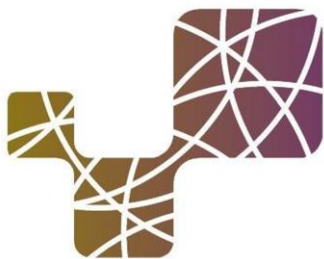


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Action Plan

2015

CISDP



**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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1. ADVOCACY

- **Participation in the [Global Platform for the Right to the City](#)** in order **to promote the right to the city in the New Global Urban Agenda** (UN-Habitat Summit, Quito, 2016).



The Platform gathers 18 civil society's organizations and Local Government with the aim of influencing the adoption of commitments, public policies and action plans for fair, democratic, inclusive and sustainable cities. The Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights is a co-founder of this Global Platform. The common work will consist in co-organizing seminars and meetings on the right to the city and participating in the "advocacy" group. It will also consist in the coordination of the Platform with the members who have interest in it and to contribute to common documents.

- **Co-organization of several events during the [World Social Forum in Tunis](#):**

a conference on the right to the city, a training workshop on "How implement the right to the city for sustainable, democratic and inclusive cities" co-organized by Polis Institute ; a Debate on Civil society's expectations and needs from the Habitat III process organized by Habitat International Coalition (HIC); a seminar on Participatory Democracy in Tunisia organized by Afroleadership NGO with the support of the Fund for Tunisian Local Authorities and a workshop on Social Cohesion for Local Development organized by UNDP and the Forum for Freedoms and Democracy in Tunisia.



- Participation in UCLG's **building of political messages that local governments will deliver vis-à-vis United Nations** during the definition of the New Global Urban Agenda (UN-Habitat Summit, Quito, 2016). These messages will particularly concern social inclusion, participatory democracy, human rights in the city and right to the city.

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- **Building of strategic partnerships** with other transnational platforms of civil society and other cities networks such as Mercociudades, FALP network – World Forum for Local Authorities of Periphery, to promote Human Rights in the city and the right to the city in the New Global Urban Agenda (Habitat III).
- Political promotion of the [Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City](#), [European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City](#) and the document: [For a World of Inclusive Cities](#).



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2. EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES



International seminar
of local governments for the
Right to the City

Ciudad de México. 20, 21 y 22 de abril 2015

- Co-organization of **Mexico City's International Seminar of Local Governments for the Right to the City** (20-22 April).

- Co-organization of **a round table on social inclusion and culture** during the Culture Summit (Bilbao, 15-18 March 2015).

- Participation in the Organization of the **5th World Human Rights Cities Forum** (Gwangju – South Korea, 15-18 March 2015) together with Gwangju City, the Gwangju International Center and the Korea Human Rights Foundation.



- Co-organization of a **Seminar on Social Inclusion of Migrants in cities**, into the campaign on migrants rights "Bridge but no wall", in Saint-Denis with the urban community of Plaine Commune (September 2015).



PARIS2015
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE
COP21·CMP11

- Co-organization of **two events on climate change and social inclusion** in the periphery of Paris (Seine-Saint-Denis) during the UCLG World Council and the Summit on climate change (**COP21**). These events will be co-organized by Plaine Commune community and the General council of Seine-Saint-Denis, co-presidents of the Committee with the participation of Civil Society. It will focus on how implement public policies at local level to deal with climate change and on the link between COP21 and Habitat III.

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- Collaboration to implement the **project « Profiles and dialogues on migrations between Mediterranean cities »**. This project aims at strengthening **the inclusion and the integration of migrants in cities through the access to human rights**. It will occur in southern Mediterranean regions (Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon) and into five European countries (Austria, France, Turkey, Germany, Spain). It is coordinated by the International Center for Migration Policy Development. Many institutions will also participate such as UN-Habitat, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Intercultural Cities Network of European Council. United Cities and Local Governments will contribute to the contents and ensure the connection with cities.
- Development of **pilot projects of peer learning on social inclusion, participatory democracy, human rights in the city and right to the city**. This aims at contributing to the diffusion of concrete practices and advising cities for the implementation of public policies relating to these issues. These sessions will be included in the UCLG global strategy and will be opened to all members.



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3. PRODUCTION AND DISSEMINATION OF KNOLEDGE

- **Sharing of good practices** documented in the [Inclusive Cities Observatory](#) as well as experiences presented during round tables organized by the Committee.
- Participation in the **2015 International Organization for Participatory Democracy's Distinction "Best Practice in Citizen Participation"**
- Participation in the work on the **"Peripheral cities and inclusive metropolises"** in the framework of the world report on Decentralization and local democracy – **GOLD IV** of UCLG. This work will be in association with the Committee on Peripheral cities and Metropolis.
- Collaboration with Girona University in the **identification of indicators to assess the fulfilling of human rights of the [European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City](#)**



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4. COMMUNICATION



- **Structural improvement of web site contents of the Committee.**
- Intensive use of **social networks** (*Twitter and Facebook*) to spread the Committee work.

5. WORKING MEETINGS

- Organization of **the first biannual meeting of the Committee** in the framework of the International seminar on the right to the city organized with **Mexico City (20-22 April 2015)**. It will consist of the nomination of new co-presidents and the adoption of the 2015 action plan.
- Organization of a **second biannual meeting during the UCLG World Council in Paris (December)** in order to present the Committee work, work and to propose strategies for 2016.
- **Augmentation and diversification of Committee's members** to extend the wide range of cities in a geographical and dimensional way

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- **Contribution to the UCLG's global strategy** through the active participation in the development of strategic plan for 2015:
 - Participation in the ***Retreat and Campus*** – working meeting of Committees and regional sections of UCLG to define all together major focuses of work and to carry out the UCLG strategy (9-12 February, Barcelona)
 - Contribution to the global definition of **peer learning programs**
 - Strengthening of the network and of the cities' implication as well as the implication of their representative in the **Global Task Force**. Strengthening local authorities proposals for the definition of the New Urban Agenda
 - Contribution to the **political dialogue with civil society** actors on social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights issues
 - Participation in the development and the spreading of **GOLD report**
 - Development of **collaborations with regional sections**
 - Participation in **transversal project**, such as the one on migrations

In order to fulfill these tasks, the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights will receive a structural support from the World Secretary of UCGL to ensure its functioning.

