



## UCLG COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

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

Invitation to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 Biannual Meeting  
Gwangju, 15-18 May 2014

#### CIRCULAR 77

Dear members,

We are pleased to invite you to the **1<sup>st</sup> 2014 Biannual Meeting** of the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), to be held in **Gwangju** (South Korea) from **15 to 18 May 2014**, at the invitation of Mayor of the city, Mr. Kang Un-Tae, a member of the [Committee's collegiate presidency](#).

The **meeting** will be held during the **4<sup>th</sup> World Human Rights Cities Forum (WHRCF)**, which will be celebrated under the topic *"Towards a global alliance of human rights cities for all"*.

Please, click on the links below to see the invitation letter by the Mayor of Gwangju and the program of the WHRCF:

- ✓ [Invitation to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 Biannual meeting of the Committee on Social Inclusion](#)
- ✓ [Concept note and program of the WHRCF 2014](#)

As you will read in the invitation letter, **the Mayor of Gwangju has specially invited Committee members to participate in the Forum as speakers**. To facilitate your participation, the city of Gwangju will cover some travel expenses.

The WHRCF is an annual meeting of key actors and stakeholders engaged in building human rights cities (local governments, experts, United Nations agencies, professionals, etc.), which has been organized since 2011. The Forum aims to foster the vision of a "human rights city" as defined in the [Gwangju Declaration adopted at the 1<sup>st</sup> WHRCF](#).

## **Objectives of the Committee's 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 Biannual Meeting:**

### **1. Discuss and approve the 2014-2016 Strategic Plan**

The primary objective of the 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 Biannual Meeting will be to discuss and approve the Committee's new Strategic Plan for the 2014-2016 mandate. A draft of the document will be soon be disseminated, based on the discussions that took place at the [2013 Annual Meeting](#) held in Rabat during the [2<sup>nd</sup> Local and Regional Leaders World Summit – 4<sup>th</sup> UCLG Congress](#).

### **2. Discuss and approve the Committee's new governance structure**

The proposal made at the 2013 Annual Meeting to create a Collegiate Presidency for the 2014-2016 triennium will be discussed.

### **3. Brainstorming about the organization of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City**

The event, which is scheduled for 2015, aims to promote the exchange of experiences between representatives of local governments, members of international networks of social movements and human rights experts on how to implement the right to the city at local level. The event will continue the debates that took place during the [1<sup>st</sup> World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City](#), which was held in Saint-Denis (France) in December 2012, where the discussion focused on how to take forward the implementation of the [Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City](#) and the [European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City](#).

**If you wish to intervene as a speaker in one of the round tables of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Human Rights Cities Forum, we kindly ask you to contact the Committee's secretariat** by email ([e.chueca@uclg.org](mailto:e.chueca@uclg.org)) or by telephone (**+34 93 342 87 70**).

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Best regards,

**The UCLG World Secretariat**

on behalf of the Committee on Social Inclusion,  
Participatory Democracy and Human Rights