

Cologne Human Rights City Initiative Webinar Series: Cities as a Driving Force for Human Rights

## WEBINAR 1 AGENDA

### ***A Global Perspective on Local Human Rights Responsibility***

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – 18.30 to 20.00

#### *Technical introduction*

#### *Brief self-introduction of the Cologne Human Rights City Initiative*

#### *Opening*

- Andreas Wolter, Vice-Mayor of the City of Cologne
  - Welcome and opening remarks
  - Selected examples of Cologne's human rights engagement

#### *Key input*

- Bahram Ghazi, Office of the UN-High Commissioner for Human Rights
  - Why closer links between cities and human rights are so important
  - Current dynamics in UN bodies and international city networks
  - Recommendations for cities and local stakeholders

#### *Comment*

- Aleksandra Plesko, Office of the UN-High Commissioner for Human Rights
  - Links between local human rights and localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals

#### *Moderated Q&A session*

#### *Closing and future directions*

- Andreas Wolter, Vice-Mayor of the City of Cologne
  - Inspirations and ideas gained for advancing Cologne's human rights efforts
- Cologne Human Rights City Initiative
  - Stimuli received for the Initiative's engagement
  - Preview of upcoming webinars