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MENSCHENRECHTE HUMAN RIGHTS
IN GEMEINDEN AT THE LOCAL AND
UND REGIONEN REGIONAL LEVELS

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HUMAN RIGHTS GO LOCAL: WHAT WORKS

FIELD-PROVEN RESEARCH METHODS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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Conference programme

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Programme

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- 16:00 **Opening**
Welcome addresses by Hermann Schützenhöfer, Governor of Styria and Martin Polaschek, Rector University of Graz
Introduction by Renate Kicker and Klaus Starl, International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at Local and Regional Levels under the auspices of UNESCO
- 16:15 **Addresses** by
Alexander Van der Bellen, Federal President of the Republic of Austria
Alexander Schallenberg, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs
Doris Kampus, Styrian Regional Government Minister
- 16:30 **Presentation of the Academy’s Outcome Document**
Morten Kjærum, Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Sweden
- 16:45 **Voices from around the world**
Sabine Haag, President of the UNESCO Commission for Austria
Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General of UCLG-Africa (tbc.)
Najat Zarrouk, Director of the African Local Government Academy of UCLG-Africa (tbc.)
Lee Yong-sup, Mayor of Gwangju, Korea
Gyonggu Shin, Senior Advisor for Human Rights, City of Gwangju, Korea
Tsegaye Tuke, Mayor of Hawassa, Ethiopia
- 17:00 **High Level Panel Discussion** moderated by Morten Kjærum
“Building Bridges between Local Governments and Science to Promote Human Rights”
Michael O’Flaherty, Director, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights
Nada Al-Nashif, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights
Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
Siegfried Nagl, Mayor of Graz
Gerd Oberleitner, UNESCO Chair for Human Rights and Human Security, University of Graz
- 17:50 **Farewell address** by Renate Kicker and Klaus Starl, International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at Local and Regional Levels under the auspices of UNESCO

Simultaneous interpretation into German, English, and French will be provided during the conference.