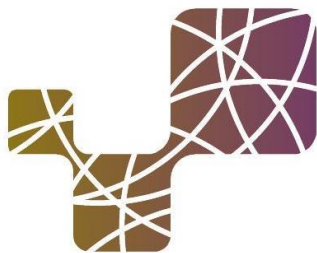


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**UCLG Committee
on Social Inclusion,
Participatory Democracy
and Human Rights**

The Committee contributes to articulate 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 this end, the Committee fosters political debate, exchanges of experiences and encourages the collective generation of knowledges in order to establish guidelines to design and implement innovative local policies on social inclusion, participatory democracy and Human Rights towards the progressive realization of the Right to the City.

In 2017, the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights will continue the promotion of the Right to the City and Human Rights in the city, supporting concrete local policies of its members and through a strong partnership with civil society, academia and UN-system organizations (Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, International Labour Organization, UNESCO...). In addition to this, the CSIPDHR will work on different fields of the right to the city, such as informal work, social housing and corporate social responsibility and the fight against tax havens.

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 at promoting the implementation of the Right to the City, as mentioned in the Habitat III Agenda.

The Committee, through its members or its executive secretariat, will maintain its engagement within the Platform to build and strengthen alliances with civil society and social movements. The CSIPDHR takes part in the **advocacy and communications working groups**.



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

The Committee will contribute to the elaboration of the inclusive cities and the Right to the City's content within the Global Taskforce (GTF). The GTF is a **coordination platform gathering the main Local Governments' networks, with the facilitation of UCLG**, in order to develop advocacy, common actions in international policy processes. In this regard, the CSIPDHR will contribute to the proposals developed with its members' participation, and will promote the Right to the City within the GTF.



- **Cooperation with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights**

The CSIPDHR will extend the work started in 2015 with the **Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights** to strengthen the protection, promotion and guarantee of Human Rights at the local level. It will involve the organization of **a training pilot session on international mechanisms of Human Rights protection** oriented to the Barcelona Human Rights protection Network, as well as the creation of a **global network for the right to housing and the homeless people's rights**.

- Organization of **campaign of local elected officials to promote the fight against tax havens**, in partnership with the platform ["Tax Haven-Free Areas"](#).

- **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](#).

The Committee will continue its promotion work for Local Governments to adopt these Charters, through its participation in international meetings and its communication tools. This work will be undertaken **in partnership with civil society organizations**.



2. STRENGTHENING THE NETWORK, LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

- **Strengthening Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan cities' participation**, through the [Mediterranean City-to-City Migration Project \(MC2CM\)](#).
- Organization of a **coordination annual meeting to define the Committee's strategy**, on the occasion of the UCLG World Council or on the occasion of an international seminar on the Right to the City.
- **Contribution the UCLG global strategy**, by participating to its definition and to the implementation of the strategic lines identified in the **UCLG Annual Retreat** (Barcelona, February 2017) –particularly those contribution to the promotion of the Right to the City.
- **Broadening the network by involving new local governments** through the **participation in new networks** ([ICCAR – UNESCO Network of Cities for Inclusiveness and Sustainability](#)), and creating **synergies with UCLG sections and the fellow Committees**.



3. PRODUCTION AND DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE

- **Implementation of the Human Rights Monitoring Program based on the World Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City in new territories**, and dissemination of the results of the pilot project implemented in Bogota in 2015, in order to widen the program and include new territories.
- **Dissemination of the research project** developed on the **"Peripheral Cities and Inclusive Metropolitan areas"** by the Research Lab La Vue (University Paris VIII), as part of the GOLD report, through the organization of a **cycle of conferences under the theme "Solidary versus competitive metropolitan areas"**.
- **Involvement in the Mediterranean City-to-City Migration (MC2CM) project**. This program aims at **strengthening the inclusion of migrants at the local level, notably through the access to Human Rights**, in nine South-Mediterranean and European cities: Tangier, Tunis, Beirut, Amman, Lisbon, Lyon, Turin, Vienna and Madrid.
- **Dissemination of the Peer Review guide on local policies for social cohesion** and intercultural and interreligious drafted as part of the **MC2CM project**.
- Participation in the **Jury of the 2017 IOPD Award "Best Practice in Citizen Participation"** –the winner to be announced in the IOPD 17th Conference in Montreal (June 2017).
- **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.uclq-cisd.org).
 - Intensive use of **social networks** ([Facebook](#) y [Twitter](#)) to disseminate the Committee's work and reach the general public.

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- 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).



4. COOPERATION AND LEARNING

The [international meetings of Local Governments for the Right to the City](#) are dedicated to the exchange of public policies to implement the Right to the City and to the dialogue with civil society and researchers to innovate in terms of social inclusion and citizens' participation. In 2017, the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights will co-organize the following meetings:

- The [7th World Human Rights Cities Forum](#) in **Gwangju** (South Korea), on September 14-17.
- The **World Forum of Cities against Racism and for Rights** in **Birmingham (Alabama, USA)**, 23-26 June, along with the UNESCO ICCAR network of cities against racism.

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Additionally, the CSIPDHR will co-organize a **learning session** on the **human rights-based approach in local public action**, in **partnership with the city of Barcelona** (dates to be confirmed).

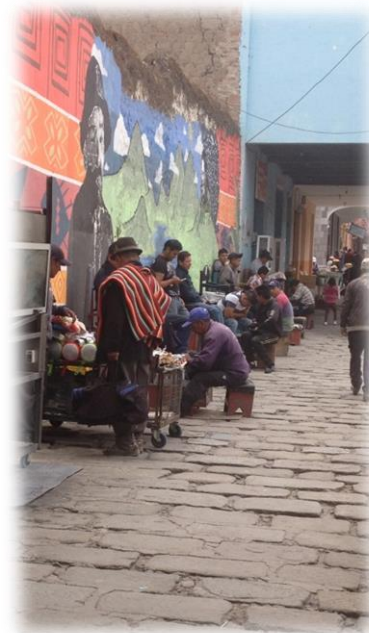


The Committee will also take part in:

- The **Conference of the International Observatory of Participatory Democracy (IOPD)**, where it will organize a **roundtable on the topic of democracy and metropolitan areas** and will take part in the selection committee of session proposals, in close coordination with the Office of Public Consultation of Montreal. The Conference will take place in Montreal on 17-19 June, just before the Congress of Metropolis (19-22 June).
- The **World Forum against Violence and for Peace Education**, organized by Madrid city hall on 19-21 April. During these dates, **the UCLG Executive Bureau** will also convene in Madrid.

Finally, some other **collaborative working projects** have been proposed and will be concreted during the year:

- The development of a **guide on Local Governments' role regarding informal workers**, in partnership with WIEGO, and the city of Bogota.
- The launch of **working groups in the fields of youth, food sovereignty and diversities**.



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Lastly, 2017 will allow the Committee to explore **new modalities of work** combining the reinforcement of local capabilities with advocacy at local level –such as exchange modalities like **job shadowing internships** or **intern's exchange programmes between local administrations**.

To this end, the Committee will rely on the **economic contributions of its members**, as well as on a support from the UCLG World Secretariat.

