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CONCEPT NOTE CONFERENCE I:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE

Montevideo, due to its history reflected in its political and institutional architecture, has proposed the concept of Participatory Management for Coexistence and Peace for the 5th World Forum of Cities and Territories of Peace (FMCTP). With citizen participation and the generation of agreements deeply rooted in its decision-making processes, this edition of the Forum will shed new light on the enabling dimensions that will allow the thematic agendas discussed and defined in previous Forums to effectively consolidate.

Montevideo's significant contribution to the WFCTP process is its focus on analyzing the conditions that underpin both the successes and challenges of peacebuilding initiatives presented during the Forum. This conference is understood as a space for in-depth dialogue, with the participation of a maximum of three speakers, lasting 45 minutes.

The conference on this topic will shed light on the practical tools and capabilities required by relevant actors to prevent and transform conflicts, as well as to reduce violence in territories related to citizen participation as an exercise of political power. The dimensions expected to be addressed by the speaker are as follows:

Leadership and innovation. How do local governments effectively engage with communities to prevent and manage violence and promote peaceful coexistence? What innovative interventions can effectively address challenges to peace and coexistence while mitigating political risks for local leaders?

Negotiation. How do specific narrative frames and attitudes shape the interactions between communities and local governments, and what configurations are most conducive to successful collaboration on issues of coexistence? In contexts as polarized as the current ones, what conversations and interactions can be employed by local governments and communities, to effectively address the challenges to coexistence and expressions of violence?

Co-management with communities of neighborhood, neighborhood, social and environmental conflicts. What factors are essential to fostering constructive collaboration between communities and local governments in addressing localized conflicts? What communication and participatory mechanisms maximize community contributions to local conflict resolution in the territory? How can effective local peace and coexistence agendas be developed?

Intergenerational dialogue. How can the voices of young people be linked, in a meaningful way, to the decision-making processes to make an impact on peace and coexistence? What types of conversations should take place between young people and those responsible for public policies that prevent or confront violence in the territories and what spaces are the ideal scenarios for this?