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Urban design for the creation of encounters and of opportunities of intercultural dialogue through travel.
Intercultural dialogue definition by UNESCO and its approach to the management of tourism for creating opportunities of encounters.
Presentation of a selection of case studies.

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Intercultural dialogue and its relevance in the urban issues.



It is more and more recognized the vital importance of intercultural dialogue for the development and for security concerns. This is to address the root causes of conflicts and sustaining peaceful societies.

Further international recognitions:

UNESCO's International Decade for the Rapprochement of cultures (2013-2022)

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (adopted in 2015)

relevant UN General Assembly resolutions

UN Secretary General's reform of the peace agenda in 2016

UNESCO conducted a survey with deadline Spring 2017 among its member states to assess the main issues, current policies and legislation and stakeholders in this field. The questionnaire was distributed to 199 National Commissions in 6 languages. The respondents (21,622%) represent all geographic regions, including countries with large, middle and small populations, and over half from developing economies.

The survey consisted in 17 quantitative and qualitative questions and was structured in:

1. Definition
2. Policy framework
3. Challenges
4. Enabling factors

Source: UNESCO survey on intercultural dialogue 2017, analysis of findings, Paris, 2018

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UN General Assembly declared the

2010 International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures

and has designated UNESCO to play a leading role in the celebration of the Year - capitalizing on the Organization's invaluable experience of over 60 years to advance "the mutual knowledge and understanding of peoples".

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Definition

- Context is crucial to defining and applying intercultural dialogue.
- Intercultural dialogue is a necessary environment for social cohesion and peace, and is instrumental in achieving related goals.
- Intercultural dialogue is increasingly recognized for its contribution to maintaining peaceful societies and preventing conflict.
- Intercultural dialogue is a wide-ranging concept and multi-stakeholder engagement is key to ensuring its implementation.
- Economic development is regarded as the least pertinent factor contributing to and resulting from intercultural dialogue.

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Policy framework

- The majority of respondents (71%) state that an intercultural dialogue policy is in place in their country, while only 38% of respondents confirmed the existence of a definition of intercultural dialogue at national level.
- Religious communities and faith-based organizations can provide an entry point for intercultural dialogue and support the implementation of policies and activities.
- Cultural ministries, agencies, centres and foundations are frequently charged with the promotion of intercultural dialogue.
- 33% of respondents report that local or municipal administrations are responsible for the administration of intercultural dialogue.
- The media and educational programmes in schools and universities function as particularly effective mechanisms for supporting intercultural dialogue.
- 57% of respondents confirm the existence of a special financial provision for intercultural dialogue in their country.

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Challenges

- Past and present conflicts and violence represent significant and complex challenges to bringing different people together in dialogue.
- The absence of a national policy and a well-articulated definition of intercultural dialogue can weaken governance and implementation, which is compounded by limited political will and funding.
- Increased migration has placed particular pressure on education systems that struggle to integrate migrants of different cultural and religious backgrounds.
- Exploitation of the media can generate and propagate negative stereotypes, prejudices and hate speech.
- Deep-rooted prejudices and rigid social norms may prevent societies from being open to other cultures.

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Enabling factors

- An environment based on respect, tolerance and acceptance is essential to enable intercultural dialogue to thrive.
- A comprehensive understanding of cultural diversity among all citizens should be supported by quality education, a strong media sector and adequate knowledge dissemination.
- A favourable policy framework with clear and specific priorities is necessary to guide intercultural dialogue, and should be supported by mechanisms with defined competencies.
- An inclusive approach to participation in intercultural dialogue processes and policy-making enables greater engagement and ownership.

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