Bring attention, resources and political champions to advance the cause of SDG 16.1:

Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates

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Leveraging the Power of the SDGs

- Clear and **ambitious** agenda
- **Integrated** framing of SDGs
- **Universality** of SDGs
- Emphasis on **localized** approaches
- Emphasis on **partnerships**
Why Focus On Urban Violence?

• Roughly 600,000 people die violently every year
• On trend to increase – mainly due to homicides (not conflict)
• 9 of 10 violent deaths take place in areas ostensibly “at peace”
• 44% of cities size 250,000 – 500,000 face epidemic levels of violence
Reasons for Optimism

• 2014 Global Violence Reduction Conference
  >> if we use evidence, a 50% reduction of interpersonal violence possible in 30 years

• Twenty-five countries reduced their homicide rate by at least 30% in 12 years

• Systematic reviews, primarily from US, have documented ability of cities to create rapid reductions in violence (up to 50%)

• Major cities more successful in reducing violence than their respective countries. 38% reductions in cities, 16% overall in countries
We have the tools, evidence and knowledge to deliver real impact

Cities are on the frontlines to reduce global violence

Cities hold vast potential

”Local Governments are well-positioned to transform the ambition and loftiness of the SDGs into concrete realities that are meaningful to real people”
What to Bear in Mind?
Different types of violence require different solutions; different contexts require adaptation; different capacities and organizational jurisdiction require adaptation

Violence is sticky
- 80% of homicides in 2% of street addresses (Latin America)
- Focus on specific individuals at highest risk of suffering violence and committing violence
Faith Community Partnerships

Human Centered
• Partnerships are required to tend to complex layers of needs, capacities, traumas and address short-term violence while tending to underlying structural causes

Relationship Centered
• Bridging community members and institutions of the state is crucial, particularly for those who have long been abused by the system
• Providing a space for belonging as a powerful alternative

Solidarity Centered
• Often those most at risk are those with least power/voice
• Use influence to bring voice AND motivate change
Thank You

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