

The publication that we present contains the **policy paper on local social inclusion** promoted by the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participative Democracy and Human Rights of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). This paper presents the main policy guidelines that cities are recommended to follow when designing and developing public policies for social inclusion. Along the same lines, its objective is to help the position of UCLG on this matter and direct its discourse toward other international agencies and organizations.

This document was approved by the **UCLG World Council**, which took place between 27th and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in Istanbul. It draws on the findings of the “**1<sup>st</sup> International Seminar on Innovative Local Policies for Social Inclusion**”, held in Barcelona on 27th and 28th September 2007, as well as the political discussions that took place within UCLG, through its regional sections and working committees.

Barcelona City Council and the Committee on Social Inclusion organized the “1st International Seminar on Innovative Local Policies for Social Inclusion”, with the support of the Catalan Government and the scientific advice of the DPU (Development Planning Unit), University College London. The seminar was attended by representatives of **Eldoret** (Kenya), **Rosario** (Argentina), **and Diyarbakir** (Turkey), **London** (United Kingdom), **Belo Horizonte** and **Porto Alegre** (Brazil), **Palmela** (Portugal), **Tacoma** (United States), **Cotacachi** (Ecuador), **Barcelona** (Spain), **Saint-Denis** (France) and **Bandung** (Indonesia). Representatives of these 12 cities, all from very different realities, reported on their various policies of inclusion, while faced with the task of reflecting and deliberating together on three topics: (i) ensuring social justice and rights; (ii) citizen participation and generation of social networks; (iii) planning and sustainability policies.