

## SIDE EVENT

# The role of secondary cities in promoting the inclusion and integration of migrants

**Thursday 26th August 2021, 11:30am - 13:00pm (Morocco time, Online)**

### Brief background

Displacements and migration are contributing to rapid increase in the populations of secondary cities from low-income countries in the African continent. Between 2000 and 2020, secondary cities in Sub-Saharan Africa doubled their population. Much of this urban expansion was disorderly, lacking adequate infrastructure, and with serious environmental concerns. In Sub-Saharan Africa, 80% of the residential areas developed over the past 25 years are informal and unplanned. By supporting secondary cities from the Horn of Africa through regional networking and dialogue, the social, economic and political inclusion of city residents can be improved. The provision of a platform for dialogue across secondary city representatives from the Horn of Africa has the potential to encourage exchanges about local and regional planning, innovation, learning and the adoption of best practices, reducing the risks of rivalry and conflicts and increasing living conditions and opportunities for both, migrants and their host communities.

### Side event objectives

The objective of the side event is to promote the voices of secondary cities and share knowledge on the importance of regional networking and dialogue for improved inclusion of migrants and their host communities. Secondary cities from the Horn of Africa are not often represented in international discussions to present the challenges and opportunities they face

when trying to implement Global Agendas such as the Global Compact on Migration while some of them are the first and most affected by migration and displacements outcomes.

### Facilitator(s)

**Ms. Florence Lozet, Urban Analyst, Cities Alliance, Belgium**

### Speakers

**Ms. Fathia Aboubaker Alwan, IGAD Director for Health and Social Development**

**Mr. Stephen Bogere, Senior Sociologist, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Uganda**

**Ms. Hibo Hassan Harum, Mayor of Gabiley Representative, Somalia**

**Ms. Hodan Omer Ismail, Head of Protection Department of National Displacement and Refugee Agency (NDRA), Somalia**

**Mr. Wadri Sam Nyakua, Mayor of Arua, Uganda**

**Mr. Amdework Yehualawork Woldemarian, Agency for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA), Asosa, Ethiopia**

**Mr. Sanya Wilson, Mayor of Koboko, Uganda**

This Special Session will be organized over Zoom

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