

Intervention Switzerland - Preamble and Declaration of the NUA Zero Draft

- Switzerland generally considers the draft 'Quito Declaration on Cities for All' to a large extent an inclusive text and a very good starting point for our further discussions.
- While we particularly appreciate elements of the Declaration such as:
 - the **link of the NUA with the 2030 Agenda** and that **the three dimensions of sustainable development** are recognized as the **basis for urban transformation**,
 - or the mentioning of the **indispensable role of cities** and **adequate competencies of local authorities**,
- we would also like to point to some elements we miss, in particular the 'Vision' of a sustainable urban development (which corresponds to para. 5). This is ...
 - an **overall statement of role of cities as key actors for sustainable development**,
 - as well as a **visionary statement on ending marginalization** and exclusion of vulnerable groups, incl. migrants.
- In the context of this last comment, I would like to add a comment that relates to the entire document:

We strongly recommend to **always include migrants, refugees, and displaced persons when referring to groups with specific vulnerabilities** or needs.

Also, we suggest to include '**women**', accounting for half of the population, **at the top** (instead in the middle) of the list.

Generally, we encourage always using the same formulation when mentioning such groups.
- Finally, with regard to the sub-para on the empowerment of women, we would like to point to the **latest agreed language of the Commission of the Status of Women**.