



MINUTES OF THE 1st BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE UCLG COMMISSION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY (CISDP)

Venue: L'Agora Nanterre – France

Date: 2 March 2006

Time: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

1) Welcome and Presentation of the CISDP by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Presentation of the CISDP members

The Mayor of Guarulhos and CISDP Chairman opened the meeting, together with the member of parliament for Saint-Denis, President of the Agglomeration Community Plaine Commune and CISDP First Vice-Chairman, and the Deputy Mayor of Nanterre. Approximately forty people attended the meeting from 21 cities and city organizations.

The report of the World Forum for Suburban Local Authorities (FALP) was read and all the representatives participating in the meeting then introduced themselves in turn.

The CISDP Chairman read out the Agenda and explained the dynamics of the meeting.

2) Presentation of the Work Plan and Management Report (June 2005 – February 2006)

The Chairman gave a brief report on the different editions of the Forum of Local Authorities (FAL) and described how the CISDP had been created, from the meeting in Beijing up to the report on the UCLG Executive Bureau Meeting in Washington, DC. He placed special emphasis on the following points:

1. The need to know what we understand by social inclusion and how this policy is put into practice in local governments.
2. The importance of participating in the UCLG Millennium Towns and Cities Campaign and of being able to choose from the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) the ones that come closest to those of our Commission, such as Goal No. 1.
3. The need to take Africa into consideration and our commitment to hold the 7th FAL in Nairobi in 2007, to draw the different continents represented at the African Forum closer together.

4. How our activities can contribute to the GOLD Project and the existing initiatives of the URB-AL Programme.
5. Our schedule and activities throughout the year, particularly: the World Urban Forum in Vancouver and the UCLG World Council Meeting in Marrakech, where we will hold the 3rd CISDP Meeting.

3) Report on the 6th Forum of Local Authorities (FAL) in Caracas

The First Vice-Chairman of the CISDP presented his report. The first point he brought up was the need to make a distinction between the towns and cities that are members of the FAL and those that belong to the CISDP. The FAL was created in Porto Alegre, during the 1st World Social Forum (WSF), with the goals of social transformation and establishing relations with social movements. He pointed out that the towns and cities belonging to the UCLG are very diverse and some may not share the objectives of the FAL, but it is important that we seek consensus to work together through the CISDP. We believe this is positive and it is important for the UCLG to include the towns and cities of the FAL within its organization and acknowledge the work it does.

The second point he raised was how important we considered the Caracas FAL has been in terms of the workshops held there, and also the way they were organized and the conclusions reached. However, there are certain matters we are concerned about and we feel the need to raise the question of perspectives for the future. The critical point lies in the attempt to capitalize on the Forum and the difference compared with other editions, where the dynamics of the FAL were duly respected, regardless of the internal political role of each city. There are two dangers we must be careful not to come up against when organizing the next FAL in Nairobi: taking advantage of the forum and a lack of common sense and political content. The best thing would be for the FAL to work more closely with the WSF.

4) Discussion on the Subjects and Content to be Developed by the CISDP

The Technical-Executive Secretary of the CISDP has completed the information on the work plan and content to be implemented by the CISDP. She emphasized that the question of the alliance between local authorities and organized civil society could be the innovative factor needed to build fairer, more democratic social inclusion policies. This should be the fundamental idea on which we should focus when studying the following subjects:

- Social Inclusion: Goal No. 1 of the MDGs. Identify policies to fight hunger and poverty.
- Participatory Democracy: the participatory budget and other forms of participation.
- Global Citizenship: immigration and human rights in the city.

She also pointed out that a form had been sent to all CISDP members so they could specify the cities policies and diagnostic of the mentioned subjects. It is very important to coordinate the existing initiatives on these subjects. She gave the following examples:

- URB-AL Network 10: Fight against Hunger – Type A project, which was formerly coordinated by Saint-Denis and is now a Type B project, coordinated by Montevideo.
- The International Observatory of Participatory Democracy (OIDP), which is coordinated by Barcelona.
- URB-AL Network 9: Local Financing and Participatory Budgeting, coordinated by Porto Alegre.
- The Human Rights in the City Network, coordinated by “Diputación” de Barcelona.
- The Participation Laboratory, which will be coordinated by Córdoba.
- The work of the CUF on ethical trade as the basis for tackling the subject of human rights and immigration.

5) CISDP Finance and Resources

A table was presented of membership fees that the towns and cities belonging to the FAL are paying to guarantee the CISDP structure. The criteria according to which the membership fees should be paid were approved at the FAL Commission Meeting in Barcelona in June 2005. The idea is to extend payment of fees to all CISDP towns and cities. Special mention was made of the agreement between the FAL and the UCLG, which will expire in September 2006. It is important to decide if it should be renewed and how payment of cities' fees should be managed, bearing in mind that less than half of the towns and cities paid their fees for 2005. The Chairman undertook to renegotiate the agreement and asked members to comply with their commitment to guarantee the technical-executive structure of the CISDP and its future.

6) Work Schedule and Conclusions

The meeting then focused on the conclusions in terms of the content and work schedule. The Technical-Executive Secretary emphasized that there were two very important dates for the Commission: the UCLG World Council Meeting in Marrakech (October/November 2006), where we will hold the 3rd CISDP Meeting; and the 2nd UCLG World Congress in 2007. Córdoba also mentioned the meeting on participatory democracy, which will be held in Córdoba on 14 and 15 May 2006.

The conclusions included an agreement to form groups of towns and cities to study the following points:

- Concepts and definitions of the specific subjects: social inclusion, participatory democracy and global citizenship.

- Further steps towards building a database of innovative experience on the different subjects.
- Creation of tools allowing for discussion among CISDP members.

The work proposals on each subject will be presented at the 3rd CISDP Meeting in Marrakech. The following groups of towns and cities were formed to study the different subjects:

- 1) Social Inclusion:
 - Barcelona
 - Guarulhos
 - Santa Coloma de Gramanet
 - Seine-Saint-Denis
- 2) Participatory Democracy:
 - Belo Horizonte
 - Córdoba
 - Montevideo
- 3) Global Citizenship:
 - United Cities of France (CUF)
 - "Diputación" de Barcelona
 - Managua (to be consulted)
 - Milan Provincial Council (to be consulted)

The meeting was closed with these commitments at 5 pm so that the World Forum for Suburban Local Authorities (FALP) could begin.

Vanessa Marx
 Technical-Executive Secretary
 CISDP

7) Participation 2nd. CISDP Meeting

Names /Organization

1. Elói Pietá – Presidente CISDP/Prefeitura de Guarulhos
2. Patrick Braouzec – Vicepresidente CISDP/Ville de Saint Denis
3. Dolores Gomez – Ayuntamiento de Santa Coloma de Gramanet (España)
4. Roser Rocia – Ayuntamiento de Santa Coloma de Gramanet (España)
5. Felicity Irwin – Greater London Authority
6. Clodagh O'Donnell – Greater London Authority
7. Eduard Tortajada – Ayuntamiento de Badalona
8. Joaquim Ortilles - Ayuntamiento de Badalona
9. Asunción Garcia - Ayuntamiento de Badalona
10. Felicia Medina – Cites Unies France
11. Fabiola Rivas - Cites Unies France

12. Bertrand Gallet - Cites Unies France
13. Charles Josselin - Cites Unies France
14. Lenka Korchanova – Cites Unies Slovaquie
15. Lysiane Alezard – Region Ile de France
16. Marie Christine Delacroix – Conseil General Val de Marne
17. Hugues Latron – Conseil General Seine Saint Denis
18. Gilbert Roger - Conseil General Seine Saint Denis
19. Eduardo Mancuso – Prefeitura de Guarulhos
20. Jaime Zea Usca – Alcaldía de Villa El Salvador
21. François Auguste – Region Rhône Alpes
22. Felipe Llamas – Ayuntamiento de Córdoba
23. Gerard Bezoville Perreau – Ville de Nanterre
24. Antonio Aniesa – Ville de Nanterre
25. Celine Daviet – Plaine Commune Saint Denis
26. Diogenes Colmenares - Alcaldía de Guarenas
27. Nery Bolaños - Alcaldía de Guarenas
28. William Paez - Alcaldía de Guarenas
29. Karella Sanchez - Alcaldía de Guarenas
30. Jose Perez - Alcaldía de Guarenas
31. Eva Salaberria – Ayuntamiento de San Sebastián
32. Duñike Agirrezabalaga - Ayuntamiento de San Sebastián
33. Magali Giovanelli- Ville d'Aubagne
34. David Chiousse – Ville d'Aubagne
35. Antonio Merino – Diputación de Barcelona
36. Xavier Godàs – Ayuntamiento de Barcelona
37. Antoni Camps – Ayuntamiento de Viladecans
38. Julián Zoughebi – Alcaldía de Bobigny
39. Vanessa Marx – secretaria técnica ejecutiva CISDP