Dear members,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the Round-Table that the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights is organizing in the framework of the 5th World Forum of Human Rights. The title of this Round-Table is:

**Struggle against urban poverty:**

*Cities policies and experiments*

*answers for the economic crisis negative effects on disadvantaged communities.*

The debate will take place on May 23rd from 14:00 to 17:00 and will participate to the debate the following speakers:

- Mr. **Carlos Derman**, Vice Mayor of **Guarulhos**, (Brazil)
- Ms. **Pam McConnell**, Municipal Councillor, **Toronto** (Canada)
- Mr. **Xavier Cubells**, Director of Civil Rights, Barcelona Town Council
- Ms **Clementina Berro**, Projects responsible at the Italian Commission of United Cities (CICU) (Italy)
- Sr. **François Duchamp**, UNICEF France Childhood Mission Responsible – France
- Ms. **Patricia Huyghebaert**, Programs Officer – Citizenship and Social Policies Department, French NGO GRET and Mr. **Marc Lévy**, GRET Scientific Director
• Mr Michele Grigolo, Researcher, Centre for Social Studies (CES) of the University of Coimbra (Portugal), member of the scientific team of the Inclusive Cities Observatory of UCLG

Click here to access round table program and document presentation.

Furthermore, upon invitation of the committee, representatives from the cities of Medellin (Colombia), Nouakchott (Mauritania) and Lviv (Ukraine) will participate in this Forum in order to present their Social Inclusion policies that were featured in the Inclusive Cities Observatory (www.uclg-cisdp.org/en/observatory). You can access the case studies from each of these cities on the following link:

• Nouakchott: The restructuration of the vulnerable neighbourhood of Elmina

We would like to take this opportunity to kindly invite you to follow the latest news of the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights through Facebook and Twitter.

Best regards,

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