

Concept note

Local Governments for Human Rights: Defining a strategy towards the UCLG World Congress of Durban – eThekweni (11-15 November)

City Hall of Geneva, June 17th 16h00- 18h00

Objectives

- Defining the “local governments for human rights” strategy and roadmap towards the UCLG World Congress of Durban – eThekweni and next steps with the OHCHR;
- Nourishing the Committee’s strategy and priorities on human rights and right to the city networking for the coming period (type of activities, thematic focus, approach);
- Fostering local governments’ ownership of this movement, supporting city-to-city cooperation and solidarity, and advancing towards an inclusive and global network.

Format and tentative agenda

The meeting will take place after the morning meeting with the OHCHR held in Palais Wilson.

- Welcoming by the City of Geneva
- Debrief and open debate: Expectations and cooperation on human rights
- Presentation of the UCLG World Congress
- Assessing UCLG-CSIPDHR’s proposals for local governments and human rights in the World Congress of UCLG

Mapping thematic priorities

Defining the HRBA at the local level – Human Rights Cities / Human Rights in the City / Cities for Rights || **Equality and non-discrimination** – Racism, xenophobia and radicalization – LGBTIphobia – Indigenous peoples – Public services || **Minorities and diversity** – Elderly people – Disabilities – Children and youth - Urban Identities and Cultural Rights – Interreligious and intercultural dialogue || **Women Rights** – Feminisms || **Housing** – Homelessness – Public space and urban planning – Slum upgrading || **Migrations** – Refugee cities – Social inclusion || **Right to the City** – Commons (Water, Energy) – Informal economy - Financialization – Environment – Social and Solidarity Economy || **Territorial balance** – Environment – Socio-spatial inequalities – Metropolization || **Peace** – Urban security and civic peace – State violence and repression – Historical memory – Conflict prevention || **Participatory Democracy** || **Local Democracy** – Protection of local elected officials – Decentralization – ESC Rights and austerity reforms || **Sustainable Urban Agendas** – 2030 Agenda – New Urban Agenda