**Keynote Speech & Plenary Session**

UN Human Rights Council: Meaning of 'Local Governments and Human Rights'

Discussions of the latest policies and practices of human rights cities and examination of the 'Local Governments and Human Rights Reports' leading to a cooperative plan to reform human rights cities

**Thematic Session:**

- Gender, Elderly, Disability, Migrants, Social Economy, Children, Environment, State violence

Discussion of Human Rights Issues and Promotion Methods by Area

Local civic organizations plan and manage human rights agendas to suggest systems and procedures for human rights cities

**International Human Rights Policy Session and Human Rights Activists Network etc.**

Human Rights Network Platform

To reinforce and expand human rights cities network by promoting exchange and cooperation between human rights related agents

**Gwangju 2030 Agenda, Right to City, Right to Housing, SDGs etc.**

Future Plan of Sustainable Human Rights Cities

Identifying domestic and international human rights issues and policies, assessing the possibility of unifying human rights cities policies and a general human rights agenda, and sharing the outcomes of the cooperative action plans of human rights cities and partner organizations
Local Governments and Human Rights - Reimagining Human Rights Cities

The main goal of the World Human Rights Cities Forum 2019 is to review the meaning and the practical achievements of ‘Local Governments and Human Rights’.

Starting from the very first year of the World Human Rights Cities Forum, we have emphasized that local governments should play a leading role in protecting and promoting the human rights of their citizens, and have suggested ‘Human Rights Cities’ as the unit of practice. The UN Human Rights Council embraced this selecting ‘Local Governments and Human Rights’ as the agenda.

So far, we have been agonizing over how to organize a substantive human rights system to protect and promote human rights in every region, and we have also recognized that not only local governments but human rights governance through diverse agents of each region is paramount.

Even if the World Human Rights Cities Forum has changed the way we understand human rights by situating local places as a trigger of human rights issues as well as a starting point of settlement, local human rights in reality is at a different level. There are plenty of national and local governments that do not take responsibility in protecting the basic rights of their citizens. This reality is the urgent reason why we should imagine human rights cities ‘again’.

We will examine future human right issues in order to make a new leap forward through this year’s title ‘Local Governments and Human Rights - Reimagining Human Rights Cities’. To solve these problems and work out common tasks, we will discuss the new role of local governments and practical measures together.