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WORLD LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MEET AT SAINT-DENIS AND AUBERVILLIERS (FRANCE) FOR THE RIGHT TO THE CITY



The cities of **Aubervilliers** and **Saint-Denis**, and the conurbation authority of **Plaine Commune**, at the invitation of the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights of UCLG, will be organizing from **10 to 12 December 2012** the "1st World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City".

This event is envisaged as a new step after the conferences of the European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City (see the list of signatory cities), drafted in Barcelona (1998), adopted in Saint-Denis (2000), and discussed in Venice (2002), Nuremberg (2004), Lyon (2006), Geneva (2008) and Tuzla (2010). Today, besides the European Charter, there is the **Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City**, adopted by UCLG at the World Council held in Florence (2011). Other local human rights charters have also been adopted in various cities of the world. In addition, many other cities, without having signed any document, are implementing innovative policies and are engaged in similar processes. It is thus a good moment to make these initiatives meet and dialogue. For all this, we suggest organizing this eighth Conference as the "1st World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City". This forum will be a space to discuss, exchange experiences and give visibility to the commitment of cities for the right to the city.

With this background, the cities of Aubervilliers and Saint-Denis, and the conurbation authority of Plaine Commune organized a first preparatory meeting in Saint-Denis (France) on 13 July 2012 to discuss the **draft program** of the Summit. This document will be **soon disseminated**.

We kindly invite you to follow the latest news of the "1st World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City" on **Twitter** (@uclg_cisd) and **Facebook** <http://on.fb.me/KpMIQg>. Do not hesitate to contact us for additional information (antonio.aniesa@plainecommune.com.fr; e.chueca@uclg.org).

EUROPEAN LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS



European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) has chosen its theme for 2012. As it did last year, this year the week will focus on "**Human rights for more inclusive local governments.**"

The event, which **will take place 15 to 21 October**, is held annually in Europe, and involves

local governments in the Member States of the Council of Europe simultaneously organizing public initiatives and activities aimed at involving citizens in local issues and fostering and strengthening democratic participation at a local level. **This initiative also encourages municipalities to create programs and activities** aimed at participation in local life by vulnerable groups, improving intergenerational dialogue and guaranteeing high quality public services. Another aim is to raise the public profile of the Council of Europe, an organization that has become an institutional benchmark in the field of democracy and human rights.

The event is coordinated by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, and is aimed mainly at the municipalities, provinces and regions of its Member States.

Meanwhile, the UCLG's **Committee** on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights **welcomes the ELDW's promotion of safeguards for human rights at a local level** for the second consecutive year, **and calls on cities in the UCLG to sign the European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City and the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City.**

For further information, please consult the official page of the event:
http://www.coe.int/t/congress/demoweeek/default_EN.asp

METROPOLIS AND UCLG AGENDA – 6TH SESSION OF THE WORLD URBAN FORUM "THE URBAN FUTURE"



FROM: [METROPOLIS](#)

UN-Habitat jointly with the Italian hosts (Government of Italy, Campania Region and City of Naples) will celebrate the **6th Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF) on 1-7 September in Naples under the theme "The Urban Future"**. Metropolis will be organizing an open networking event titled: "Metropolis at Work: Governance, Finance, and the Execution of Public Policies" on 4 September. In addition, the Metropolis Initiatives exhibition will display some of the world's leading cities and innovations in urban development. UCLG will also be participating and co-organizing several events at the WUF.

[Metropolis Draft Program Networking Event - "Metropolis at Work: Governance, Finance, and the Execution of Public Policies"](#)

[Local governments towards the WUF – Local authorities' agenda by UCLG](#)

Sixth World Urban Forum

Nearly 2,000 participants from 114 countries have already registered for the premier conference on cities and urban issues. The four focus areas for discussion are:

- Urban Planning: Institutions and Regulations, Including the Improvement of Quality of Life;
- Equity and Prosperity: Distribution of Wealth and Opportunities;
- Productive Cities: Competitive and Innovative Cities
- Urban Mobility, Energy & Environment.

[WUF webpage](#)

[Local Governments Agenda at the WUF](#)

[WUF Program at a Glance](#)

THE RIGHT TO THE CITY IN THE URBAN SOCIAL FORUM OF NAPLES (CALL)

FROM: [HIC-HABITAT](#).

We invite local, national, and international inhabitants' organizations, networks, and citizens, who are involved in the livability of the city and are struggling for rights related to habitat, to participate in the **second Urban Social Forum (USF) in Naples, Italy, September 3-7, 2012, which will be held as an alternative to UN-Habitat's World Urban Forum (WUF).**

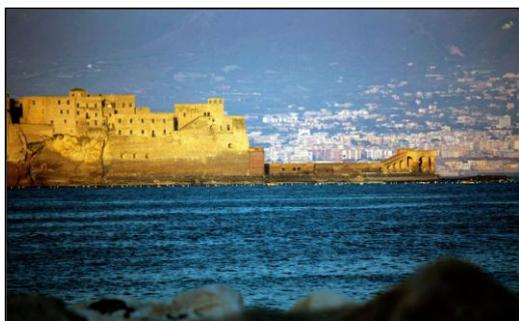
We launch this call, based on the shared principles of the World Social Forum (WSF), convinced on the necessity to continue to develop successful convergences at local, national and international levels, such as: the World Assembly of Inhabitants (Mexico City, 2000), World Social Forum 1 (Porto Alegre, 2001), Urban Social Forum 1 (Rio de Janeiro, 2010), World Assembly of Inhabitants and the Popular Neighborhood Forum (Dakar, 2011), World Days for the Right to Habitat (October 2011), the People's Summit (Rio de Janeiro, 2012), and the upcoming World Assembly of Inhabitants during the World Social Forum in 2013. The second Urban Social Forum in Naples will be held in a beautiful territory rich with resources, however severely damaged, which is an additional reason to build this inclusive space together.

Naples will represent another milestone in the consolidation of dialogue and alliances to reach a consensus on a platform and program for common

action between urban and rural inhabitant movements and all those organizations, networks and institutions that fight for the rights to housing, land, common goods, and to the city. These rights can only be protected by building more just, democratic and sustainable territories and by defending inhabitants against attacks stemming from the crisis caused by neoliberal globalization.

In solidarity, we want to contribute to the rebuilding of beautiful and livable cities for all inhabitants, as based on the World Charter for the Right to the City and collective human and environmental rights, with inhabitants assuming protagonist roles in the construction of inclusive communities. These are the essential conditions to a sustainable future...

The USF 2012 Organizing Committee Sign this call and participate! The commitment of each of us is essential to face the challenges and succeed in our objects! **Visit the USF website [here!](#)**



AGENDA

26-27 July

[Workshop on Integrated Strategic Planning and Public Private Partnerships](#)

New Delhi (India)

Organizer: Metropolis

01-04 August

[Second ISA Forum of Sociology Social Justice and Democratization](#)

Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Organizer: The International Sociological Association

30-31 August

[First International Meeting of Human Rights' action plans.](#)

Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Organizer: OHCHR

01-07 September

[World Urban Forum](#)

Naples (Italia)

Organizer: UN HABITAT

4 September

[Peer exchange of city leaders: Tailoring global tools to foster local identities](#)

Naples (Italia)

Organizer: UCLG, City of Barcelona

10 September – 26 October

[Courses for professionals about strengthening local economic growth and local public services](#)

The Hague (Netherlands)

Organizer: Hague Academy for Local Governance

15 - 21 October

[European Local Democracy Week](#)

Europa

Organizer: Council of Europe

17 - 19 October

[VII Ibero-American Forum of Local Governments](#)

Madrid (Spain)

Organizer: Red de Observatorios para el Desarrollo Participativo

16 - 17 November

[First Iberian meeting on participatory budgets](#)

Odemira (Portugal)

Organize: Municipality of Odemira, Association IN LOCO

29 - 30 November

[International conference "The Intercultural City: Exploring an Elusive Idea"](#)

Venice (Italia)

Organizer: UNESCO

04 - 08 December

[Afrities Summit](#)

Dakar (Senegal)

Organize: United Cities and Local Governments of Africa

10 - 12 December

[First World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City](#)

Saint-Denis (France)

Organizer: Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights, Municipality Saint-Denis, Plaine Commune



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