The Committee contributes to articulating a common voice for cities in UCLG on social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights, and to advise local governments on the design of these policies.

To that end, the Committee fosters political debate, exchanges of experiences and encourages the collective generation of new knowledges in order to establish guidelines for designing and implementing innovative local policies on social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights.
1. POLITICAL ADVOCACY, INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS AND REPRESENTATION

- **Articulation with Civil Society Organizations and participation in the Global Platform for the Right to the City**, aiming to promote the right to the city in the New Urban Agenda (Habitat III).

The Committee, through its members or its executive secretary, will participate in the organization of **regional meetings on the right to the city** (Barcelona, in April), as well as in **strategic international meetings**, in order to strengthen the alliances with civil society. Within the Platform, the CSIPDHR contributes to the “advocacy” and the “communication” working groups.

- **Representation in the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments:**

The Committee will contribute to the strategy and key messages elaborated by the Global Taskforce (GTF), in particular to those related to inclusive cities and the Right to the City. The GTF is a **coordination mechanism that brings together the major international networks of Local Governments**, under the coordination of UCLG. It aims to undertake joint advocacy vis-à-vis international policy processes. In this regard, the CSIPDHR will be actively contribute to the Habitat III Conference preparatory meetings through proposals carried out by its members and through political statements in views of the inclusion of the Right to the City in the New Urban and Habitat Agenda. In this regard, the following meetings are foreseen:

- **Mexico City**, 8th March: side event as part of Habitat III Thematic Conference on Financing Urban Development “Local Governments’ Social Spending: Urban Justice & Equity”.

- **Barcelona**, 5th April: side event as part of Habitat III Thematic Conference on Public Spaces “Homeless people rights’ in the New Habitat Agenda”.

- **Surabaya**, 26th July, as part of Habitat III 3rd Preparatory Conference: side event “Towards Human Rights Cities in the New Urban Agenda”.

Also as part of the GTF, CSIPDHR political representatives will take part of the United Nations hearings to local authorities, held in New York 16-17 May.
• **Political promotion** of the **Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City**, of the **European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City** and the document **For a World of Inclusive Cities**.

The Committee will continue its promotion work for Local Governments to adopt these charters, both through participating in international meeting and through its communication tools. This work will be undertaken in partnership with civil society organizations.

• **Participation at the Bogota UCLG Congress and the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments**

The Committee will also be represented at the **Local Governments Summit in Bogota**, contributing to the program on inclusive cities and metropolitan areas and the Right to the City. As part of the Congress, the Committee will also work in partnership with Bogota City Hall, contributing to propose common activities linked to social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights (workshops, ground visits...). Additionally, Committee members will attend the **Local Governments Assembly** to be held in New York, in parallel to UN hearings of local authorities, in Bogota (during UCLG Congress) and in Quito, during Habitat III Conference.

• **Cooperation with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights**

The Committee will keep developing the collaboration started with **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights** in 2015 for human rights’ protection, promotion and implementation at local level. This will be done through the organization of common events in the framework of the Habitat III preparation, on topics related to **Human Rights and the Right to the City in the global urbanization process**.
2. STRENGTHENING THE NETWORK, LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

- Openness towards Mediterranean and sub-Saharan African cities, by taking part in the project “City-to-City Migration Profiles and Dialogue Initiative” (see below) and in the 16th Conference of the International Observatory of Participatory Democracy (IOPD) in Matola (Mozambique).

- Strengthening relationships with Barcelona and Madrid City Halls, which has been showing a strong will to deeply engage with the network.

- Holding an annual coordination meeting to define the Committee’s strategy in Gwangju, as part of the 6th World Human Rights Cities Forum.

- Contributing to the UCLG global strategy, by actively participating in the definition and implementation of its strategic orientations that will be developed in the Annual Retreat (Barcelona, in February) and the UCLG Congress (Bogota, in October).

- Promoting the extension of the network with, working towards gender equality and an equitable territorial representation within the Committee’s Co-Presidency.

3. PRODUCTION AND DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE

- Promotion of the new Human Rights Monitoring Programme to evaluate public policies under the light of the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City, and dissemination of the results of the pilot project, which was implemented in Bogota in 2015, in order to extend the programme to new territories.

- Participation in the scientific work that will be developed on the topic of “Peripheral cities and inclusive metropolises” in the framework of the world report on Decentralization and Local Democracy –
GOLD IV of UCLG. This work will be in association with the Committee on Peripheral Cities and Metropolis.

- Participation in the project **“City-to-City Migration Profiles and Dialogue Initiative”**. This programme aims at strengthening migrants’ inclusion at city level, especially their access to human rights, in ten Southern-Mediterranean and European cities: Tangier, Tunis, Beirut, Amman, Lisbon, Lyon, Turin, Vienna and Madrid. This work will be conducted by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) in association with the UCLG World Secretary. In this framework, the Committee will work on the elaboration of a set of human rights-based indicators in order to measure migrants’ degree of inclusion, as well as in the design and facilitation of a peer-learning session between ten cities.

- Participation in the **training on Decent Work in Odienné (Ivory Coast)**, coordinated by UCLG-Africa in partnership with the International Labour Organization (ILO).

- Participation in the **Jury of the 2016 IOPD Award “Good Practices in Citizen Participation”**, whose winner will be unveiled in the 16th IOPD Conference in Matola (Mozambique).
• **Dissemination of the Committee members’ practices on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights**, as well as the Committee’s work on these fields, through the following tools:

  - Structural and contents **improvement** of the **Committee website** ([www.uclg-cisdhp.org](http://www.uclg-cisdhp.org)).
  - Intensive use of **social networks** (*Facebook* y *Twitter*) to disseminate the Committee’s work and reach the general public.
  - Dissemination of news about CSIPDHR members and partners’ activities in the three working languages of the Committee (English, Spanish and French), through its **newsletter**.
  - Compilation of experiences and policies on social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights at local level, and dissemination of case studies through the **Inclusive Cities Observatory** ([CSDIPDHR website](http://www.uclg-cisdhp.org)).

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**4. COOPERATION AND LEARNING**

The **international meetings of Local Governments for the Right to the City** and **Human Rights cities** are privileged spaces for the exchange of public policies to implement the Right to the City and for dialogue with civil society and academic experts to innovate in terms of social inclusion and citizens’ participation. In 2016, the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights will co-organize the following meetings:
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- The **16th World Human Rights Cities Forum in Gwangju** (Republic of Korea), 21-24 July.

- The **World Social Integration Summit**, which will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, 17-18 May.

- A peer-learning session between ten cities, as part of the project “City-to-City Migration Profiles and Dialogue Initiative”, titled **“Social Cohesion and Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue: the role of Local Governments”** (Lisbon, 12th July). The Committee will design and facilitate the session.

In 2016 other action will be carried out by the Committee in order to strengthen the cooperation and learning agenda:

- **Organization of a survey to know CSIPDHR members’ expectations in terms of training** and to know in which fields they would be available to share their knowledges.

- **Collaboration with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights** to evaluate the chances to develop joint training sessions on Human Rights and their protection, promotion and implementation at local level.

In order to carry out these tasks, the Committee will rely on the economic contributions of its members, as well as on a **support from the UCLG World Secretariat**.