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## 1. MINUTES

*The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) was held on 2 October, 2013 during the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders and IV UCLG Congress, held in Rabat (Morocco) from 1 to 4 October 2013. The meeting took place between 9.00 and 10.30 am in room "Débats" at the Hotel Sofitel.*

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### Welcome and introductions

Mr **Patrick Braouezec**, First Vice-president of the Committee and President of Plaine Commune, began the meeting by welcoming all the participants. He then invited them to introduce themselves, by giving their name and institution.

After the introductions, **Mr Braouezec** highlighted the extensive geographical representation at the meeting, and mentioned that 25 countries from 6 regions in the world were present.

### Presentation of the 2011-2013 Activities Report

Turning to the first point on the agenda, the First Vice-president of the Committee briefly set out the work of the Committee during the period 2011-2013.<sup>1</sup> He highlighted three main areas of work in particular. First, the Committee's advocacy capacity as shown by the organization of the *1st World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City* (Saint-Denis, 11-12 December 2012)<sup>2</sup>; its participation in the *VI World Water Forum* (12-17 March 2012), where the Committee articulated a political message in favour of water as a public good<sup>3</sup>; and UCLG's adoption of the *Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City* on the Committee's initiative (Florence, 11 December, 2011)<sup>4</sup>.

The second area of work highlighted by **Mr Braouezec** was the ongoing mobilization of cities undertaken in recent years in order to promote the exchange of experiences in the area of social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights. In this respect, **Mr Braouezec** mentioned the Committee's participation in the *III World Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities - FALP* (Canoas, 11-13 June 2013)<sup>5</sup> and the organization of a round table at the *V World Forum of Human Rights* (Nantes, 22-25 May 2013) about "*The fight against urban poverty: cities' policies and experiences to address the negative effects of the economic crisis on the most disadvantaged groups*".<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For more details, see the 2011-2013 Activities Report, available in Annex 2, page 9.

<sup>2</sup> The programme and videos of the Summit are available at: <http://www.uclg-cisdp.org/en/activities/1st-world-summit-local-governments-right-city-0>.

<sup>3</sup> The statement in favour of water that formed the basis for launching the Committee's message at the Forum can be consulted at [http://www.uclg-cisdp.org/sites/default/files/declaracion\\_final\\_agua\\_es\\_1.pdf](http://www.uclg-cisdp.org/sites/default/files/declaracion_final_agua_es_1.pdf) (available only in Spanish and French).

<sup>4</sup> The Charter-Agenda is available at <http://www.uclg-cisdp.org/en/right-to-the-city/world-charter-agenda>.

<sup>5</sup> For more information: <http://www.en.falp2013.com.br>.

<sup>6</sup> More information at <http://www.uclg-cisdp.org/en/activities/5%C2%BA-world-forum-human-rights>.



Finally, he emphasized the Committee's commitment to the generation of knowledge, an area of work that has been embodied in the consolidation of the *Inclusive Cities Observatory*<sup>7</sup> and its participation in the Steering Committee of UCLG's GOLD 3 Report on basic services.<sup>8</sup>

**Mr Braouezec** added that the Committee had been involved in many more activities, but he had decided to mention only some of them due to time considerations. However, he invited all those present to consult the full version of the 2011-2013 Activities Report.<sup>9</sup>

The meeting then opened the floor, and contributions were made by **Ms Pam McConnell**, Municipal Councillor of Toronto (Canada), **Ms Lise Burcher**, Municipal Councillor of Guelph (Canada), who are both members of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), **Mr Adnan Oğuz Akyarli**, Deputy Mayor of Izmir (Turkey), **Mr Mike Bird**, from the platform WIEGO (Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing) and **Mr Claudio Sule**, Executive Director of the Ciudad Sur association (Chile).

They all used examples from their own environments to refer to the importance of social policies, citizens' participation, the informal economy and the strategic planning of peripheral cities in a dialogue with civil society. The debate also highlighted the need to empower local governments by means of political and financial decentralization policies, so that they can respond to the social challenges cities face today.

**Mr. Braouezec** took the opportunity to point out that through their local policies, cities are laboratories of innovation that sometimes follow national policies' stipulations, and on other occasions contravene them in order to address the needs of the population. The UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights raises the profile of these innovative practices within UCLG. That is why it is so important that we succeed in expanding the network of cities involved in the exchanges between the Committee with cities from other regions of the world, like those present at today's meeting.

### Brainstorming about the strategic guidelines for the period 2014-2016

**Mr. Braouezec** then moved on to the second point on the agenda, in which those attending the meeting were invited to brainstorm the strategic actions to be undertaken by the Committee during the period 2014-2016.

**Mr Braouezec** began the brainstorming by noting that the organization by the Committee of the *World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City* had led to a new working dynamic based around the right to the city, which had in turn laid the foundations for a new network of actors linked to the Committee, consisting not only of local governments, but also of representatives of civil society and academia. According to **Mr Braouezec**, this new direction should determine the way in which the Committee focuses its work after the Congress in Rabat.

**Ms Delphine Bouffénie**, Councillor in Nantes (France) and Vice-president of the Committee, then stressed the importance of the Committee continuing to be a forum for the promotion of mutual learning. In this regard, she expressed the desire to create a collaborative platform for social inclusion policy in order to reinforce the work done on the exchange of experiences.

**Ms Emérita Peña**, representative of the Dominican Republic Municipalist Women's Union, said the goal of social inclusion requires a comprehensive approach to gender equity in local policies, among other issues.

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<sup>7</sup> To access the Observatory, visit the website: <http://www.uclg-cisdp.org/en/observatory>.

<sup>8</sup> More information on GOLD 3 at: <http://www.uclg.org/en/media/news/official-launch-gold-iii-report-access-basic-services-and-world-urbanization>.

<sup>9</sup> See Annex 2, page 9.



**Mr Peakyung Lee**, Director of Civil Rights in Gwangju (South Korea), announced that the city he represents is interested in hosting the *II World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City*. Gwangju has been organizing a World Human Rights Cities Forum since 2011.<sup>10</sup> The fourth Forum (15-18 May 2014) could also host the Committee Summit at the same time.

**Mr Nelson Saule Júnior**, Director of the Polis Institute, suggested involving the Committee with an international event organized by the Brazilian National Forum of Urban Reform (FNRU) and Habitat International Coalition (HIC), which will be held in Brazil in June 2014, with the aim of creating a global platform of actors to contribute to placing the right to the city on the international agenda and within the negotiations towards HABITAT III.

**Ms Marina Canals**, Secretary General of the International Association of Educating Cities, also encouraged the Committee to participate in an event with content that is closely related to its areas of work: the *XIII International Congress of Educating Cities*, the theme of which will be "*An educating city is an inclusive city*". The Congress will take place in Barcelona (Spain) from 13 to 16 November 2014.<sup>11</sup>

**Mr Patrick Braouezec** briefly summarized the debate and promised to send all the participants a proposal for the 2014-2016 Strategic Plan, which will be submitted for their consideration and comments.

### Discussion on the governance of the Committee for the period 2014-2016

**Mr Braouezec** explained that during the period 2011-2013, the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights has been led by the city of Barcelona - Spain (Presidency of the Committee), Plaine Commune - France (First Vice-presidency), Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Etoile and the city of Nantes - France and the Andalusian Fund of Municipalities For International Solidarity - Spain (European Vice-presidencies), Guarulhos - Brazil and Montevideo - Uruguay (Latin American Vice-presidencies) and the Federation of Municipalities of Sri Lanka (Asian Vice-presidency).

He then gave the floor to each of the representatives of these cities or institutions to state their intentions for the next triennium. He also appealed to those cities or organizations so wishing to express their eventual interest in assuming a post with responsibility on the Committee in subsequent years.

**Mr Josep Roca**, Coordinator of International Relations in the Quality of Life Department of Barcelona City Council, apologised for the absence of the President of the Committee, Ms Maite Fandos, and read her letter to all the members of the Committee, in which she gave formal notice of her desire to relinquish the Presidency to another willing city. The city of Barcelona will continue to support the work of the Committee in 2014, but adopting the responsibilities of a Vice-presidency.<sup>12</sup>

**Mr Felipe Llamas**, Coordinator of International Networks for the Andalusian Fund of Municipalities For International Solidarity (FAMSI), reported his institution's interest in focusing on the coordination and leadership of the Working Group on Local Economic Development, which is at present working on the discussion of a policy document and the organization of the *II World Forum of Local Economic Development* (Foz do Iguaçu, 29 October - 1 November).<sup>13</sup>

<sup>10</sup> For more information on the latest *World Human Rights Cities Forum*, visit the website: <http://whrcf.518.org/>.

<sup>11</sup> The Congress website is: <http://iaec2014.bcn.cat/en/>.

<sup>12</sup> The letter from the President of the Committee, Ms Maite Fandos, is available at: [http://www.uclg-cisd.org/sites/default/files/Letter\\_Maite\\_Fandos\\_Rabat\\_EN.pdf](http://www.uclg-cisd.org/sites/default/files/Letter_Maite_Fandos_Rabat_EN.pdf).

<sup>13</sup> All the information relating to the *DEL World Forum* is available at: <http://www.foromundialdel.org/?lang=en>.



**Mr Ruben Garcia**, Director of International Relations in Montevideo (Uruguay) and **Ms Delphine Bouffenie**, Councillor of Nantes (France), stated that their municipalities are willing to assume the Vice-presidency of the Committee during the 2014-2016 mandate.

**Mr Braouezec** informed the participants that Mr Sebastião Almeida, Mayor of Guarulhos (Brazil) and Ms Magali Giovannangeli, the President of Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Étoile, had also expressed their interest in continuing in their post as Vice-presidents of the Committee. Both apologised for their absence from the meeting, which was due to last-minute scheduling problems. Mr Almeida had recorded a video message but this could not be viewed due to technical problems.<sup>14</sup>

**Mr Anselmo Lee**, Executive Director of the Human Rights Foundation of South Korea and adviser to the mayor of Gwangju, announced the municipality's interest in holding a Vice-presidency of the Committee on behalf of the Asian region.

Finally, **Ms Pam McConnell**, Councillor of Toronto (Canada), **Ms Tayara Calina Pereira**, International Relations advisor to the municipality of São Paulo (Brazil), **Ms Eméríta Peña**, Executive Director of the Dominican Republic Municipalist Women's Union (Dominican Republic) and **Mr Claudio Sule**, Executive Director of the Ciudad Sur Association (Chile) expressed their interest in playing a greater role within the Committee on behalf of their respective municipalities or organizations during the period 2014-2016.

#### **Announcement of the activities of the Committee in Rabat**

**Mr Braouezec** moved on to the next item on the agenda, and announced the activities organized or co-organized by the Committee at the Congress in Rabat.

First, he said that on the day before the meeting, 1 October 2013, the Committee had co-organized a side event on "*The right to the city: international dialogue for Middle East and North Africa*" with Habitat International Coalition (HIC).<sup>15</sup>

Second, he mentioned that the Committee had actively participated in the organization of the thematic round table "*Promoting diversity*", scheduled for 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm on 3 October.<sup>16</sup>

On the same day, from 4 pm to 5.30 pm, there would be a parallel session on "*The right to the city: fighting against urban inequalities*", organized by the Committee in collaboration with the Committee of Peripheral Cities and the Council of European Municipalities and Regions.<sup>17</sup>

Finally, **Mr Braouezec** said the President of the Committee, Ms Maite Fandos, would present the 2011-2013 *Activities Report* during the UCLG General Assembly (3 October, 6 pm - 8 pm).

<sup>14</sup> The video is available on the Committee's website: <http://www.uclg-cisdp.org/en/news/multimedia/message-mayor-guarulhos-brazil-october-2013>.

<sup>15</sup> The programme of the session is available on the Committee's website: <http://www.uclg-cisdp.org/en/news/latest-news/side-event-right-city-international-dialogue-mena-region>.

<sup>16</sup> You can consult the contents of the round table discussion at: <http://www.uclg-cisdp.org/en/news/latest-news/thematic-round-table-promoting-diversity>.

<sup>17</sup> For further information, consult the website: <http://www.uclg-cisdp.org/en/news/events/right-city-fighting-against-urban-inequalities-cisdp-parallel-session-congress-rabat>.



## Other questions

Before closing the meeting, **Mr Braouezec** opened the floor in case anyone wanted to add another question to the agenda of the meeting.

At this point, **Mr Jairo Jorge**, mayor of Canoas (Brazil), briefly mentioned that between 11 and 13 June, 2013, his municipality had hosted the III World Forum for Peripheral Local Authorities (FALP), which had a very positive outcome as it succeeded in attracting 2,600 participants. In order to illustrate the event with some images, he asked to screen a short video, which presented a summary of the III FALP lasting just over five minutes.

## Closing speech

After the screening of the video, **Mr. Braouezec** brought the meeting to a close by agreeing to send the minutes of the meeting and the draft 2014-2016 Strategic Plan to all the participants and to the members of the Committee in the next few weeks.

Finally, he sincerely thanked all those present for their participation and declared the meeting closed.



## 2. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

AFRICA				
1	Benin	Ministry of Decentralization, Local Governance, Administration and Planification	Sefou Alidou	Director of Local Governance
2		City Council of Cotonou	Irene Adam	Advisor for Decentralization
3	Burkina Faso	Assembly of Regions of Burkina Faso	H.R.H Princess Abzeela Djigma	Representative of the President
4	Cameroon	Africities Daily	Henriette Ekwe	Journalist
5	Central African Republic	Association of Mayors from Central African Republic	David Daouda	Permanent Secretary
6	Gambia	City Council of Banjul	Mariama Bah-Same	Deputy Mayor
7	Morocco	Ministry of Interior	Aziz Abrate	Direction Générale des Collectivités Locales - Scientific Committee
8			Rabia Outmani	Direction Générale des Collectivités Locales
9			Zarha Lazaar	Direction Générale des Collectivités Locales
10		City Council of Rabat	Meriem Sikaoui	
11		Rabat	Driss Alaoui	Journalist
12		Embassy of Gabon in Morocco	Eugénie Angue	Economic Advisor
13		Civil Society	Mohamed Tayeb	Journalist
14	Republic of the Congo	Brazzaville	Lucien Banga	Director
15	South Africa	KPMG Sudafrica	Audlie Skosana	Associate Director
16	Tunisia	City Council of Raoued	Halima Tijani	Mayor
17	Uganda	ONG Uganda from Kampala	Jassy B Kwesiga	Civil Society Activist
ASIA PACIFIC				
18	South Korea	City Council of Gunsan	Kim Jihyun	Interpreter
19		City Council of Gwangju	Kyung Ryul Lee	Director
20		Korean Human Rights Foundation	Anselmo Lee	Executive Director
EUROPE				
21	France	City Council of Nanterre	Gérard Perreau	Deputy Mayor
22			Djamel Sandid	International Relations Executive Officer
23		City Council of Nantes	Delphine Bouffenie	Municipal councilor
24		Conurbation authority of Plaine Commune	Patrick Braouezec	President
25			Antonio Aniesa	International Relations Executive officer
26		International Permanent Secretariat of Human Rights and Local Governments	Anne Bitner	Project Officer
27		Seine-Saint-Denis Department	Hugues Latron	Director of the Resource Centre <i>Via le monde</i> . Eurpean and International Affairs Department
28		Val de Marne Department	Marie-Christine Delacroix	International Relations Advisor
29	Italy	Italian Commission of United Cities (CICU)	Gian Paolo Morello	General Secretary
30	Spain	City Council of Barcelona	Josep Roca	International Relations Coordinator. Sector of Quality of Life, Equality and Sports
31		FAMSI	Felipe Llamas	Coordinator of International Networks
32		EFE Agency	Marta Miera	Journalist
LATIN AMERICA				
33	Bolivia	Federation of Canadian Municipalities in Bolivia/PMDE	Maria Eugenia Rojas	Advisor for Public Management, Human Rights and Genre
34	Brazil	City Council of Canoas	Jairo Jorge	Mayor
35			Mario Cardoso	City councilor for Institutional Relations
36			Deise Martins	International Relations Coordinator
37		City Council of Sao Paulo	Tayara Pereira	International Relations Advisor
38		Polis Institute	Nelson Saule	Director
39	Chile	City Council Santiago	Carolina Tohá	Mayor
40	Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic Municipalist Women's Union (UNMUNDO)	Emerita Peña	Executive Director
41	Ecuador	Association of Equadorian Municipalities	Fernanda Maldonado	Executive Director
42	Mexico	National Federation of Municipalities of Mexico (FENAMM)	Sergio Arredondo	General Secretary
43		City Council of Mexico D.F.	Eugène Zapata- Garesche	International Relations Advisor
44	Peru	Association for the Defence and Protection of the Historic Centre of Arequipa (Asdeproa)	Aurora Bellido de Hovelborn	President
45	Uruguay	City Council of Maldonado	Jose Hualde	City councilor
46		City Council of Montevideo	Ruben Garcia	Director of International Relations and Cooperation
47		Mercociudades	Jorge Rodriguez	Coordinator
NORTH AMERICA				
48	Canada	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	Pam McConnell	Member of the Administration Council and Council of Toronto
49			Lise Burcher	Member of the Administration Council and Council of Guelph
MIDDLE EAST AND WEST ASIA				
50	Palestine	City Council of Nablus	Reema Khader	Deputy Mayor
51			Randa Abu Rabe	Advisor
52		City Council of Beitonia	Ibrahim A. Wahdan	Deputy Mayor
53	Turquey	Municipal Assembly of Izmir	Adnan Oguz Akyarl	Vice President
54		City Council of Çankaya	Isikhan Guler	Mayor
PARTNERS				
55	Centre for Social Studies (CES)		Giovanni Allegretti	Researcher. Scientific Coordinator of the <i>Inclusive Cities Observatory</i>
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS				
56	International Association of Educating Cities		Marina Canals	Secretary General
57			Albert Salarich	Communication Officer
58	Habitat International Coalition (HIC)		Lorena Zárate	President
59	Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)		Mike Bird	Director of Operations
60	ONU-HABITAT		Melissa Permezel	Urban Planner
61			Gianluca Crispi	Project Officer
CGLU				
62	Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights		Eva Garcia Chueca	Coordinator
63			Sofia Boutrih	Intern
64	Regional Section of Middle East and West Asia (MEWA)		Busra Muftuoglu	Project Coordinator





### 3. ANNEX 1. AGENDA OF THE MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

**Hour:** 9:00 am – 10:30 am

**Place:** Hotel Sofitel, Room *Débats*

1. Welcome
2. Round of participants' presentations
3. Presentation of the Activities Report 2011 – 2013
4. Brainstorming about the strategic guidelines for the period 2014 – 2016
5. Debate on the governance of the Committee for the period 2014 – 2016
6. Announcement of the activities of the Committee in Rabat
7. Other questions
8. Closing



#### 4. ACTIVITIES REPORT 2011- 2013

The aim of the **Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights** is to contribute to building the common voice of UCLG cities on inclusion, participation and human rights, and to advise local governments on the design of these policies. To that end, during the period 2011 - 2013 the Committee carried out the following activities:

##### ADVOCACY

**ORGANIZATION OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WORLD SUMMIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE RIGHT TO THE CITY (Saint-Denis, December 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012).** The intercommunality of Plaine Commune (France) and the Committee on Social Inclusion organized this summit that aimed to initiate a new stage after the cycle of conferences around the *European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City*, whose drafting process began in Barcelona (1998), being later adopted in Saint-Denis (2000) and discussed in Venice (2002), Nuremberg (2004), Lyons (2006), Geneva (2008) and Tuzla (2010). Considering that currently, in addition to the *European Charter* there is the *Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City* and other local human rights charters adopted in different regions of the world, the Saint-Denis summit aimed to contribute to the articulation of these tools and explore how local governments are implementing them in their territories. The event was attended by around 200 participants and it had a total of 40 speakers from 16 countries (Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, South Korea, Slovenia, Spain, USA, France, Mexico, The Netherlands, Portugal, Senegal and Switzerland). In this event, the Committee launched a new working dynamics on the right to the city and the construction of a new network of actors (local governments, civil society representatives and academia), which will determine the course of the work the Committee will do after the 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of UCLG. Created in 2005 from the FAL Network (Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy), members of the Committee have highlighted the need to renew political work developed over the past eight years and move to a new stage.

**PARTICIPATION IN THE 6<sup>th</sup> WORLD WATER FORUM (Marseilles, March 12<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012).** The Committee sponsored the organization of a workshop organized by *Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Etoile* (France) on *Water, a common good of humanity. A challenge for the right to the city* (Aubagne, March 13<sup>rd</sup>, 2012). The purpose of this meeting was to build a political message on water as a public good. The conclusions of the seminar were presented at the final assembly of the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum.

**ADOPTION BY UCLG OF THE GLOBAL CHARTER-AGENDA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CITY.** At the initiative of the Committee, the UCLG World Council held in Florence (Italy) from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011 formally adopted the *Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City*. After four years of intense debate (2007 - 2011), this tool became part of the organization's political heritage. In fact, this instrument is being used as a reference tool to build UCLG political message before the international community, particularly regarding the preparatory processes of Post-2015 and HABITAT III (2016) UN summits. Besides, with the aim of spreading the *Charter-Agenda* in Asia, the Committee participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> *World Human Rights Cities Forum*, held in 2012 and 2013 in Gwangju (South Korea). As a result, the Committee has established permanent communication channels with this municipality, that is significantly helping to raise awareness of the *Charter-Agenda* in East Asia.

## EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES

**PARTICIPATION IN THE 3<sup>rd</sup> FORUM OF PERIPHERAL LOCAL AUTHORITIES (Canoas, 11th - 13th June 2013).** The Committee actively contributed to the dissemination of the this forum that brought together metropolitan and peripheral cities from all over the world. This year, the forum had 200 participants from 30 countries. Several members of the Committee present at the event met informally to reaffirm their commitment to moving towards a more articulated response to the right to the city. They also showed that the right to the city is a particularly important challenge in large urban peripheries, as they are spaces that concentrate most of the problems of social exclusion and quality of life of urban dwellers.

**ORGANIZATION OF A ROUND TABLE ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> WOLRD FORUM HUMAN RIGHTS (Nantes, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013).** The debate was entitled *The fight against urban poverty: cities' policies and experiences to address the negative effects of the economic crisis on the most disadvantaged group*. The round table was made up by representatives from the cities of Guarulhos (Brazil), Toronto (Canada) and Barcelona (Spain), the Italian Committee of United Cities (Italy), UNICEF France, the University of Coimbra (Portugal) and the NGO GRET.

**PARTICIPATION IN THE 9<sup>th</sup> LOCAL AUTHORITIES WORLD FORUM (FAL) FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY (Dakar, February 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011).** The Committee actively collaborated in the organisation of the 9<sup>th</sup> FAL, which was attended by representatives from more than 300 cities world over. It also organised a workshop on the *Charter-Agenda* at the World Social Forum, in which representatives from the following cities or organisations participated: Nantes (France), Bamako 1 (Mali) Várzea Paulista (Brazil), Pays de la Loire region (France), Habitat International Coalition (HIC) and Amnesty International Belgium - Francophone section.

## RESOURCES

**CONSOLIDATION OF THE *INCLUSIVE CITIES OBSERVATORY*.** The *Inclusive Cities Observatory* is a space for analysis and reflection on local social inclusion policies containing more than sixty case studies on innovative policies of multiculturalism, community development, access to basic services, gender equality, human rights, protection of the environment and poverty eradication, among others. Over recent years, the Observatory has become widely disseminated through the Committee's website ([www.uclg-cisdp.org/observatory](http://www.uclg-cisdp.org/observatory)) and through communication materials produced for this purpose. The Centre for Social Studies (CES) of the University of Coimbra (Portugal), as the scientific committee of the Observatory, organized two activities that introduced the Observatory to the academic community: the Congress "*Cities are us. Rethinking Urban Inclusion. Spaces, protests and interventions*" (Coimbra, June 28th - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012) and the Summer School "*Reinventing the city through democratic and civic participation: theories, methods and practices*" (Lisbon, July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012).

**PARTICIPATION IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE UCLG *GOLD III* REPORT ON BASIC SERVICES.** The Committee was invited to join the steering committee of the GOLD III report. After analyzing the state of decentralization worldwide (GOLD I) and local finances (GOLD II), this issue of the report analyzed the governance of basic services. The Committee participated in the meetings of the steering committee (June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011; February 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012; January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and July 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013), presenting a selection of case studies from the *Inclusive Cities Observatory* so that GOLD III could provide examples of good practices.

## COMUNICACION

**NEW COMMUNICATION STRATEGY.** The Committee has strengthened its communication strategy through a very active presence in social networks (Facebook and Twitter) and the creation of a new website ([www.uclg-cisdg.org](http://www.uclg-cisdg.org)). The contents of the new website have been organized in a more accessible way and the new graphic design is now more attractive. Committee members have been permanently informed of the work undertaken through bimonthly newsletters and multiple circulars. The Committee has also launched a small collection of publications, which includes the *European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City*, the *Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City* and *For a World of Inclusive Cities*.

## GOVERNANCE

**ORGANIZATION OF WORKING MEETINGS.** The 2012 Committee Annual Meeting was organized on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Aubagne (France) during the international seminar *Water, a common good of humanity. A challenge for the right to the city*. The purpose of the meeting was to validate the 2011 – 2013 Strategic Plan and discuss the 2012 Action Plan. That same year, in Saint-Denis (France), a preparatory meeting of the *1<sup>st</sup> World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City* (July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012) was organized. The 2013 Annual Meeting will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, in the framework of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress of UCLG in Rabat (Morocco).

## INTERNATIONAL VISIBILITY

The Committee participated in the following international events in which it released its work:

### 2011

- 7 – 8 February. 9<sup>th</sup> Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy and *Committee meeting*, **Dakar** (Senegal)
- 7 – 10 February. 10<sup>th</sup> World Social Forum, **Dakar** (Senegal)
- 1 March. Conference on "Shared Social Responsibility. Securing trust and sustainable social cohesion in a context of transition" – Council of Europe and European Union, **Brussels** (Belgium)
- 10 – 11 March. 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Spanish Pilot Local Authorities of the "European Label of Innovation and Good Governance at local level" – Council of Europe, **San Sebastián** (Spain)
- 6 April. 9<sup>th</sup> IOPD Conference, **Lleida** (Spain)
- 12 – 15 April. 3<sup>rd</sup> PARLOCAL Seminar. "Communication and capacity building networks for the implementation of participatory budgeting and other participatory democracy tools", **Santo Domingo** (Dominican Republic)
- 23 – 24 June. UCLG Executive Bureau, **Rabat** (Morocco)
- 27 – 29 June. Meeting « Making a case for fundamental rights at local level » – European Union Fundamental Rights Agency, **Vienna** (Austria)
- 22 – 26 August. Ecocity World Summit, **Montreal** (Canada)
- 5-9 September. IN LOCO / CES / CSIPD Summer University "Societies in transition: building inclusive communities from the local level", **Tavira** (Portugal)
- 9 – 11 December. UCLG World Council and Committee round table on "Local Governments and the Right to the City", **Florence** (Italy)

### 2012

- 12 – 17 March. 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, **Marseille** (France)
- 13 March. International Seminar "Water: a common good of humanity. A challenge for the right to the city", **Marseille** (France)
- 15 – 18 May. 2<sup>nd</sup> World Human Rights Cities Forum, **Gwangju** (South Korea)
- 28 – 30 June. Congress "Cities Are Us", **Coimbra** (Portugal)
- 2 – 7 July. Summer School "Reinventing the city through democratic and civic participation: theories, methods and practices", **Lisbon** (Portugal)
- 10 – 12 December. 1<sup>st</sup> World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City, **Saint-Denis** (France)



## 2013

- 26 – 30 March. 11<sup>th</sup> World Social Forum, **Tunis** (Tunisia)
- 15 – 18 May. 3<sup>rd</sup> World Human Rights Cities Forum, **Gwangju** (South Korea)
- 22 – 25 May. 5<sup>th</sup> World Forum on Human Rights, **Nantes** (France)
- 11 – 13 June. 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities (FLAP), **Canoas** (Brazil)
- 1 – 4 October. 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress of UCLG and World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders, **Rabat** (Morocco)



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INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS	
American-European Association of Regions and Cities (AERYC)	
Brazilian Network for Participatory Budgeting	
European Observatory "Cities and Towns for all"	
International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (IOPD)	
Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy (FAL)	
Forum of Local Authorities Peripheral (FALP)	
Portuguese Network for Participatory Budgeting	
Spanish Network for Participatory Budgeting	
Signatory cities network of the European Charter on Human Rights in the City	

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