



**COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL INCLUSION,
PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

1ST 2014 BIANUAL MEETING

PROGRAM

Date: Saturday, May 17th, 2014

Time: 9 am – 12 am

Venue: Room 211, Kimdaejung Convention Center, Gwangju

Background and goals of the meeting

The Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights aims to contribute to articulating **a common voice for cities in UCLG on social inclusion, participatory democracy, human rights, and the right to the city**, as well as to advise local governments on the design of these policies.

The origins of the Committee lie in the first events of the **Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy (FAL)**, a space for political discussion made up by local authorities from all over the world which takes places since 2001 in the framework of every World Social Forum (WSF).

Since its creation in 2005, the Committee has been present at the various FAL events and has maintained an ongoing dialogue with international social movements and civil society in the international social forums held in **Caracas**, 2005; **Nairobi**, 2007; **Belém do Pará**, 2009; **Dakar**, 2011; **Tunis**, 2013. It has thus become the bridge between the political debates held inside the FAL (and WSF) and UCLG.

Besides this, it has undertaken its own political work to foster local policies of social inclusion, participatory democracy, human rights and right to the city through different type of activities: **advocacy and lobby, exchange of experiences, production of knowledge and networking**.

Some of the tangible results of our work up to date are:

- Organisation of the [1st World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City](#) (Saint-Denis, 2012) that was attended by around 200 participants and a total of 40 speakers from 16 countries (Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, France, Mexico, Portugal, Senegal, Slovenia, Spain, South Korea, Switzerland, The Netherlands, and the United States of America).
- The [Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City](#), adopted by UCLG in 2011, and the [European Charter for Human Rights in the City](#) (Saint-Denis, 2000). The goal of these tools lies in the implementation of the **right to the city** through municipal policies and citizens' involvement in the design, monitoring and evaluation of these.
- The [Inclusive Cities Observatory](#), a virtual platform launched in 2009 that contains 65 case studies on innovative policies for community development, access to public services, gender equality, environmental protection or poverty eradication, among other issues. This tool aims to promote the exchange of good practices and learning between cities.



- The document "[For a world of inclusive cities](#)", adopted in 2008 by UCLG, which is now the political position on social inclusion of the international organization
- Organization of the **1st International Seminar of Innovative Local Policies for Social Inclusion** (Barcelona, 2007) involving 15 cities around the world to exchange experiences and good practices.
- Numerous [debates and round tables](#) on social inclusion, participatory democracy, human rights and right to the city, which took place in the framework of several international events, organized by city networks, United Nations agencies or civil society organizations.
- Political cooperation with several **city networks** (the [FAL, Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy](#); the FALP, [Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities](#); the IOPD, [International Observatory on Participatory Democracy](#); [Mercociudades](#)...) and with **civil society organizations** (HIC – [Habitat International Coalition](#); IDHC, [Human Rights Institute of Catalonia](#); [Polis Institute](#), Brasil; [CIVICUS](#); KHRF – [Korea Human Rights Foundation](#)). This networking has led to advocacy initiatives and exchange of experiences, such as the launch of a [political declaration](#) on the concept note of the 7th World Urban Forum (Medellín, April 2014), signed by the Committee, the FALP, Mercociudades and HIC; participation at the [3rd FALP](#) (Canoas, June 2013) or at the International Seminar "Climate change: a challenge for the construction of a sustainable and solidarity-based metropolis (São Leopoldo and Canoas, January 2012), organized by the FALP; among others initiatives.
- **Institutional collaboration** with international organizations such as [UNESCO](#), [UN-HABITAT](#), [ILO](#), the European Union (EU) [Fundamental Rights Agency](#) (FRA) and the [Council of Europe](#) (CoE).
- **Communication tools:** a webpage (www.uclg-cisdp.org), newsletters, mailing of circulars to members, active presence in social networks (Facebook: [cisdp](#); Twitter: [uclg_cisdp](#)), brochures and launch of a small collection of publications that includes the [European Charter for Human Rights in the City](#), the [Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City](#) and [For a World of Inclusive Cities](#).

After almost a decade of existence and having consolidated its political voice inside CGLU, the Committee will discuss at the 1st 2014 Biannual Meeting how and with who it is going to work during the period 2014-2016 in order to: (i) **foster human rights and the right to the city at local level**; and (ii) **influence the New Urban Agenda** that will be adopted at the **Habitat III** United Nations Conference.

Time	Agenda
8:30h-9:00	Participants' registration
09:00-09:15	Welcome and round of presentations
9:15-9:35	Presentation of the work undertaken by the Committee from 2005 to 2013
9:35-10:10	The commitment towards the right to the city
10:10-10:20	Pause
10:20-11:40	Strategic guidelines and governance of the Committee for the period 2014 - 2016 towards Habitat III
11:40-11:55	International agenda
11:55-12:00	Closing & presentation of the right to the city workshop (12h-13h30)

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08:30-09:00	Participants' registration	
09:00-09:15	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Kang Un Tae, Mayor of Gwangju Moderator: Ms. Eva Garcia Chueca, Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights of UCLG	
09:15-09:35	Participants' presentation Presentation of the work undertaken by the Committee from 2005 to 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Eduardo Tadeu Pereira, President of the Brazilian Association of Municipalities (ABM) ➤ Debate 	<p><i>[WHO WE ARE?]</i></p> <p><i>Brief description of the background, mission, strategic priorities and activities undertaken by the Committee since its creation.</i></p> <p><i>Special emphasis will be placed on the results obtained in terms of advocacy, exchange of experiences, tools and international visibility.</i></p> <p><u>Background documents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strategic Plan 2011-2013 ➤ Activities Report 2011-2013
09:35-10:10	The commitment towards the right to the city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Lorena Zárate, President of the Habitat International Coalition (HIC) ➤ Ms. Rosa Icela Rodríguez, Secretary of Social Development, Mexico City ➤ Mr. Kyungryul Lee, Human Rights Director, Gwangju, Korea ➤ Mr. Gérard Perreau, Honorary Deputy Mayor of Nanterre, France, and representative of the Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities (FALP) ➤ Debate 	<p><i>[WHAT DO WE WANT?]</i></p> <p><i>Discussion on the proposal of changing the name of the Committee to "Committee for the right to the city" and of explicitly focusing its work on this topic.</i></p> <p><i>Presentation of some tools for the promotion of the right to the city around the world.</i></p> <p><i>Reflection on the promotion of the right to the city by peripheral local authorities.</i></p> <p><u>Background documents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ European Charter for Human Rights in the City (2000) ➤ World Charter for the Right to the City (2004) ➤ Mexico City Charter for the Right to the City (2010) ➤ Global Charter Agenda for Human Rights to the City (2011) ➤ Gwangju Human Rights Charter (2012)



10:10-10:20	Break	
10:20-11:40	<p>Strategic guidelines and governance of the Committee for the period 2014-2016 towards Habitat III</p> <p><i>Building an international network of cities for the right to the city</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Renata Boulos, International Relations coordinator, Guarulhos, Brazil <p><i>Advocacy and lobby</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Lorena Zárate, President of the Habitat International Coalition (HIC) <p><i>Exchange of experiences</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Anselmo Lee, Executive Director, Korea Human Rights Foundation <p><i>Research and documentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Michele Grigolo, Researcher, Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal ➤ Mr. Latif Huseynov, Rapporteur of the report "Local Governments and Human Rights" of the of the United Nations Human Rights Council Advisory Committee ➤ Mr. Nelson Saule Jr., Director of the Polis Institute, Brazil <p><i>Debate and expressions of interest:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Annabelle Calderon Tangson, Mayor of San Luis, Philippines ➤ Mr. Aitor Ibero, Chief of the Mayor's Cabinet, San Sebastian City Council, Spain ➤ Mr. Gillani, President of UCLG ASPAC ➤ Ms. Katharina Wallenborg, Municipal Commissioner for Equality, Democracy and Public Health, Huddinge, Sweden ➤ Ms. Maimunah Binti Mohd Sharif, Mayor of Seberang Perai, Malaysia ➤ Ms. Hanoi Sánchez, Mayor of San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic ➤ Mr. Kyungryul Lee, Human Rights Director, Gwangju, Korea ➤ Mr. Peramunage Anuradha Gamini, Mayor Kurunegala, Sri Lanka ➤ Ms. Rosa Icela Rodríguez, Secretary of Social Development, Mexico City ➤ Ms. Su Li Chiung Kaohsiung, Deputy Secretary General, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan 	<p><i>[HOW AND WITH WHOM?]</i></p> <p><i>Proposal of several axes of action.</i></p> <p><i>Discussion about the role that can be played by each city / organization present at the meeting.</i></p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Hans Sakkers, International Relations Director, Utrecht, Netherlands ➤ Mr. Parpat Poochareon, Mayor of Lamphun Municipality, Thailand ➤ Ms. Shams Asadi, Human Rights Coordinator, Vienna, Austria ➤ Ms. Aida Guillén, Director, Catalonia Human Rights Institute 	
11:40-11:55	<p>International Agenda <i>International Meeting for the Right to the City and 2nd Committee Meeting, Sao Paulo – Guarulhos, Brazil (November 2014)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Renata Boulos, International Relations coordinator of Guarulhos, Brazil ➤ Mr. Nelson Saule Jr., Polis Institute, Brazil <p><i>Organization of the International Seminar of Local Governments for the Right to the City (2015)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Eduardo Tadeu Pereira, President of the Brazilian Association of Municipalities (ABM) 	<p><i>Invitation to the cities / organizations present to: (i) participate at the event taking place in Brazil; (ii) host the International Seminar of Local Governments for the Right to the City (2015)</i></p> <p><u>Background documents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Call for candidacies for the organization of the International Seminar of Local Governments for the Right to the City ➤ Program and Final Declaration of the 1st World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City (Saint-Denis, 2012)
11:55-12:00	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Kyungryul Lee, Human Rights Director, Gwangju, Korea ➤ Ms. Lorena Zárate, President of the Habitat International Coalition (HIC) 	