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Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights
International seminar of local governments for the right to the city

Dear members,

The Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights of UCLG and the city of Mexico are pleased to invite you to the International seminar of local governments for the right to the city, which will take place from 20 to 22 April 2015, in Mexico D.F. The first bi-annual meeting of the Committee will also take place on this occasion.

The seminar is organized on the initiative of Mexico City’s government which has been implementing since 2010 the Charter of Mexico City for the Right to the City. The Seminar follows the lines of the 1st World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City (Saint-Denis, 2012) and the 4th World Human Rights Cities Forum (Gwangju, 15th – 18th May 2014).

Starting from the ways that local governments are implementing the right to the city through public policies, this seminar will focus on strengthening the network of local government for the promotion of fair, democratic, inclusive and sustainable cities towards the definition of the New Global Urban Agenda (UN-Habitat Summit, Quito, 2016). To this end, it is also an opportunity to enhance strategic alliances between local governments, civil society and academic sector to reduce social inequalities brought by unplanned rapid urbanization processes.

This seminar is conceived as an open space of exchanges between civil society, academic sector, international organizations and representatives of local governments committed for the right to the city. It will gather several international speakers on all issues related to the concrete implementation of this right: planning, settlement, participation, gender equality, cities for all, united and inclusive metropolis. Furthermore, Mexico City will propose field visits.

Finally, the International seminar of local governments for the Right to the City is also an opportunity to promote concrete tools such as the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City and to progress on its implementation.
A circular with the pre-program of the Seminar will be sent soon. Meanwhile, the Committee’s secretariat is at your disposal to give you any further information: m.fricaudet@uclg.org

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Sincerely,

**The UCLG World Secretariat**

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