



WORKING PLAN 2005 – 2006

SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY COMMISSION UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

1. Background

In response to the convocation of Porto Alegre, other cities and international organisations, representatives of Latin-American, European, African and Middle East cities gathered in January 2001 in Porto Alegre to constitute the Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion (FAL). This meeting took place during the World Social Forum, whose objective was to discuss an alternative to globalization. FAL's goal was to develop a concept of local governance, acknowledging the cultural, political and economical differences between diverse regions of the planet, which will guide public policies in administration to support social inclusiveness in the cities.

The Local Authorities Forum II for Social Inclusion, in January 2002, created a Network of Cities for Social Inclusion. One of its objectives was to contribute to the continuity of FAL: Porto Alegre (2003), Barcelona (2004), and Porto Alegre (2005). In the process of regionalisation also European Local Authorities Forum took place in Florence (2002), Saint Denis (2003) and London (2004), and the American Local Authorities Forum I took place in Quito (2004).

Ever since its constitution, FAL network has supported the intention to unite United Towns Organization (UTO) and International Union of Local Authorities (IULA).

The network encourages debates and exchanges of experiences between its members in subjects such as participative democracy, programs of social inclusiveness development, social justice promotion, public services in the cities defense and protection, democratization of media, and reinforcement of relationships between an organized and strengthened civil society and local authorities.

During the last FAL, which took place in January 2005, the willingness to constitute the Social Inclusion Commission as a part of UCLG was confirmed, to enhance the exchanges between local governments in themes such as social inclusion and participative democracy.

2. Objectives

The Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy Commission aims to encourage the exchange of experiences in issues such as social inclusion policies in cooperation with the organized civil society. At the same time, the social inclusion commission should articulate with other commissions and workgroups the general interest points of UCLG and its content in an integral and transversal form.

3. Working Plan

Favour the exchange of innovative social inclusion and participatory democracy policies between the local governments.

- Provide a situational analysis of innovative experiences in the cities regarding social inclusion, which involves: to deepen participative democracy, to elaborate certain policies with organized civil society, NGO's and social movements searching the promotion of multisectorial integrated policies.
- Analyze and systematize these experiences in order to pull out intervention lines to foster social inclusion policies in local fields.
- Elaborate indicators to evaluate impact of social inclusion within the cities and develop joint work in accordance to principles of good governance and its indicators in order to have a wider conceptual framework.
- To create and support the dialogue with the states in order to elaborate and create impetus in public policies for all, and as a central axe towards social inclusion¹.
- To articulate with FAL Network and with the International Observatory of Participatory Democracy to exchange and transfer of knowledge

Beside these specifics tasks within the commission, the FAL networks member cities' experiences will be relied upon to:

Contribute to the UCGL campaign for the "Millennium Cities"

- FAL's social inclusion commission, could favour gathering points with the campaign already launched by social movements known as GCAP (Global Call Action Against Poverty).
- Based on URBAL Program network 10, which many members of the commission form part of already, and on its work of fighting poverty to participate in the elaboration and monitoring of impact indicators on how urban politics contribute to the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger.

1- Relation with GOLD (Global Observatory of Local Democracy and Decentralization)

- To contribute in the concept definition and practical application of participative democracy and administrative decentralization through the experience of the cities that participates in the social inclusion commission and FAL.
- To contribute to the web homepage through the provision of cities experiences, and to the elaboration of necessary documentation in order to get to know the decentralization and local democracies experiences in an inclusive manner.

4. Composition

The commission will gather twice a year and will look forward to carrying out one work seminary a year.

Members (see point 8) will take decisions via consensus or absolute majority.

Commission will be preside by the following members of UCLG's Executive Bureau:

Presidency: Prefeitura Nacional Front (Frente Nacional de Prefeitos) (Brazil)

1st. Vice-presidency: Saint Denis (France)

2nd. Vice-presidency: Montevideo (Uruguay)

Technical Secretariat: Barcelona (Spain)

¹See Kliksberg – *Falácias e Mitos do Desenvolvimento Social*. - 2003.

5. 2005 – 2007 Actions

- To create a conceptual framework of referential elements for the cities about social inclusion public policies, participatory democracy and global citizenship.
- To create a publication about innovative policies of social inclusion so that they will have access to information and also to facilitate the exchange experiences.
- To realize an International Seminar about Good Policies in Social Inclusion. This will result in a document for the CISDP.

6. Activity calendar.

2005

June

June, 8th – 10th: Social inclusion Commission's first meeting and ratification of work plan proposed by UCLG Executive's Bureau.
Place: Beijing, China

September

September, 14th – 16th: "Millennium Cities" Campaign launch.
Place: New York City (United States of America)

2006

January

January, 23th – 24th: 6th Porto Alegre Local Authorities Forum.
Place: Caracas (Venezuela)

March

March, 2nd, 3rd and 4th: Peripheral Local Authorities Forum – a specific focus on the world of metropolises.
Place: Nanterre (France)

June

June, 19th to 23rd. Support UCLG's participation in the World Urban Forum, promoting Social Inclusion urban policies.
Place: Vancouver (Canada)

November

World Council Meeting UCLG - 3rd Meeting of CISDP
29th of October until 1st of November 2006
Place: Marrakech (Morocco)

2007

January

7th Local Authorities Forum for Social Inclusion
21st to 23rd of January, 2007
Place: Nairobi (Kenya)

March

Extraordinary Meeting of CISDP

17th March, 2007
Place: Saint Denis (France)

July

4th CISDP Meeting
Date: to be confirmed
Place: Montevideo (Uruguay) o Florianopolis (Brazil)

September

International Seminar for Best Practices in Social Inclusion
Date: to be confirmed
Place: Barcelona (Spain)

October

World Congress of UCLG
Date: 28th to 31st of October, 2007
Place: Jeju (South Korea)

Comments:

- 1) The social inclusion commission meetings should form part of the UCLG's Executive Bureau and International Council meetings. On the other hand a work seminary followed by a meeting in one of the member cities, which is part of the commission could be proposed
- 2) The final calendar should be decided on at the Social Inclusion Commission's first meeting.

7. Budget

8. Members list

MEMBERS/ MEMBRES/ MIEMBROS

AFRICA

Burkina Faso	Mairie de Ouagadougou
Burundi	Ville de Bujumbura
Mali	Mairie de Bamako

EUROPE

Belgium	Municipalité de Fontaine Lévéque
Belgium	Ville d' Anthisnes
Belgium	Ville de Huy
France	Cités Unies France
France	Conseil Général Val de Marne
France	Conseil Général Seine Saint Denis
France	Conseil Régional Rhône-Alpes
France	Mairie de Nanterre
France	Mairie de Villeurbanne
France	Ville d'Arcueil
France	Ville de Saint Denis
France	Ville de Taverny
Italy	Citta Unite (CICU)
Italy	Comune di Roma
Italy	Comune di Venezia

Italy	Provincia di Milano
Poland	Municipality of Lublin
Portugal	Camara Municipal de Palmela
Slovakia	Cités Unies Slovaquie
Spain	Ajuntament de Badalona
Spain	Ajuntament de Barcelona
Spain	Ajuntament de Sta Coloma de Gramanet
Spain	Ajuntament de Sta Margarida de Montbui
Spain	Ajuntament de Viladecans
Spain	Ayuntamiento de Cordoba
Spain	Fondo Andaluz de Municipios para la Solidaridad International
Spain	Fons Català de Cooperació al Desenvolupament
United Kingdom	Greater London Authority
United Kingdom	Local Government International Bureau (LGIB)

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina	Municipalidad de Rosario
Brazil	Frente Nacional de Prefeitos (FNP)
Brazil	Prefeitura Municipal de Belo Horizonte
Brazil	Prefeitura Municipal de Guarulhos
Brazil	Prefeitura Municipal de Rio de Janeiro
Brazil	Prefeitura Municipal de Santa Maria
Brazil	Prefeitura Municipal de Porto Alegre
Chile	Municipalidad de El Bosque
Chile	Municipalidad de la Pintana
Chile	Municipalidad de Puerto Montt
Colombia	Ciudad de Bogotá
Costa Rica	Municipalidad de Escazú
Ecuador	Municipio de Cuenca
Ecuador	Municipio de Quito
Mexico	Asociación de Municipios de México (AMMAC)
Mexico	Federación Nacional de Municipios de México (FENAMM)
Peru	Municipalidad de Villa El Salvador
Uruguay	Intendencia Municipal de Montevideo
Venezuela	Alcaldía del Distrito Metropolitano de Caracas

MIDDLE EAST-WEST ASIA

Turkey	Metropolitan Diyarbakir
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