

Activities Report

2012

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**UCLG Committee
on Social Inclusion,
Participatory Democracy
and Human Rights**

The Committee aims to contribute to articulating a common voice for cities in UCLG on social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights, and to advise local governments on the design of these policies.

To that end, the Committee fosters political debate, exchange of experiences and the collective generation of new knowledge in order to establish guidelines for designing and implementing innovative local policies on social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights.

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ORGANIZATION OF THE 1ST WORLD FORUM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE RIGHT TO THE CITY

The cities of **Aubervilliers** and **Saint-Denis**, the intercommunality of **Plaine Commune** (France) and the committee on social inclusion organized this meeting from 10 to 12 December 2012.

The event aimed to initiate a new stage of work after the conferences for the European charter for the safeguarding of human rights in the city, the production process of which began in Barcelona (1998), and which was subsequently adopted in Saint-Denis (2000) and discussed in Venice (2002), Nuremberg (2004), Lyons (2006), Geneva (2008) and Tuzla (2010).



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Today, since besides the **European charter there is the global charter-agenda for human rights in the city**, which was adopted by UCLG in Florence in 2011, as well as other local human rights charters adopted in various regions of the world, this summit aimed to foster the articulation of these tools.

The event also provided a space for discussion, sharing experiences and raising the profile of the commitment of cities to the right to the city.



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POLITICAL IMPACT AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The committee sponsored the organization of a working seminar organized by one of its vice-presidents, **Aubagne** (France), on *water, a common good of humanity. A challenge for the right to the city* (Aubagne, March 13, 2012). The objective of this meeting was to articulate a political message in favour of water as a public good.

The conclusions of the seminar were presented by the president of the committee and president of the intercommunality of pays d'Aubagne et de l'Etoile, Ms. Magali Giovannangeli, at the final assembly of the **4th World Water Forum** (Marseilles, 12 - 17 march 2012).



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Ms. Giovannangeli also participated in the **International Conference of the National Federation of Tunisian Cities** on "decentralization: a strong instrument for democracy and development" (Tunis, 28 - 30 may 2012), conveying the political voice of the committee in the workshop "local government and civil society: towards a new local social contract".



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POLITICAL PROMOTION OF THE GLOBAL CHARTER-AGENDA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CITY

In order to raise the profile of the *Charter-Agenda* in Asia, the Committee participated in the **II World Human Rights Cities Forum** (15 - 18 May 2012, Gwangju, South Korea).

As a result, we have established permanent channels of communication with the city of **Gwangju**, which is helping to raise awareness of the Charter-Agenda in East Asia, and we have initiated contacts with **Seoul**.



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ORGANIZATION OF WORKING MEETINGS

The **Anual Meeting** in 2012 was organized on March 12, 2012 in Aubagne (France) at the VI World Water Forum and the international seminar on *Water, a common good of humanity. A challenge for the right to the city.*

The purpose of the meeting, which was chaired by the new President of the Committee, Ms. Maite Fandos (**Barcelona**), was to validate the 2011-2013 Strategic Plan and agree on the 2012 Action Plan. In addition, the Committee and its First Vice-president, Plaine Commune (France), organized the first preparatory meeting for the *I World Forum of Local Governments for the Right to the City* in Saint-Denis on July 13, 2012.

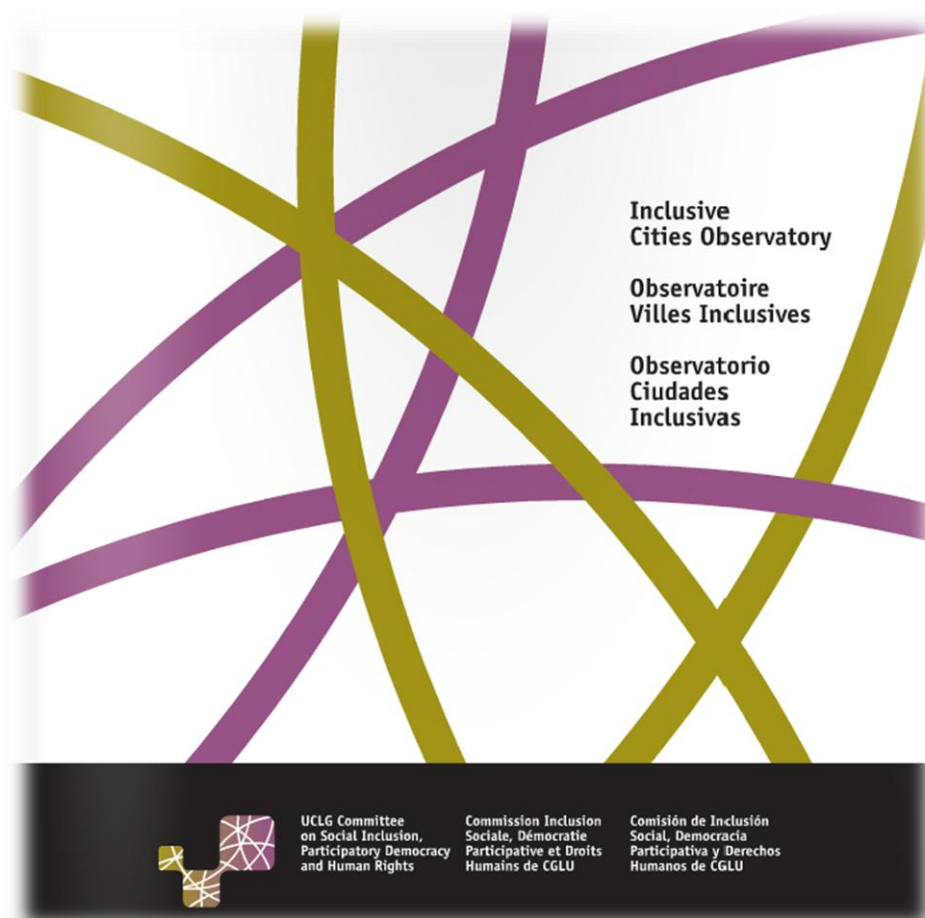


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CONSOLIDATION OF THE *INCLUSIVE CITIES* OBSERVATORY

The Observatory has been widely disseminated by means of the communication material produced by the Committee and through two activities organized by the **Centre for Social Studies** (CES, University of Coimbra, Portugal), in its capacity as the Observatory's scientific committee: the Congress '*Cities are us*'.



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Rethinking Urban Inclusion. Spaces, mobilizations and interventions'
(**Coimbra**, 28 - 30 June 2012) and the Summer School on "Rethinking the
City through democratic and civic participation: theories, methods and
practices' (**Lisbon**, 2 - 7 July 2012).



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NEW COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

The Committee's communication strategy has been reinforced by a very active presence on the social networks - particularly **Facebook** and **Twitter**. This has enabled it to publicize the work done by the Committee among new circles of individuals and institutions.

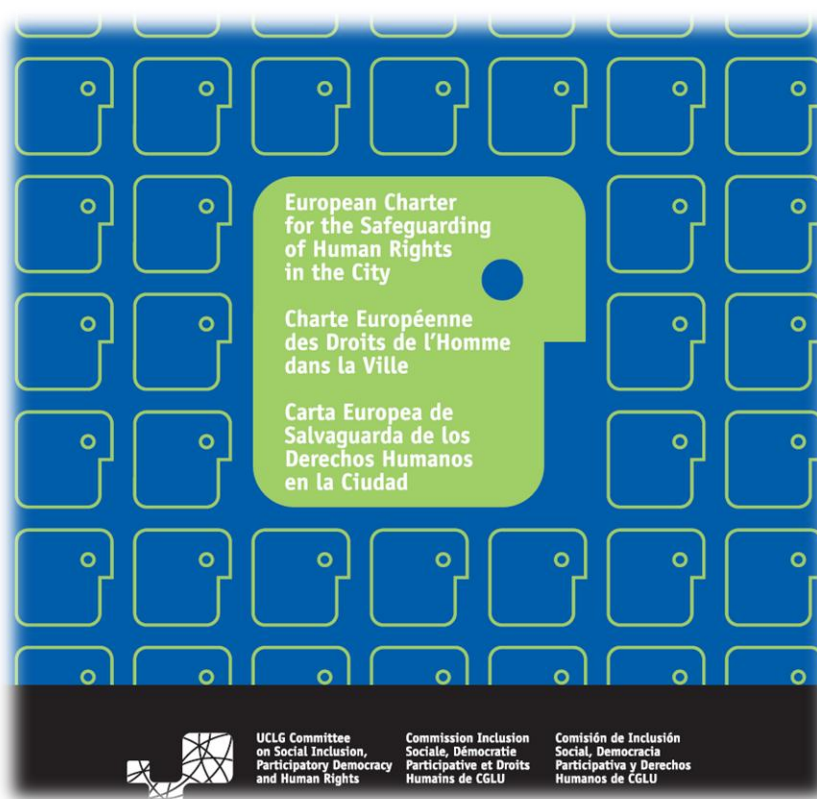
The contents of the website www.uclg-cisd.org have been continuously updated and the Committee members have been kept informed of developments by two newsletters and various circulars..



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A new more attractive and interactive website has been launched, as well as a small collection of publications by the Committee, including **the *European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City***, the *Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City* and *For a World of Inclusive Cities*.



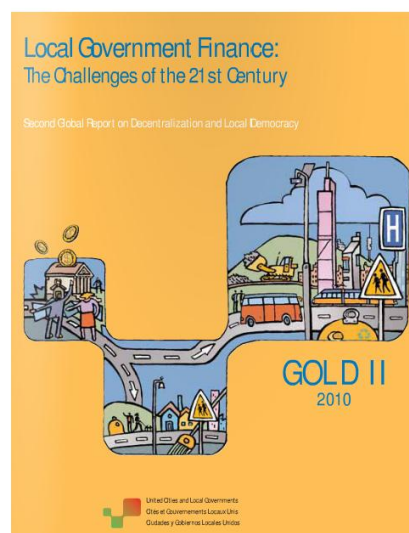
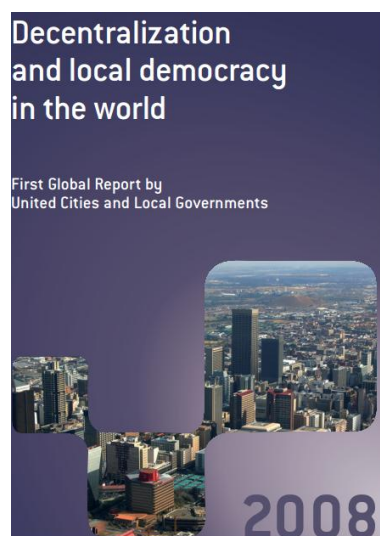
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PARTICIPATION IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE UCLG GOLD III REPORT ON BASIC SERVICES

The Committee participated in the first meeting of the GOLD III steering committee, held in Barcelona (Spain) on 14 February 2012. The regional and metropolitan approach adopted in the study, the methodology used to identify good practice and the work schedules were discussed at the meeting.

The Committee presented a selection of **case studies** from the *Inclusive Cities Observatory* for consideration during the production of the report.



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COLLABORATION IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PROJECT "DIAGNOSTICS AND DIALOGUES ON MIGRATION BETWEEN MEDITERRANEAN CITIES"

UCLG, UN HABITAT and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (**ICMPD**) jointly presented the project "Diagnostics and dialogues on migration between Mediterranean cities" to the European Commission in order to create a platform for the exchange of knowledge and political strategies on local immigration policy.



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UCLG invited the Committee on Social Inclusion to participate in the formulation of the project. The Committee, through its Presidency (Barcelona), also participated in the ***Transit Migration Dialogue in the Mediterranean. A dialogue in action***, organized by the ICMPD in Valletta (Malta) on 22 May 2012.



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UCLG SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE DECENTRALIZED COOPERATION AND MUTUAL LEARNING BETWEEN CITIES

The Committee participated in the design and discussion of the mutual learning strategy that UCLG established in September 2012.

In particular, it participated in some internal working meetings as well as the **international seminar** held in Barcelona on 12 and 13 September 2012, to which the secretariats of the UCLG committees, several city networks and internationally renowned experts were invited.





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