Panel discussion:
Promising local practices for the enjoyment of the right to health by migrants

Friday, 20 September 2019, from 13:00 to 14:30h
Room XXV, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Urbanization is one of the most important global trends of the 21st century. As pressure mounts on housing and health services, some groups risk being left behind. In Europe, migrants face barriers in accessing health services, whether due to restrictive legislation, prohibitive cost, a lack of knowledge or fear. Some local authorities and health practitioners, however, are stepping up to protect the dignity of migrant children, women and men.

On the occasion of the launch of the study “Promising local practices for the enjoyment of the right to health by migrants” by the Regional Office for Europe, High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet is hosting a panel where some of the creative and innovative solutions from cities in Europe will be presented.

- Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization
- Frédérique Jacquérioz Bausch, Head of Clinic, University Hospital of Geneva, Switzerland
- Ignazio Grattagliano, General Practitioner and Professor, University of Bari, Italy
- Niene Oepkes and Jan Braat, Senior policy advisors migration and integration, City of Utrecht, Netherlands
- Petra Tiarks-Jungk, Health Department, City of Frankfurt, Germany

States recommitted to ensuring healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages in Goal 3 of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, reaffirming article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which proclaimed that everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of him/her-self and of his/her family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services.