Dear members,

We are pleased to send you 2014 Activities Report of the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights.

It resumes all Commission’s activities throughout 2014, an intensive working year which was the scene of several activities, among them, we can name the followings:

- Adoption of the declaration "Cities for life and the right to the city: lines for the new agenda of Habitat III", in the framework of the World Urban Forum (WUF - 5th to 11th April 2014), with the participation of Habitat International Coalition (HIC), Mercociudades and World Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities - FALP.


- Participation in the organization of the International Meeting for the Right to the City which took place from the 12th to the 14th November in Sao Paulo (Brazil) and where the Global Platform for the Right to the City was founded.


- Promotion of inclusive, democratic and fair cities in the definition of the New Global Urban Agenda, with a view to Habitat III Meeting of UN-HABITAT (Quito, 2016), through the Committee’s contribution in the GOLD IV Report of UCLG on Local Democracy and Decentralization, its participation in the advocacy work of UCLG Global Task Force and through alliances with civil society.


- Continuous communication through the Committee’s website, newsletters and social networks.
Over the past years, the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights have experienced important politic and financial changes. Especially in 2014, the Committee had a very tight budget which limited slightly its capacities of action. In spite of these difficulties, 2014 Action Plan’s goals were concluded. At the same time, the search for new partnerships with cities allowed the development of the network. Furthermore, the governing structure of the Committee has been changed so that the presidency is now collegial, co leaded by all financing contributors.

However, we would like to inform our members that 2015 Action Plan has important goals to reach and requires the following of the important work initiated for the promotion of a model of urban development based on inclusive and participative cities where human rights are implemented, especially at a moment when those are key messages for the definition of the New Global Urban Agenda in the UN (Habitat III Summit, Quito, 2016). That is why the collaboration of actual members, and of all other partners who would have an interest in supporting the committee, in any form or manner, is very important to pursue the important work initiated by the committee through the last years.

The executive secretary is at your disposal to define with you the best ways for valuing your collaboration: m.fricaudet@uclg.org

Sincerely,

The UCLG World Secretariat
on behalf of the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights

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