

Bandung Declaration of the International Conference of the Coalition of Cities against Discrimination

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The **International Conference of the Coalition of Cities against Discrimination** concluded in Bandung, Indonesia, with a unanimous acceptance of the Bandung Declaration. The conference was jointly hosted by West Java Provincial Government and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in cooperation with other partners from around the world and with the cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Culture.

The Conference attended by 200 mayors and other participants from 30 countries around the world. The Coalition of Cities Against Discrimination in Asia and the Pacific is the largest of the regional Coalitions that have been established in the past few years by UNESCO. Cities commit themselves to a ten point action plan to stamp out all forms of discrimination, through implementing policy and evaluating its impact. The Coalition brings together local governments, experts, NGOs and citizens to work together.

The Conference of the Coalitions from around the world issued the following:

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The members of the Coalition of Cities commit themselves to the ideals of the conference which is called the Spirit of Bandung Two.

The members endorse the UNESCO ten point action plan, and commit themselves to practical plans and actions including:

The members will effect a mass movement through implementing concrete commitments through local regulations;

The Coalition of Cities Against Discrimination in Asia and the Pacific will hold a regional follow-up meeting once a year (in Bandung or rotating around the region);

The Bandung provincial government will host a website for the Coalition of Cities Against Discrimination to share good practices. The members commit themselves to share good practices and lessons learned;

The members will broaden the membership of the Coalition to include NGOs, academics and experts working together to achieve the goals;

The members will adopt broader definitions of discrimination, including all elements that will promote an inclusive society;

The members commit themselves to protection of cultural diversity;

The members will adopt broad definitions of the “city” to encourage better rural and urban management to protect the dignity of all persons;

The members agreed to work as a regional Coalition to evaluate better practical measures to protect human rights, and to promote respect of the integrity and dignity, of persons living outside of their home community, especially migrant workers;

The regional Coalition meetings will always be open to participation of members from other regions in the global Coalition.

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