academia and other relevant stakeholders to ensure commitment to the global partnership for sustainable development and urbanization over the next 15 years. For more information see <http://www.gpplatform.ch/pb-city>.

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