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Participatory Democracy
and Human Rights**

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1. MINUTES

The 1st 2012 Half-yearly Meeting of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights was held in Aubagne (France) on March 12, 2012. A technical tour was organized in the morning to various municipal services related to the Commission's specialist area and a working meeting took place at the Agora Congress Centre in the afternoon.

TECHNICAL TOUR

A technical tour to the Aubagne Municipal Social Centre, the Local Participatory Democracy Forum and the Municipal Sports Service took place between 10:30 and 12:30.

Among the various services provided by the **Aubagne Municipal Social Centre**¹, the delegation of Committee members visited the **Social Grocery Store**, which aims to provide food at very low prices to families with limited resources, organize workshops on various aspects of everyday life and place social workers in contact with the neediest families².

In the **Local Participatory Democracy Forum**, the members of the Committee had the opportunity to find out about the municipal body responsible for promoting the various participatory processes in Aubagne, through neighbourhood councils, specialist neighbourhood councils and a city council. Some of the most important results of these processes were the free public transport policy (discussed in detail in the *Inclusive Cities Observatory*³), the construction of a tram that will link Aubagne with Marseille, and a shelter for women who are victims of domestic violence.

Finally, there was a visit to the **Municipal Sports School**, which enables children and adolescents to start participating in various sports activities, and the **Lattre stadium**, which has a running track, gymnasium and a football field⁴. Most sports facilities in Aubagne are free or have low admission fees.

WORKING MEETING

A working meeting led by the President of the Committee, Ms. **Maite Fandos** (Deputy Mayor of Barcelona, Spain) took place from 3 pm to 6 pm, and was attended by 33 people representing 19 cities/institutions.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the proposed the Committee's 2011-2013 Strategic Plan and 2012 Action Plan, as well as the Action Plan of the recently established Working Group on Local Economic Development, chaired by the Andalucian Group of Towns For International Solidarity (FAMSI, Spain)⁵.

¹For more information, see www.aubagne.fr/fr/ccas/action-sociale-ccas.html

² For more information, see www.aubagne.fr/fr/ccas/action-sociale-ccas/laction-sociale-linsertion/lepicerie-sociale.html.

³ Available at [www.uclg.org / CISDP / Observatory](http://www.uclg.org/CISDP/Observatory).

⁴More information about the Sports Service: www.aubagne.fr/fr/services/bouger-soxygener/service-des-sports.html.

⁵The agenda is available in Annex 1, p. 13 of this document.



In her capacity as representative of the host city for the Committee's 1st 2012 Six-Monthly Meeting, the President of the intercommunality of Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Etoile (France) and the Vice-President of the Committee, Ms. **Magali Giovannangeli**, welcomed the participants. After highlighting that the fact that the Committee members had been able to use free public transport to reach the meeting's venue after the technical visit in the morning, she announced that the next day, the town was holding an international seminar on "Water: a common asset of humanity, a challenge for the right to the city," to which everyone attending was invited.

The President of the Committee, Ms. **Maite Fandos**, then thanked Ms. Giovannangeli for hosting the Committee's 1st Six-Monthly Meeting this year and invited all those present to briefly introduce themselves⁶.

The President then added a few brief words of welcome, saying it was an honour to chair the Committee and a responsibility she had recently assumed. Social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights are absolutely strategic issues for the city of Barcelona and the city's current government wishes its time in office to be remembered for policies that affect peoples' lives.

Ms. **Maite Fandos** then briefly presented the Committee's proposed 2011-2013 Strategic Plan⁷, and said that it had been reformulated according to the 2010-2016 Strategic Plan recently adopted by UCLG at the last World Council (Florence, 10-December 12, 2011). The bureau of the Committee, consisting of the President and the Vice-Presidents, met in Barcelona on 1 February 2012 to discuss the document, which was now being submitted for assessment by those present at the meeting. In addition, she said that several working documents would be presented in this first part of the meeting, and they would subsequently be discussed more extensively in small groups to be enhanced with the contributions and ideas of all the participants at the meeting. She mentioned the lack of African representation in the composition of the Committee's bureau.

Ms. **Maite Fandos** then presented the proposed 2012 Action Plan⁸ in detail, explaining the specific activities that were to take place within the various areas for action: leadership and governance; representation; knowledge; cooperation; and organization. Among the issues that were emphasized were the Committee's participation in various international events, the promotion of the *Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City* and the *European Charter for the Safeguarding Human Rights in the City*⁹ by organizing a world conference in Saint-Denis; and finally, the exchange of good practices through the *Inclusive Cities Observatory* and technical visits and meetings. The President of the Committee also announced that Barcelona wished to host a meeting on inclusive cities in 2013 in order to move forward with reflection and exchanging experiences between municipalities from different regions in the world with innovative policies for social inclusion.

Mr. **Antonio Zurita**, Director General of the Andalucian Fund of Towns For International Solidarity (FAMSI, Spain), took the floor to present his group's proposed 2012 Action Plan¹⁰ on behalf of the Presidency of the Local Economic Development Working Group. Mr. Zurita explained that FAMSI has been an active member of the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights since its inception in 2005. For this reason, it decided to propose the creation of a working group on local economic development within the committee, but with the aim of linking it to other committees and to the organization as a whole. Local economic development is a key component for both local human development and institutional strengthening. This working group aims to examine how to move towards more inclusive and more sustainable development at the local level. To that end, public participation and the role of local development agencies is essential. Mr. Zurita briefly outlined the various activities covered by the Working Group's 2012 Action Plan and added that the first meeting of

⁶ The full list of participants is available on p. 12.

⁷ See Annex 2, p. 14.

⁸ See Annex 3, p. 18.

⁹ Available on the Committee's website: www.uclg.org/CISDP (in the section The Committee - Working Groups - Human Rights).

¹⁰ See Annex 4, p. 21 and www.foromundialadel.org.

this group, which was formally established in Aubagne, would take place at the meeting of the UCLG Executive Bureau (Rio de Janeiro, 18 -19 June, 2012). This meeting, and other working meetings that will take place in 2012, will be used to prepare the Second Forum of Local Economic Development Agencies, in January 2013 in Foz de Iguazu (Brazil).

The President of the Committee, Ms. **Maite Fandos**, then invited Ms. Celine Daviet to present the third item on the agenda, concerning the candidacy of Saint-Denis for the organization of the "Cities for Human Rights" World Conference (the provisional title) to be held in the town at the end of the year.

Ms. **Celine Daviet**, Chief of Staff to the President of Plaine Commune (France) and the First Vice-President of the Committee, Mr. Patrick Braouezec, apologized for his absence, and explained that this was due to an unforeseen last-minute professional contingency. Ms. Daviet confirmed that the town of Saint-Denis, one of the 8 municipalities that make up the intercommunality of Plaine Commune, wished to host the eighth *Conference of the European Charter for Safeguarding Human Rights in the City*. However, this event will entail a change: from being a European event, focusing on the *European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City*, to a global event, which will also discuss the *Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City* and promotion of the right to the city in general terms. The fact that Saint-Denis, together with Plaine Commune, is convening this meeting is symbolic, since it means that the town that hosted the adoption of the *European Charter* in 2000 will also host the event which will begin a new era of work in the international arena. Ms. Daviet announced that the conference will be held from 10 to 12 December 2012, a few days after the Africities Summit (Dakar, 4-8 December 2012), to enable people travelling long distances in order to participate in this African meeting to be able to travel to Saint-Denis with a just a few more hours of flying time. In addition, from 12 to 14 December the city is hosting a conference on "Urban Security, Democracy and Cities: The future of prevention" organized by the EFUS network (European Forum for Urban Security)¹¹, of which several of the *European Charter* signatory cities are members. Ms. Daviet concluded by adding that the conference's steering group will consist of representatives of the host cities of the previous meetings (Barcelona, Saint-Denis, Venice, Nuremberg, Lyon, Geneva and Tuzla) and that all these cities wish to participate in this preparatory work. The first preparatory meeting will take place in Saint-Denis in the near future and will be announced by the Committee's secretariat.

Mr. **Antonio Aniesa**, Head of International Relations for Plaine Commune (France), added to the previous contribution that the main purpose of the meeting in Saint-Denis will be to build links between the different cities on different continents of the world that are working on the issue of right to city. There are interesting experiences, such as those in Gwangju (South Korea) or those being carried out in several Brazilian cities. It will therefore be necessary to make a qualitative and geographical leap in Saint-Denis terms of mobilizing cities.

Mr. **Djamel Sandid**, Head of International Relations in Nanterre (France), requested the floor to invite the Committee on Social Inclusion to work with the UCLG Committee of Peripheral Cities, chaired by the city of Nanterre (France), in organizing the III Forum for Suburban Local Authorities (FALP) on "Rights and Democracy for Inclusive and Sustainable Metropolises," which will take place in Canoas (in the Porto Alegre metropolitan area) from 11 to 13 June 2013. Implementing the equal right to the city also involves recognizing the right to an inclusive metropolis, and as such a joint consideration by the two committees would be very enriching. Finally, Mr. Sandid quickly mentioned the five areas of work of the III FALP: 1) identity and multiculturalism; 2) governance and participation; 3) globalization and cities; 4) sustainability; 5) common goods and good living¹².

The President of the intercommunality of Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Étoile, Ms. **Magali Giovannangeli**, followed on from the news from Mr. Djamel Sandid to comment that for Aubagne (a municipality located on the outskirts of Marseille), the debate over the metropolitan

¹¹ For further information: www.efus.eu.

¹² For further information: www.canoas.rs.gov.br.



issue is extremely important. She said that there is a real danger that in France that the small and medium-sized municipalities (*communes*) that exist today will be absorbed by large metropolitan areas. She rejected this trend absolutely, arguing that medium-sized and small municipalities are laboratories of for innovation and alternative and inclusive policies. She added that the work of the Committee on Social Inclusion had helped fuel this debate.

The President of the Committee, Ms. **Maite Fandos**, then gave the floor to Mr. Giovanni Allegretti to briefly present the *Inclusive Cities Observatory*¹³.

Mr. **Giovanni Allegretti**, a researcher at the Centre for Social Studies (CES) of the University of Coimbra (Portugal) and the Deputy Director of the Observatory's Scientific Centre, explained that the *Inclusive Cities Observatory* clearly showed that the rights contained in the *Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City* are not abstract rights, but instead emanate from specific practices carried out in many cities around the world. The *Inclusive Cities Observatory* includes 64 case studies compiled in two phases. The first phase (a total of 14 case studies) was produced by the Development Planning Unit (DPU) of University College London (UCL), while the second phase (50 case studies) was produced by the CES under the supervision of Prof. Boaventura de Sousa Santos. One of the added values of the *Observatory* is that it came about as a result of dialogue between three different actors: local governments, civil society and academia. A cross-disciplinary reflection on all the case studies and some of the more interesting concepts in research is planned as part of a book to be published in the coming months. The book will also draw on the conclusions of the "Cities Are Us" Congress, organized by the ESC in Coimbra from 28 to 30 June 2012, and the "Cities Are Us" Summer School, which will take place in Lisbon from 2 to 7 July 2012. Innovative local practices will be discussed at both events. Mr. Allegretti concluded by noting that the CES is committed to new formats for reflection and to languages that are able to attract a wider audience, such as audiovisual language. For this reason, it is helping to organize the Democracine Festival, sponsored by the municipality of Porto Alegre within the framework of the XII OIDP Conference (11 to 13 June 2013).

Mr. **Mostafa Maataoui**, the mayor of Sidi Boumehdi (Morocco), in his capacity as representative of a rural African town, requested the floor to draw attention to the fact that rural areas are often neglected in the meetings of the UCLG and the Committee. When social inclusion is discussed, for example, it is based above all on the perspective of cities receiving migrant populations. However, the other side of the coin is represented by municipalities like his, i.e. the places of origin of these migrations. The Committee on Social Inclusion should also include this dimension in its thinking, as well as the territorial aspect of inclusion: social inclusion takes place when it is guaranteed throughout the territory, in both urban and rural areas. Mr. Maataoui added that the technical tour in the morning had been a good example of how an urban area, Aubagne, is able to forge links of solidarity with the small towns surrounding it. In Morocco, this type of intermunicipal link unfortunately does not exist, and this is detrimental to many areas with a lower degree of institutionalization. The mayor of Sidi Boumehdi ended his speech by proposing that the Committee on Social Inclusion organize a workshop in at the Africities Summit to discuss these issues and to exchange experiences on the subject.

Following this comment, Mr. **Antonio Aniesa**, the Head of International Relations of Plaine Commune (France) said that it is more accurate to speak of "exchanging experiences" than "exchanging good practices." The problems faced by local governments are very diverse, as the previous contribution made clear, and there are not always (or at least identifiable) "good practices". In any event, what networks like the Committee provide are spaces where it is possible to find cities that have experienced the same problems and which can explain how they addressed them, regardless of whether they are "good" practices.

Mr. **Slimane Toudert**, advisor to the Mayor's Office of Aubagne (France), then remarked that one of the key aspects of exchanging experiences and tools like *the Inclusive Cities Observatory* is to show that there are real answers to the challenges that cities experience. It is

¹³ Available at www.uclg.org/CISDP/Observatory.



important that it is available through case studies (in fact, Aubagne's free public transport policy is documented in the Observatory¹⁴) and through real opportunities to encounter these experiences on the ground, as the technical visit in the morning had made clear.

Mr. **Antonio Zurita**, Director General of FAMSI (Spain), asked to speak once again in order to announce that the next World Social Forum (2013) will take place in Tunis and FAMSI is working to ensure the organization of a Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion (FAL) at that event. The event could be used to present the work being done in 2012 to promote both human rights charters, the reflections of the Local Economic Development Working Group and the preparatory discussions for the III FALP in Canoas.

After the debate was opened to the floor, the President of the Committee, Ms. **Maite Fandos** moved on to the next item on the agenda, concerning the group discussion of the 2012 Action Plan. She proposed focusing the debate on four issues: 1) Ideas for the organization of the "Cities for Human Rights" World Conference (Saint-Denis, 10-12 December, 2012); Ideas for defining the dissemination and implementation strategy for the two human rights charters; 3) Ideas for implementing a pilot programme aimed at promoting mutual learning among cities in the field of human rights; 4) Other suggestions for the 2012 Action Plan.

Finally, Ms. **Eva Garcia Chueca**, the coordinator of the Committee, took the floor to explain what the methodology and composition of the groups would be.

The debate took place for an hour, in four working groups chaired as follows:

Group 1. Ms. Maite Fandos, Deputy Mayor of Barcelona (Spain) and President of the Committee

Group 2. Ms. Magali Giovannangeli, President of Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Etoile (France) and Vice-President of the Committee.

Group 3. Mr. Antoine di Caccio, Vice-President of Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Étoile (France)

Group 4. Ms. Celine Daviet, Chief of Staff to the President of Plaine Commune (France) and Vice-President of the Committee.

After the group work, a representative from each working group shared their conclusions. The following spokespersons were appointed: Mr. **Franck Barrau**, General Secretary of the "Human Rights and Local Governments" Permanent International Secretariat, Nantes-Pays de la Loire (France); Mr. **Antoine di Caccio**, Vice President of Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Etoile (France); Ms. **Celine Daviet**, Chief of Staff to the President of Plaine Commune (France); and Mr. **Giovanni Allegretti**, researcher at CES-University of Coimbra (Portugal).

The results of the group work are presented below, organized by questions.

1. - Ideas for the organization of the "Cities for Human Rights" World Conference (Saint-Denis, 10-12 December, 2012)

Format / Audience

- Attract different audiences (local government representatives, representatives of international organizations, civil society, researchers) with different formats that are adapted to them (public policy evaluation session; panels for sharing experiences; international discussion panels; theatrical performances; audiovisuals; *call for papers*...). Promote meaningful dialogue between them.
- Involve the host country's social fabric.

¹⁴ See www.uclg.org/CISDP/observatory.



Cities to invite

- Ensure diverse geographic representation and the participation of cities of different sizes (large, medium and small).
- Invite all the city networks we work with, as well as achieving the participation of new cities that do not usually take part in them.

Thematic areas

- Assess the state of affairs: what is the level of protection, respect and guarantees for human rights in the cities?
- How are rights translated into public policies?
- To what extent are human rights charters useful in guiding political action?
- Education and awareness-raising of young people as regards human rights as a tool to promote social inclusion, coexistence and peace.
- The promotion of human rights in the private sector.
- The impact of the financial crisis on guaranteeing human rights.
- Protection of the most vulnerable groups in the population.
- Urban security. Local responses to violence against women and children.
- Migrations.
- The local-global dimension of human rights.

Objectives

- Promote the design of public human rights policies and highlight interesting experiences already in place (share the obstacles found as well as the positive results). Seek points of convergence between the problems faced by cities in different regions.
- Provide a forum for co-construction of public policies between elected representatives and civil society.
- Exert political influence on international organizations, especially the European Union, the Council of Europe (through the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities), the United Nations (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Network of Cities Against Poverty-UNDP, FAO, UN HABITAT, UNFPA ...), etc.
- Make human rights charters emblematic tools of the Committee on Social Inclusion as they are at the core of its three areas of work: social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights.

Methodology

- Preparatory thematic discussions and widespread dissemination of the charters before the conference at prior international events, on websites and/or social networks of



participating cities/institutions. Establish a prior dialogue of cooperation with relevant international organizations: the EU, CoE, UN, etc.

- Send the speeches and supporting material in advance so that the conference is a forum for dialogue and not a consecutive presentation of experiences. Work in small groups for more in-depth discussions.
- Formulate discussions on specific issues (the fight against discrimination, access to clean water, decent housing, etc.) based on local competences and practices, and the concerns of the population. Avoid the discussions becoming technical debates.
- Comprehensive approach to the problems: do not only discuss how to deal with their consequences, but how to deal with their causes in particular. Find topics relevant to the different countries invited.

2. - Ideas for defining the dissemination and implementation strategy for the two human rights charters

Targets

- Political leaders.
- Civil society and social movements.
- International organizations.

Dissemination agents

- Each signatory or member city of the Committee can become an "ambassador" of the charters (dissemination at local, national and international events; in the networks of which it is a member; through its decentralized cooperation partners, etc.).
- The networks of cities that usually work with the Committee. Seek partnerships with international organizations and other relevant stakeholders.
- Involve civil society and social movements.

Dissemination tools

- Develop an educational dimension in the two charters by including real cases (from the *Inclusive Cities Observatory* or other sources) that specifically illustrate how rights can be implemented. Also show bad practices (without naming the cities concerned).
- Use "wiki" methodology on the website so that the charters are dynamic tools that can incorporate hyperlinks, suggest resources, etc. Create a virtual space for spontaneous exchange of experiences, where cities can formulate questions and provide information of interest with no need for mediation.
- Design a global communication plan (targeting international agents) and a local communication plan for cities (local conferences or workshops, discussion forums in neighbourhoods, etc.). Launch "anti-rumour" campaigns to question widespread preconceptions opposing human rights. Short videos and web documentaries online.



- Create a single document that combines the two charters? Promote the ratification of the charters and extensive translation into other languages. Use the websites of the signatory cities or Committee members.
- Sponsorship by cities with more experience of others with less to guide them in implementing the charters.

Implementation tools

- Adoption of the charter by a resolution of the municipal council. Identification of the priority areas on which to start working. Design of municipal policies inspired by the charters through participatory processes. The case studies in the *Inclusive Cities Observatory* can inspire the design of policies.
- Training programmes for municipal specialists and managers on the content of the charters.
- Agreements between the signatory city and a research centre or NGO to implement the charter in its area.

Financial resources

- Need to find financial resources to implement the proposals above.

3. - Ideas for deploying a pilot programme aimed at promoting mutual learning among cities in the field of human rights

Coordination with the *Inclusive Cities Observatory*

- A pilot programme for mutual learning between cities must come from the Observatory, which should be equipped with an open forum for uploading experiences, useful information, reports of cases of rights violations, etc.
- Reinforce the dissemination of the Observatory Strengthen through social networks and translate the case studies into other languages (Arabic, Chinese, etc.).
- Define a priority thematic area on which to work every year.

Methodology

- Try out an initial exercise for exchanging innovative experiences at the conference in Saint-Denis. Organize a second work session in Barcelona (first half of 2013).
- Examine the possibility of organizing continental workshops on a specific topic (health, education, culture, environment, etc.). Share the work done by cities in the field of decentralized cooperation.

Financial resources

- It is essential to find financial resources for carrying out these initiatives. The possibility of obtaining them through the European Commission could be explored.



Topics

- Gender, intermunicipal cooperation, ...

4. - Other suggestions for the 2012 Action Plan

International agenda

- Presentation of the Local Economic Development working group at the Executive Bureau to be held during the Rio +20 Summit (18-19 June 2012).
- Seminar in Barcelona on "Inclusive Cities" (first six months of 2013).

Bureau of the Committee

- The need to expand the bureau with an African vice-presidency. The mayor of Passy (Senegal), Mr. Moustapha Ka, and the Deputy Mayor of Pikine (Senegal), Mr. Moussa Ndiaye, expressed interest in assuming this responsibility.

Methodology

- Identify a priority theme on which to work each year and have thematic discussions at each Committee meeting.
- Incorporate the use of audiovisuals and carry out internal surveys on Committee members to improve its workings.
- Expand the Committee to include neighbouring cities

Themes

- Move from the debate on "human rights in the city" to the debate on "the right to the city"; the city of proximity; end the idea that it is easy to talk about participation, but is unrealistic to implement it ...

After the idea-sharing session, the President of the Committee, Ms. **Maite Fandos**, announced that the Committee's proposed 2011-2013 Strategic Plan and 2012 Action Plan had been formally adopted and that they would be implemented taking into account the ideas raised in the working groups.

The President of Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Étoile, Ms. **Magali Giovannangeli**, then presented in greater detail the international event to be held the next day, entitled "Water: a common asset of humanity, a challenge for the right to the city." This meeting had been organized with the support of the Committee, by the municipality of Aubagne and the intercommunality of Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Etoile as part of the World Water Forum and the Alternative Water Forum. The aim of this event was to address how local governments can ensure the right to the city through democratic access to water. To that end, there would be a political debate based on the various alternative solutions for water management that would be discussed during the day. The conclusions of the meeting would subsequently be presented at the final assembly of the World Water Forum.

Finally, the President of the Committee, Ms. **Maite Fandos** closed the meeting by thanking everyone present for their participation.



2. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

AFRICA					
1	Morocco	Rural Community of Sidi Boumehti	Maataoui Mostafa	President	
2	Senegal	Town Council of Keur Massar - Pikine	Moussa Ndiaye	First Deputy Mayor	
3		Town Council of Passy	Moustapha Ka	Mayor	
LATIN AMERICA					
4	Brazil	State of Rio Grande do Sul	Jussara Cony	Environment Secretary	
5		Town Council of São Leopoldo	Ary Vanazzi	Mayor	
6			Espartaco Dutra	International Relations Advisor	
7		Town Council of Keur Massar - Pikine	José Carlos Schiavinato	Mayor of Toledo / FNP (Frente Nacional de Prefeitos) representative	
8	Peru	Arequipa (ONG)	Aurora Bellido	Institutional Representative	
EUROPE					
9	Spain	City Council of Barcelone	Maité Fandos	Deputy Mayor for Quality of Life	
10			Gloria Figuerola	Executive Director. Area of Quality of Life	
11			Jordi Tolrà	Management Advisor. Area of Quality of Life	
12		FAMSI	Antonio Zurita	General Director	
13	France	Town Council of Aubagne	Barbara La Barbera	Councilor for Human Rights	
14			Slimane Toudert	Advisor. Mayor's Office	
15			Martine Coetto	Director of the Municipal Centre for Social Action	
16			Odile Dubreil	Local Forum for Participatory Democracy	
17			Catherine Burel	Local Forum for Participatory Democracy	
18			Viviane Calabuig	Local Forum for Participatory Democracy	
19			Association "New Education French Group "	Josette Fontaine	Institutional Representative
20			Town Council of Bobigny	Cihan Kaygisiz	International Relations and Peace Culture Executive officer
21		Town Council of Nanterre	Djamel Sandid	International Relations Executive officer	
22		Conurbation authority of Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Étoile	Magali Giovannangeli	President	
23			Antoine Di Ciaccio	Vice-President	
24			Bernard Calabuig	Participatory Democracy Executive Officer	
25			Claude Vaucher	Development Council	
26			François Fiore	Development Council	
27	Conurbation authority of Plaine Commune	Céline Daviet	Chief of Staff. President's office		
28		Antonio Aniesa	International Relations Executive officer		
29	Seine-Saint-Denis Department	Hugues Latron	Director of the Resource Centre <i>Via le monde</i> . European and International Affairs Department		
30	Intern. Secretariat "Human Rights and Local Governments", Nantes - Pays de la Loire	Franck Barrau	Secretary General		
PARTNERS					
31	Centre for Social Studies (CES)		Giovanni Allegretti	Researcher. Scientific Coordinator of the <i>Inclusive Cities Observatory</i>	
32			Séverine Calza	Consultant	
UCLG					
33	Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights		Eva Garcia Chueca	Coordinator	



3. ANNEX 1. AGENDA OF THE MEETING

Date: Monday, 12 March 2012

Time: 10:30h – 18h

10:30h – 12:30h

Technical visit to the municipal services for social action, participatory democracy and sports

15h – 18h

**Agora Congress Centre
Avenue des Paluds, Aubagne**

Draft agenda

1. Welcome and introduction of the participants
2. Presentation of the 2012 – 2013 Committee Working Plan
3. Presentation of the working group on Local Economic Development
4. Debate
5. Discussion in groups of the 2012 Committee Action Plan

Coffee break

6. Groupwork ideas-sharing session
7. Presentation of the international meeting on “Water, a common asset for Humanity. An issue at stake for the right to the city” (Aubagne, 13 March 2012)
8. Closing words



4. ANNEX 2. COMMITTEE'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2011 - 2013

A. BACKGROUND

The origins of the Committee lie in the first Local Authorities Forum for Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy (FAL), a forum for reflection and political discussion made up by progressive local authorities from all over the world, an event which has been held at the same time as the World Social Forum since 2001. In 2005, a year after the creation of the new international organisation of local governments - United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) - the towns of the FAL decided to establish a more institutionalised working structure within a new organisation. This led to the creation of the Committee on Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy (CSIPD).

Since its beginnings, the CSIPD has been present at the various FAL events (Caracas, 2005; Nairobi, 2007 and Belém do Pará, 2009; Dakar, 2011) and has maintained an ongoing dialogue with international social movements and civil society in the international social forums held in those cities. It has thus become the communication channel between the political debates held in these events and UCLG, and has undertaken its own political initiatives based mainly on two areas: social inclusion and participatory democracy. A third area, human rights, was added to the Committee's work soon afterwards, and was extensively developed with the production of two documents, the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City (formally adopted by the Florence UCLG World Council in 2011) and the European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City (Saint-Denis, 2000). As a result, five years after it was established, the Committee on Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy has renamed itself as follows: Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights.

B. MISSION

The Committee aims to contribute 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, the exchange of experiences and the collective generation of new knowledge in order to establish guidelines for designing innovative local policies in the three areas in which the Committee works.

C. INTERNAL ORGANISATION

COMPOSITION. The Committee consists of:

- local governments (individual cities or associations of local governments);
- local government networks;
- partners (universities and civil society organisations).

Becoming a member of the Committee is free and must be arranged through UCLG's World Secretariat and the Committee's Executive Technical Secretariat. The Committee aims to ensure balanced geographic representation, and those members not belonging to UCLG will be encouraged to adhere to the organisation.



GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND TASKS. The 102 Committee members are the plenary body, which is responsible for defining the general political directives of the Committee.

Specification and implementation of the political directives will be the responsibility of the Committee's bureau, which consists of a President, First Vice-president and several Regional Vice-presidents. The Committee will ensure balanced political representation in its bureau. We propose the following governing body for the period 2011 – 2013:

President: Barcelona (Spain)

First Vice-president: Saint-Denis / Plaine Commune (France)

Regional Vice-presidents:

Africa: Passy or Pikine (to be determined)

Latin America: Guarulhos (Brazil) and Montevideo (Uruguay)

Asia: Federation of Municipalities of Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)

Europe: Aubagne, Nantes (France) and FAMSI (Spain)

The President of the Committee is its leading political representative. The First Vice-president will be in charge of the institutional relations of the Committee in general, and will particularly participate at UCLG statutory meetings on behalf of the Committee. The regional vice-presidents will contribute to expanding the work of the Committee in their respective territorial areas and will represent it on a collegiate basis. The members of the bureau will ensure the financing of the Committee.

Working groups can be created based around the Committee's three areas of work (social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights) in order to contribute to the development of each one of these areas, and they will support the bureau in the definition and execution of the working plan. Each working group will be chaired by a bureau member. Nowadays the Committee has a working group on Local Economic Development, chaired and coordinated by the FAMSI (Andalucian Fund of Towns for International Solidarity)¹⁵.

The Executive Technical Secretary will be responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of the working plan, fostering the 3 groups and organising and following up Committee meetings.

OPERATION. The Committee meets once or twice a year in a plenary session to monitor the progress of its strategic objectives. Committee meetings will take place at the statutory meetings of UCLG (Executive Bureau, World Council or World Congress) or on the occasion of events organised by a city, international network or organisation with which the Committee collaborates.

The political directives of the Committee will be specified in these meetings, and will be produced using participatory methodologies with decisions reached on the basis of consensus. Members that are unable to attend these meetings will be able to send their contributions in writing to the Executive Technical Secretary, who will be responsible for presenting them at the meeting and duly informing of the decisions taken.

The Committee's working groups can also convene sectorial meetings, the proposals of which will be notified to the bureau by the Executive Technical Secretary for assessment.

The working languages of the Committee are Spanish, English and French.

¹⁵ See annex 4, page 21.



D. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2011 - 2013

After an extensive process of collective reflection that took place at the plenary meetings in Getafe (June 2010) and Mexico City (November 2010), the members of the Committee defined several strategic priorities, which have been reformulated as follows to align them with the UCLG Strategic Plan 2010 – 2016:

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE. *Leadership, vision and strategy, communication.*

a. - Promote political participation and shared leadership of the Committee. To that end, the Committee will collaborate with UCLG on the preparatory processes for the various international summits. It will also seek to ensure gender equality in its representative bodies (Presidency and Vice-presidencies) and will organize its working meetings using participatory methodologies.

b. - Reinforce the strategy of communication and international visibility. The web platform will be reinforced and equipped with virtual and interactive media for communication/networking. Efforts will also be made to ensure that the Committee participates in international events, especially in Africa and Asia, which can contribute to raising the profile of its work and increasing the number of members.

REPRESENTATION. *Recognition, political positioning and promotion of policies.*

a. - Promote social inclusion policies. Disseminate the political document *For a world of inclusive cities*, adopted by the UCLG World Council in 2008 on the initiative of the Committee.

b. - Promote human rights policies through the *Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City* (adopted by the UCLG World Council in 2011 on the initiative of the Committee) and the *European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City* (adopted in Saint-Denis in 2000).

c. - Increase the Committee's contacts with United Nations agencies and with other international organisations in the areas of local policies for social inclusion, participation and human rights.

INTELLIGENCE. *Compilation, analysis and socialization of knowledge and information.*

a. - Consolidate the *Inclusive Cities Observatory* as a space for analysis and reflection on local social inclusion policies that contribute to providing inspiration for other cities when designing and implementing its social inclusion policies.

b. - Establish mechanisms for cooperation with leading research centres in the field of local policies for social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights.

COOPERATION. *Development of concepts, strengthening of capacities of local governments and mobilization of resources.*

a. - Examine the possibility of implementing cooperation initiatives, for the direct transfer of experiences relating to the design and implementation of policies for social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights. The Committee will thereby make the transition from promoting policies to building them on the ground, thanks to the multinodal transfer of experiences and practices and North-South and South-South cooperation.

b. - Seek the financing sources necessary to undertake projects of this nature, which will be carried out by means of city-city relationships and/or between groups of cities.



ORGANIZATION. *Relations with the UCLG's members, regional committees and sections, networks of cities and other international partners.*

a. - Consolidate dialogue with other UCLG regional committees and sections. Invite them to participate in the development of the Committee's initiatives and at the same time, be at their disposal to cooperate in the activities they promote.

b. - Contribute to the development of the UCLG Strategic Plan 2010 – 2016. Analyze which initiatives and activities arising from the Strategic Plan 2010 – 2016 the Committee can cooperate with.

c. - Consolidate links with other networks of cities. Continue the normal line of cooperation with the FAL, FALP and IOPD. Start a close relationship with Brazilian the Participative Budget Network, with other Participatory Budgeting networks in the region and with Mercociudades. Explore ways of cooperation with existing networks in Africa and Asia.

E. BUDGET

The Presidency and Vice-presidencies of the Committee ensure the Committee's financial maintenance.



5. ANNEX 3. COMMITTEE'S ACTION PLAN 2012

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

- Participate in preparatory processes for coming **international events** to highlight the importance of policies for social inclusion, public participation and human rights: *VI World Water Forum* (Marseilles, 12 – 17 March), *Rio Summit +20* (Rio de Janeiro, 20 – 22 June), *VI UN HABITAT World Urban Forum* (Naples, 1 – 7 September) and *VI Africities Forum* (Dakar, 4 – 8 December).
- Support the organization of **UCLG statutory meetings**: the Executive Bureau (Rio de Janeiro, 18 – 19 June) and the World Council (Dakar, 4 – 8 December).
- **Publish** the *Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City* and the *European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City*; republication of the political document *For a world of inclusive cities*.
- Restructure the Committee's **website** to facilitate browsing; improvement of Internet positioning; inclusion of social networks in the Committee's communication strategy.

REPRESENTATION

- Promote the signing of the **Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City** and its recognition at international level. Presentation of the Charter-Agenda at the *World Human Rights Cities Forum* in Gwangju, South Korea (15 – 18 May).
- Organise the **World Conference of Cities Human Rights**, 10 – 12 December 2012, Saint-Denis (France).
- Consolidate **political links** with United Nations agencies and with European institutions (Council of Europe and European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights) in order to announce the positioning of policies contained in the document *For a world of inclusive cities*, in the *European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City* and in the *Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City*.
- Cooperate in the preparation of the **IV UCLG Congress** (Rabat, 2013).
- Participate in collective reflection to prepare the UCLG's contributions to the **Millennium Goals Summit** (2015) and the **Third Habitat Summit** (2016).

INTELLIGENCE

- Promote and disseminate the **Inclusive Cities Observatory**. Joint organization of the *Cities Are Us Congress* (Coimbra, 28 – 30 June) with the Centre for Social Studies (CES) of the University of Coimbra based on the conclusions of the Observatory.
- Participate in the steering committee of the UCLG study **"GOLD III" on basic services**.
- Prepare an **International Seminar on "Inclusive Cities"** (1st Semester of 2013, Barcelona).



COOPERATION

- Explore the possibility of presenting a project to a in order to obtain financial resources for a pilot project on **peer learning between cities**.
- **Support UCLG** in the implementation of programmes aimed at fostering decentralized cooperation and mutual learning.
- Cooperate with the project "**Mediterranean City-to-City Profiles and Dialogue**" (in which the ICMPD¹⁶, UCLG and UN-HABITAT are partners), aimed at promoting social inclusion among the migrant community in cities in Mediterranean countries. The execution will depend on obtaining European resources.

ORGANIZATION

- Foster links with **regional sections** and other UCLG **working committees** by means of participation in working meetings organized by the UCLG International Secretariat.
- Foster links with the **Local Authorities Forum for Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy** (FAL) and with the **World Forum for Suburban Local Authorities** (FALP). Support for the organization of the III FALP (Canoas, Brazil, 2013).
- Participate in the XII Annual Conference of the **International Observatory on Participatory Democracy** – IOPD (Porto Alegre, 11 – 13 June).

¹⁶ International Centre for Migration Policy Development.



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

2012	
February	
March	
12-17	6 World Water Forum, Marseilles (France)
April	
May	
15-18	World Human Rights Cities Forum 2012, Gwangju (South Korea)
June	
11-13	12 Conference of the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy, Porto Alegre (Brazil)
18-19	UCLG Executive Bureau, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) Meeting of Working Group on Local Economic Development
20-22	UN Summit Rio+20, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
28-30	Congress "Cities Are Us", Coimbra (Portugal)
July	
2-7	Summer University "Cities Are Us", Lisbon (Portugal)
August	
September	
1-7	6 World Urban Forum, UN HABITAT, Naples (Italy)
October	
November	
December	
4-8	6 Forum Africities, Dakar (Senegal)
10 - 12	World Conference "Cities for Human Rights", Saint-Denis (France)



6. ANNEX 4. STRATEGIC PLAN 2012 – 2013 OF THE WORKING GROUP ON LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ¹⁷

TEXT AND BACKGROUND FOR JUSTIFICATION AND RELEVANCE

As Vice-Presidents of the Commission on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights in the City of the UCLG and taking into account the working plan and the objectives of this Commission, this document presents the main lines of action of the Working Group on Local Development in the proposal of the Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity (FAMSI) within the framework of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).

This Working Group aims to contribute to the objectives laid down by the CISDPDH and to the general objectives of the UCLG, reinforcing cooperation between local governments in the different regions of the world and participating actively in achieving full recognition of the role of local governments in the worldwide debate on new development models and the role of local economic development.

Local entities are experts in all of the sectors of urban and local development and in the provision of basic services to the population. This is why it is important to highlight the significant quantitative and qualitative role of local government in economic development. The UCLG, local governments, associations and networks all face an overriding challenge, which is to inform, mobilise and raise public awareness and opinion on a local level, directly involving the public and contributing to the acceptance of the values of an economy which serves the people and the territories and which is based on solidarity and development aid among peoples.

In this regard, the aim is to contribute to the development of proposals and initiatives for collaboration and cooperation between local governments and associations in order to enrich the debate within UCLG and to participate in the elaboration of UCLG policy and its implementation in the area defined by the Executive Bureau and within the framework of the Operative Programme up to 2016

The global crisis is an opportune moment to rethink and to restructure the role of the state and of local public authorities as a means of activating a response to the crisis and thereby promoting local development under sustainable, participatory criteria between the government, civil society and private stakeholders. This would mean developing an effective means of democratising the development process with a territorial focus. We recognise that there has been relevant experience in local development, generated especially by local governments and Local Development Agencies, but the results have not been adequately socialised and we recognise that the effective progress of local development is related to innovation, knowledge management and national-local articulation for the reinforcement of good governability, which requires the improvement of the quality of public policies at local level and the consolidation of local governance.

The background to this working group is the "First World Forum of Local Development Agencies, Territory, Economy and Local Governance: new views for times of change", organised by FAMSI, jointly with UNPD ART Initiative and Andalusian Regional Government, and held in Seville on 5 - 7 October 2011, with the participation of over 1300 representatives from 47 countries, including representatives of local, regional and national governments, local economic development agencies, multilateral organisations, universities, international cooperation institutions, as well as many networks, social organisations and experts on the territorial dynamics of development in their respective national processes.

¹⁷ Grupo de trabajo presidido por el FAMSI.



The “First World Forum” was the culmination of fruitful collaboration between decentralised cooperation networks and multilateral frameworks whose forerunners were, between 2009 and 2011, the meetings in Montevideo (Uruguay), Buenos Aires and Morón (Argentina), Quito (Ecuador), Curitiba (Brazil), Santa Cruz (Bolivia), Dakar (Senegal), Brussels (European Parliament), Cordoba (Spain), Bogotá (Colombia), Maputo (Mozambique), Foligno (Italy) and Havana (Cuba). These meetings brought wide-ranging debate about the processes and experiences generated to date in this important field. These experiences made this Forum a unique opportunity for learning about the multiple facets of local human development and about the complexity of its articulation with decentralisation and deconcentration policies and sustainability in the context of the current global crisis.

This First World Forum, as reflected in the *Seville Declaration*, took the decision to become the Permanent World Forum of Local Development Agencies, with the launch of an International Council, a Technical Secretariat and territorial and thematic Antennae, with the intention to continue working together, networking for the production of knowledge, exchanging experiences and seeking answers and political impact, in a complex world context in which the development model is being questioned in the midst of a crisis which is, at the same time, an economic, financial, food, environmental and energy crisis and which brings with it an increase in migration and the forced displacement of persons, an unchecked chain of debt, an increase in social and territorial inequality and, with this, growing challenges to democratic governments with respect to the maintenance and consolidation of development objectives.

The focus of the actions of this Working Group is on local economic development as a public necessity, that is, as part of public policy in local and national government agendas. This view of development implies a territorial focus, based on endogenous resources and obeying environmental sustainability criteria. In turn, this view of local development must be constructed through public participation, it must strengthen decentralisation and it must involve an integrated vision of the territory, through participatory territorial planning. There is no doubt that this new view addresses the challenge of social inclusion and gender equality.

Local economic development is one of the pillars which are necessary in order to address more profoundly the processes of decentralisation and regionalisation. The working group has established a working method which requires:

- Progress in the construction of new views, through networking and strategies adapted to the global context, aiming at local, human, solidary, inclusive, sustainable development;
- Sharing experiences, tools and strategies for the application of a territorial focus in Local Development;
- Debate on the fundamental components and the great challenges facing future development strategies;
- Reflection on the need to articulate responses adapted to the global context emanating from the different territories and based on local realities;
- Recognition and sharing of weaknesses, agreement on the obstacles and the development of strategies that will allow us not only to transfer positive experiences but also to learn together from the errors and successes of the past in order to agree frameworks for common action that will serve as a reference point for Local Development.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKING GROUP

The working group aims to capitalise on the actions and experience of local governments in the field of local development through the networking of UCLG and through decentralised cooperation, from the construction of new views and strategies adapted to the global context, aiming at local, human, solidary, inclusive, sustainable development. It also aims to put the role of local governments in economic development policies and models at the centre of international debate, in which the UCLG participates.

Key issues / Proposed lines of work:

- One of the challenges of these new visions is the funding of local economic development. This challenge is a global responsibility and has political impact within the UCLG
- The capacity and effectiveness of the municipalities and local-regional development agencies as mechanisms to stimulate and guarantee the execution and facilitation of local development strategies and the strengthening of the institutions
- The need to include intermunicipal cooperation and the structuring of decentralised cooperation as logical, potential elements in support of local development.
- Discuss forms of public participation as an essential element of development, emphasising the role of women and civil society in the definition of and participation in economic, social and territorial development.
- The need to change the relationships between states and regions, which will require the modification of the management of government, its instruments, regulations and the means of reaching agreements.
- Promotion of innovation in order to widen the cross-sectoral logic and the instruments of territorial local development as a means of enhancing sustainability in local and territorial development.
- The search for ways to socialise the local development knowledge that is gathered in the world in order to have a more efficient and effective impact on this challenge.
- The strengthening and promotion of networks of local development agencies as drivers and as a technical instrument for economic development.

MAIN WORKING ACTIVITIES

- **KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION:** To produce a living corpus of knowledge which will be seen in dissemination, communication, training and empowering products, tools, practical experience banks, idea laboratories, project generation, etc. The aim is to valorise the experience gained and gather together existing knowledge in order to share it.
- **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EXCHANGE:** Support for a framework to structure technical assistance and exchange between countries, networks and stakeholders in the field of local economic development.
- **POLITICAL IMPACT:** Accompany the construction of agendas and encounters in order to influence policy in the territories, public and private institutions, international organisations and states within a framework of multilevel articulation.
- **COMMUNICATION:** Development of a powerful communications strategy through and for the networks and stakeholders involved.
- **STRENGTHENING OF THE NETWORKS:** Support for and strengthening of the process to structure the networks and the different stakeholders involved in local economic development.

The activities undertaken by this Working Group will be linked to the international agenda of local governments and international co-operation frameworks through:

- The Commission on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights in the City, CISDPDH, in UCLG
- World Forum of Local Development Agencies, which will host the 2nd World Encounter at Foz de Iguazú in 2013, with the support of the Brazilian Government
- The Commission on City Diplomacy, Peace Building and Human Rights of the UCLG
- The Commission on Decentralisation and Local Self-Government of the UCLG
- Articulation with the debates of the Structured Dialogue on centralised cooperation promoted by the European Commission
- Articulation with multilateral agencies and frameworks, such as the ART Programme, UNDP and UNO HABITAT



All of this will create a framework of networking with a multiplier effect on the activities undertaken in the project, as well as a process of institutional sustainability and a greater impact of the results.

METHODOLOGY OF THE GROUP

Organisation

- **Chair:** Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity, FAMSI

- **TERRITORIAL AND THEMATIC ANTENNAE:** A regional and thematic agenda is to be developed for the working group, bringing in a sectoral and territorial viewpoint. The thematic areas will be, in principle, Equality, Sustainable Development and Innovation,
 - Europe: Plaine Commune, France
 - Latin America: Montevideo , Executive Secretariat of Mercociudades,
 - Africa: Dakar, Senegal

- **The Technical Secretariat of the Working Group** will be based in and managed by FAMSI in Seville, and will be fully co-ordinated with the Technical Secretariat of CISDPDH and the World Secretariat of UCLG. The functions and responsibilities of the Secretariat will be defined jointly by the members of the working group.

- Evaluation, transversality and definition of a common position with other commissions and working groups of UCLG.

AGENDA 2012

- Meetings of the World Council and the Executive Bureau of UCLG
- Meetings with CISDPDH
- Agenda and meetings with the LEDA World Forum:
 - January 2012, Foz de Iguazú
- RIO+20 Conference, June 2012
- Africités, December 2012



7. ANEXO 5. FINAL DECLARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR "WATER, A COMMON ASSET OF HUMANITY: AN ISSUE AT STAKE FOR THE RIGHT TO THE CITY"

(Only available in Spanish and French. Please visit our website www.uclg.org/CISDP).



8. LIST OF COMMITTEE'S MEMBERS

AFRICA	
Burkina Faso	Ouagadougou
Burundi	Bujumbura
Mali	Bamako
Morocco	Tetouan
	Sidi Boumedhi

NORTH AMERICA	
Canada	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

LATIN AMERICA	
Argentina	Mendoza
	Rosario
	Santa Catalina
Brazil	Belo Horizonte
	Canoas
	Contagem
	Fortaleza
	Frente Nacional de Prefeitos (FNP)
	Guarulhos
	Osasco
	Porto Alegre
	Recife
	Rio de Janeiro
	Santa Maria
Várzea Paulista	
Chile	Chilean Association of Municipalities
	El Bosque
	La Pintana
	Puerto Montt
Colombia	Bogotá
	Medellín
Costa Rica	Escazú
Ecuador	Cuenca
	Quito
Mexico	Asociación de Autoridades Locales de México (AALMAC)
	Ecatepec de Morelos
	Federación Nacional de Municipios de México (FENAMM)
	Guadalajara
	Iztapalapa, Ciudad de México
Nicaragua	Managua
Peru	Villa El Salvador
Dominican Republic	Dominican Federation of Municipalities (FEDOMU)
Uruguay	Montevideo
Venezuela	Caracas



ASIA	
India	Calcutta
Sri Lanka	Federation of Sri Lanka Local Government Authorities

MIDDLE EAST – WEST ASIA	
Iran	Tehran
Palestine	Jericho Khan Younis
Turkey	Diyarbakir

EUROPE	
Belgium	Anthisnes Fontaine Lévèque Huy
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Tuzla
France	Arcueil Aubagne Bobigny Conseil régional Pays de La Loire Conseil régional Rhône-Alpes Conseil général Seine-Saint-Denis Conseil général Val-de-Marne Lyon Nanterre Nantes Saint-Denis Taverny United Cities France (CUF) Villeurbanne
Italy	Italian Committee of United Cities (CICU) Province of Milan Rome Venice
Poland	Lublin
Portugal	Gavião Palmela
Slovakia	United Cities Slovakia
Spain	Badalona Barcelona Cordova Diputació de Barcelona Diputación de Málaga Fondo Andaluz de Municipios para la Solidaridad International (FAMSI) Fons Català de Cooperació al Desenvolupament Santa Coloma de Gramanet Santa Cristina d'Aro Santa Margarida de Montbui San Sebastián Terrassa Viladecans
United Kingdom	Local Government International Bureau (LGIB) London
Switzerland	Geneva



INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS
American-European Association of Regions and Cities (AERYC)
Brasilian Network for Participatory Budgeting
European Observatory "Cities and Towns for all"
International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (IOPD)
Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy (FAL)
Forum of Local Authorities Peripheral (FALP)
Portuguese Network for Participatory Budgeting
Spanish Network for Participatory Budgeting
Signatory cities network of the European Charter on Human Rights in the City

PARTNERS	
France	International Secretariat <i>Human Rights & Local Governments</i> – Nantes, Pays de la Loire (SPIDH)
Mexico	Operational Centre for Housing and Settlement (COPEVI)
Portugal	Centre for Social Studies (CES), University of Coimbra Association In Loco
Spain	Institute of Human Rights of Catalonia (IDHC)