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Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights
Information on the updating process of the Agenda 21 for culture

Dear members,

The Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights is pleased to inform you that an updating process of the Agenda 21 for culture has been in progress since the 11th meeting of the UCLG Committee on Culture (Buenos Aires, 29th September – 2nd October 2014).

Like the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights, the Committee on Culture was born within the framework of the Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy in 2001. Since their creation, both Committees have shared common commitments in the fields of rights and participatory democracy. They also share the same means of action through international diffusion and the local implementation of founding documents such as the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City, and the European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City, or the Agenda 21 for culture in the case of the Committee on Culture.

Adopted by UCLG in 2004, the Agenda 21 for culture is a reference tool at international level which aims to promote culture as the fourth pillar of sustainable development. 10 years after its creation, the main objective of “Culture 21: Actions” is to complete the Agenda 21 for culture, making it more operational. This document proposes nine concrete and measurable commitments to strengthen local governments’ role in the elaboration of cultural policies, in coordination with other key actors of local development.

The final version of “Culture 21: Actions” will be presented and approved in Bilbao during the first UCLG Culture Summit (18-20 March of 2015). With the aim of this adoption, a consultative process has been launched. We invite every member of our Committee to contribute to the draft by sharing your ideas, amendments or suggestions. To do so, you can contact the Secretariat of the Committee of Culture: info@agenda21culture.net

Sincerely,

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

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