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1. MINUTES

The 1st 2014 Biannual Meeting of the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participative Democracy and Human Rights of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) was held on 17 May 2014 during the 4th World Human Rights Cities Forum, organised in Gwangju (South Korea) from 15 to 18 May 2014. The meeting took place at the Kimdaejung Convention Center between 9 am and noon.

Welcome and introductions

Mr. **Kyungryl Lee**, Director of Human Rights of Gwangju City Council (South Korea), began the meeting by apologizing for the absence of the Mayor, Mr. Kang Un Tae, who was unable to be present due to the imminent municipal elections. In his welcoming remarks, **Mr. Lee** emphasized Gwangju's commitment to becoming a human rights city, and emphasized that it is the first municipality in South Korea to have adopted a municipal human rights charter and to have set up various mechanisms and strategies to implement it.

Ms. Eva Garcia Chueca, Coordinator of the Committee, then welcomed all those attending and invited them to introduce themselves by saying their name and institution.

After the round of introductions, **Ms. Garcia Chueca** mentioned that the Committee was one of the co-organizers of the Forum this year, and that thanks to the work done on mobilizing cities, the event had a wide geographical representation: cities and institutions from 16 different countries and 4 regions were participating in the Forum. She then explained that the main objective of the meeting was to explore the possibility of creating a international network of cities for human rights and the right to the city with this broad-based amalgam of cities and actors.

Presentation of the work done by the Committee between 2005 and 2013

Turning to the first point on the agenda, the President of the Brazilian Association of Municipalities (ABM), **Mr. Eduardo Tadeu**, emphasized that the goal of the Committee was to create a unique space for political networking and exchange of experiences between local government, civil society organizations and academia in order to foster policies for social inclusion, participatory democracy, human rights and the right to the city.

Mr. Tadeu then briefly outlined the work done by the Committee between 2005 and 2013, highlighting the different results achieved in terms of political advocacy, exchange of experiences and research. In particular, the President of ABM mentioned the work done with the Centre for Social Studies (CES) of the University of Coimbra (Portugal) in documenting local social inclusion policies. The resulting case studies are available for consultation in the Inclusive Cities Observatory (www.uclg-cisdp.org/en/observatory). He also emphasized the adoption by UCLG of the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City in 2011, at the initiative of the Committee.





Discussion on the commitment towards the right to the city

Ms. Eva Garcia Chueca, Coordinator of the Committee, moved on to the next point on the agenda. She explained that the Committee had gradually included the concept of the "the right to the city" in its work as it considered it more transformative than "human rights in the city". She added that the possibility of changing the Committee's name was even considered: from "Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory democracy and Human Rights" to "Committee for the Right to the City". She argued that this could be particularly strategic during the current preparations for HABITAT III. She then gave the floor to participants to state their opinion.

Ms. Lorena Zarate, President of Habitat International Coalition (HIC), explained that the concept of "the right to the city" had gained strength within academic debate in recent years, and as a tool for political mobilization of social movements in Latin America and Europe. She also noted that the increasing use of this concept should make us be more careful regarding its content, strategies and political orientation. In that regard, she explained that the right to the city advocates for the transformation of urban inequalities and citizens' relationship with its city, and for addressing issues which are not covered by a traditional human rights approach (such as the social function of land and housing; the difference between public and individual interest; urban planning as a public service and not as a market commodity, etc.). Finally, **Ms. Zarate** stressed that apart from promoting political participation by citizens in public decision-making, the right to the city calls for the guarantee of all human rights *in* the city, as well as the rights *of* cities as political-administrative entities that require more powers, financial resources, and greater political recognition in global governance.

Mr. Hans Sakkers, Director of International Relations in the City of Utrecht (The Netherlands) and **Ms. Shams Asadi**, Human Rights Coordinator of the City of Vienna (Austria), expressed their disagreement with the Committee's change of name. They argued that the concept of the right to the city could restrict the range of cities joining the Committee due to its more ideological nature. The term "human rights in the city" is more politically neutral and therefore more inclusive. Besides, this latter term is based on the international consensus embodied by the Universal Human Rights Declaration.

Mr. Anselmo Lee, Executive Director of the South Korea Human Rights Foundation, asked how it would be possible to discuss the right to the city in contexts in which "classic" human rights are not recognized and implemented within a democratic framework.

Ms. Aida Guillen, Manager of the Human Rights Institute of Catalonia (Spain), agreed with previous opinions on endorsing internationally recognized standards. However, she warned that government policies are necessary in order to achieve them, and these policies are by definition framed within specific ideological positions. As such, it is difficult to argue that human rights are "neutral". **Ms. Guillen** added that she saw no contradiction between the concepts of *human rights in the city* and the *right to the city*.

Mr. Nelson Saule, Director of Polis Institute, São Paulo (Brazil), and **Ms. Rosa Icela**, Secretary of Social Development of the municipal government of Mexico City, stood up for the use of the right to the city because it provides clear guidance for local government in terms of developing policies to fight inequality and to promote human rights in the city.

Mr. Michele Grigolo, Researcher at the Centre for Social Studies of the University of Coimbra (Portugal), said that human rights are more widely accepted from an institutional point of view than the right to the city. The latter concept is often more contentious and divisive. He added that he saw more potential for influencing the New Urban Agenda by using the more classic term of "human rights in the city" because it would probably obtain more support from individuals and institutions. Finally, **Mr. Grigolo** recalled that the debate on the right to the city requires a strong civil society, which is something that is not present in many urban environments.





Ms. Annabelle Tangson, Mayor of San Luis (Philippines), and **Mr. Tadeu**, President of the Brazilian Association of Municipalities, expressed that the right to the city is still an unknown concept to most people, unlike the concepts of participatory democracy and social inclusion. They both emphasized the importance of undertaking educational work in that respect. **Mr. Tadeu** said that although the concept of the right to the city was introduced as a working area within the Committee some years ago, the current name allows more people understand the nature of its work.

Ms. Sharif Maimunah, Mayor of Seberang Perai (Malaysia), requested the floor to say that in her country, even the concept of "human rights in the city" is very new and is not always easily understood. As a result, in the city the discussion revolves around specific rights (workers' rights, children's rights, etc.).

Mr. Gerard Perreau, Honorary Deputy Mayor of Nanterre (France) and representative of Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities (FALP), welcomed the extensive presence of elected women at the meeting and expressed his hope that this dynamic continues at future meetings. He then stressed the importance of discussing the challenges of migration in preparatory debates on the New Urban Agenda. As for the concept of the right to the city, he said it has also become a focal working point within the FALP. From his point of view, it means empowering citizens. Finally, **Mr. Perreau** congratulated Gwangju City Council on its human rights indicators, and highlighted the importance of learning from experiences like this one, and adapting them to each context.

Mr. **Peakung Lee**, Director of Human Rights of Gwangju City Council (South Korea), added that it was more strategic to maintain the "human rights" axis in the Committee's name in order to reach more local governments, as not every city enjoys the same democratic development. However, as an alternative, he suggested creating a working group within the committee to work specifically on the right to the city.

Ms. Hedwig Schouten, Project Director of Nuremburg City Council (Germany), and **Mr. Manoj Rai**, Director of PRIA (India), also stood up for maintaining the Committee's name. **Mr. Rai** recalled the fact that the concept of right to the city is not yet known in many countries, such as in India.

At this point, **Ms. Lorena Zarate** explained that the right to the city aims to provide a different and more complex perspective on human rights, although not an unrelated one. In that respect, she agreed with some previously stated opinions, and said that the ideological nature of human rights is a result of how it they are implemented. **Ms. Zarate** also stressed that the role played by local authorities in recognizing and implementing human rights has been more progressive than that of national authorities. Ms. Zarate finally recalled the importance of incorporating the proposals of social movements in the agenda of local government.

Ms. Eva García Chueca, Coordinator of the Committee, expressed her gratitude for all the comments and added that several French cities that had been unable to travel to Gwangju supported the Committee change of name. However, in view of the debate, she said that the best approach would be not to make the proposed change and as an alternative, to establish a working group on the right to the city.

Ms. Icela, Secretary for Social Development in Mexico City, expressed her interest in leading this working group. Mexico City has worked hard on this issue, being the main result of it the adoption of the Mexico Charter for the Right to the City. Therefore, the city is in a good position to contribute to the Committee in this regard.

To conclude the first point on the agenda, **Ms. García Chueca** summarized the agreements reached: the Committee will retain its current name, but will continue to work in more depth on the the right to the city through a working group which will be led by Mexico City. The group's objective





could be to produce some guidelines on how to implement the right to the city through local public policies.

Strategic guidelines and governance of the Committee for the period 2014 – 2016: towards Habitat III

Ms. García Chueca, Coordinator of the Committee, began the discussion of the second point on the agenda by saying that for the period 2014-2016, the proposed work areas were: (i) to create an international network of cities for human rights and the right to the city; (ii) to embark on advocacy and lobby activities; (iii) to promote the exchange of experiences; and (iv) to engage in research, documentation and training. She added that the possibility of undertaking this work involved establishing partnerships with various actors, such as the cities and institutions present. She therefore invited those attending the meeting to express their interest in contributing to these activities.

Ms. Renata Boulos, Coordinator of International Relations of Guarulhos City Council (Brazil), said that her city participates in Mercociudades network, in which it coordinates the areas of education and social development. Guarulhos can therefore act as a link between the Committee and Mercociudades, and promote some joint projects, particularly with regard to the new working group on the right to the city.

Ms. Anabelle Tangson, Mayor of San Luis (Philippines), and **Ms. Sharif Maimunah**, Mayor of Seberang Perai (Malaysia), expressed their interest in bringing together the Committee and the national city networks they chair. In the Philippines, **Ms. Anabelle Tangson** chairs the Women Mayors Network, consisting of 291 mayors, while in Malaysia the Local Government Association is led by **Ms. Maimunah Sharif**. This association is made up by 42 local authorities, 4 of which are represented by women mayors.

Ms. Hanoi Sánchez, Mayor of San Juan de Maguana (Dominican Republic) and President of the Dominican Republic Municipalist Women's Union (UNMUNDO) thanked the organizers for their commitment to enhancing women's participation. She said that the low level of female representation at international events highlights the gap between the human rights discourse and its practice. The mayor added that her city is working intensively on housing and public space policies, which could be shared with the Committee.

Ms. Lorena Zárate, President of Habitat International Coalition (HIC), asked for the floor in order to outline the three international processes through which the Committee could work with Habitat International Coalition in terms of political advocacy and lobby:

- (i) the global debate on the post-2015 development agenda: Ms. Zarate emphasized the importance of including a territorial, human rights and right to the city perspective in this agenda. It is therefore essential to actively participate in the negotiation process and to draft a common document by September 2014.
- (ii) the discussions of the UN Human Rights Council: Ms. Zárate stressed that it ws highly important that the United Nations Human Rights Council Advisory Committee continued to work on the topic "human rights and local government". It is the first time this debate is taking place at the level of the United Nations and it would be essential that the resulting reports and recommendations were consistent with the agenda the Committee wishes to promote.
- (iii) the new Urban Agenda to be defined in Habitat III: finally, the President of HIC said civil society and local government have an important role in this process in terms of ensuring that the New Urban Agenda recognizes human rights in the city and the right





to the city. In this regard, she recalled that UN-Habitat, which is leading this process, does not use an human rights-based approach. For this reason, it is very important to work towards reinforcing this approach in the discussions.

International Agenda

In the final part of the meeting, which was devoted to discussing the Committee's future agenda of meetings, **Ms. Boulos**, Coordinator of International Relations of Guarulhos City Council (Brazil), and **Mr. Saule**, Director of Polis Institute, São Paulo (Brazil), announced the co-organization of the International Meeting on the Right to the City, which would will be held in São Paulo (Brazil) in November 2014. Ms. Boulos added that this event will include the Committee's 2nd 2014 Biannual Meeting, to be organised in the city of Guarulhos (São Paulo metropolitan area) one day before the International Meeting.

Finally, **Ms. García Chueca**, Coordinator of the Committee, invited the cities and organisations attending the meeting to express their interest in organizing an International Seminar of Local Government for the Right to the City, which the Committee wishes to organize in 2015. **Ms. Asadi**, Human Rights Coordinator of Vienna City Council, and **Ms. Icela**, Secretary for Social Development of Mexico City municipal government, announced their interest in hosting the event. **Ms. Tangson**, Mayor of San Luis (Philippines), and **Ms. Shariff**, Mayor of Seberang Perai (Malaysia), added they also wanted to host a meeting of the Committee.

Closing remarks

Ms. García Chueca, Coordinator of the Committee, sincerely thanked everyone for attending the meeting and launched an invitation to participate in the workshop on the right to the city that would take place afterwards.





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3. ANNEXE 1. PROGRAMME OF THE MEETING

Date: Saturday, May 17th, 2014

Time: 9 am - 12 am

Venue: Room 211, Kimdaejung Convention Center, Gwangju

Background and goals of the meeting

The Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights aims to contribute to articulating a common voice for cities in UCLG on social inclusion, participatory democracy, human rights, and the right to the city, as well as to advise local governments on the design of these policies.

The origins of the Committee lie in the first events of the **Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy** (FAL), a space for political discussion made up by local authorities from all over the world which takes places since 2001 in the framework of every World Social Forum (WSF).

Since its creation in 2005, the Committee has been present at the various FAL events and has maintained an ongoing dialogue with international social movements and civil society in the international social forums held in **Caracas**, 2005; **Nairobi**, 2007; **Belém do Pará**, 2009; **Dakar**, 2011; **Tunis**, 2013. It has thus become the bridge between the political debates held inside the FAL (and WSF) and UCLG.

Besides this, it has undertaken its own political work to foster local policies of social inclusion, participatory democracy, human rights and right to the city through different type of activities: advocacy and lobby, exchange of experiences, production of knowledge and networking.

Some of the tangible results of our work up to date are:

- Organisation of the 1st World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City (Saint-Denis, 2012) that was attended by around 200 participants and a total of 40 speakers from 16 countries (Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, France, Mexico, Portugal, Senegal, Slovenia, Spain, South Korea, Switzerland, The Netherlands, and the United States of America).
- The <u>Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City</u>, adopted by UCLG in 2011, and the <u>European Charter for Human Rights in the City</u> (Saint-Denis, 2000).
 The goal of these tools lies in the implementation of the <u>right to the city</u> through municipal policies and citizens' involvement in the design, monitoring and evaluation of these.
- The <u>Inclusive Cities Observatory</u>, a virtual platform launched in 2009 that contains 65 case studies on innovative policies for community development, access to public services, gender equality, environmental protection or poverty eradication, among other issues. This tool aims to promote the exchange of good practices and learning between cities.
- The document "For a world of inclusive cities", adopted in 2008 by UCLG, which is now the political position on social inclusion of the international organization
- Organization of the 1st International Seminar of Innovative Local Policies for Social Inclusion (Barcelona, 2007) involving 15 cities around the world to exchange experiences and good practices.





- Numerous <u>debates and round tables</u> on social inclusion, participatory democracy, human rights and right to the city, which took place in the framework of several international events, organized by city networks, United Nations agencies or civil society organizations.
- Political cooperation with several city networks (the FAL, Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy; the FALP, Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities; the IOPD, International Observatory on Participatory Democracy; Mercociudades...) and with civil society organizations (HIC Habitat International Coalition; IDHC, Human Rights Institute of Catalonia; Polis Institute, Brasil; CIVICUS; KHRF Korea Human Rights Foundation). This networking has led to advocacy initiatives and exchange of experiences, such as the launch of a political declaration on the concept note of the 7th World Urban Forum (Medellín, April 2014), signed by the Committee, the FALP, Mercociudades and HIC; participation at the 3rd FALP (Canoas, June 2013) or at the International Seminar "Climate change: a challenge for the construction of a sustainable and solidarity-based metropolis (São Leopoldo and Canoas, January 2012), organized by the FALP; among others initiatives.
- Institutional collaboration with international organizations such as <u>UNESCO</u>, <u>UNHABITAT</u>, <u>ILO</u>, the European Union (EU) <u>Fundamental Rights Agency</u> (FRA) and the <u>Council of Europe</u> (CoE).
- **Communication tools:** a webpage (www.uclg-cisdp.org), newsletters, mailing of circulars to members, active presence in social networks (Facebook: cisdp); Twitter: uclg cisdp), brochures and launch of a small collection of publications that includes the European Charter for Human Rights in the City, the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City and For a World of Inclusive Cities.

After almost a decade of existence and having consolidated its political voice inside CGLU, the Committee will discuss at the 1st 2014 Biannual Meeting how and with who it is going to work during the period 2014-2016 in order to: (i) **foster human rights and the right to the city at local level;** and (ii) **influence the New Urban Agenda** that will be adopted at the **Habitat III** United Nations Conference.

Time	Agenda	
8:30h-9:00	Participants' registration	
09:00-09:15	Welcome and round of presentations	
9:15-9:35	Presentation of the work undertaken by the Committee from 2005 to 2013	
9:35-10:10	The commitment towards the right to the city	
10:10-10:20	Pause	
10:20-11:40	Strategic guidelines and governance of the Committee for the period 2014 - 2016 towards Habitat III	
11:40-11:55	International agenda	
11:55-12:00	Closing & presentation of the right to the city workshop (12h-13h30)	

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08:30- 09:00	Participants' registration		
09:00- 09:15	Welcome → Mr. Kang Un Tae, Mayor of Gwangju Moderator: Ms. Eva Garcia Chueca, Committe and Human Rights of UCLG Participants' presentation	e on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy	
09:15- 09:35	Presentation of the work undertaken by the Committee from 2005 to 2013 > Mr. Eduardo Tadeu Pereira, President of the Brazilian Association of Municipalities (ABM) > Debate	[WHO WE ARE?] Brief description of the background, mission, strategic priorities and activities undertaken by the Committee since its creation. Special emphasis will be placed on the results obtained in terms of advocacy, exchange of experiences, tools and international visibility. Background documents: Strategic Plan 2011-2013 Activities Report 2011-2013	
09:35- 10:10	The commitment towards the right to the city Ms. Lorena Zárate, President of the Habitat International Coalition (HIC) Ms. Rosa Icela Rodríguez, Secretary of Social Development, Mexico City Mr. Kyungryul Lee, Human Rights Director, Gwangju, Korea Mr. Gérard Perreau, Honorary Deputy Mayor of Nanterre, France, and representative of the Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities (FALP) Debate	[WHAT DO WE WANT?] Discussion on the proposal of changing the name of the Committee to "Committee for the right to the city" and of explicitly focusing its work on this topic. Presentation of some tools for the promotion of the right to the city around the world. Reflection on the promotion of the right to the city by peripheral local authorities. Background documents: > European Charter for Human Rights in the City (2000) > World Charter for the Right to the City (2010) > Mexico City Charter for the Right to the City (2010) > Global Charter Agenda for Human Rights to the City (2011)	





	Gwangju Human Rights Charter (2012)				
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	Development, Mexico City Ms. Su Li Chiung Kaohsioung, Deputy Secretary General, Kaosiung City, Taiwan Mr. Hans Sakkers, International Relations Director, Utrecht, Netherlands Mr. Parpat Poochareon, Mayor of Lamphun Municipality, Thailand Ms. Shams Asadi, Human Rights Coordinator, Vienna, Austria Ms. Aida Guillén, Director, Catalonia Human Rights Institute	
11:40- 11:55	International Agenda International Meeting for the Right to the City and 2nd Committee Meeting, Sao Paulo – Guarulhos, Brazil (November 2014) Ms. Renata Boulos, International Relations coordinator of Guarulhos, Brazil Mr. Nelson Saule Jr., Polis Institute, Brazil Organization of the International Seminar of Local Governments for the Right to the City (2015) Mr. Eduardo Tadeu Pereira, President of the Brazilian Association of Municipalities (ABM)	Invitation to the cities / organizations present to: (i) participate at the event taking place in Brazil; (ii) host the International Seminar of Local Governments for the Right to the City (2015) Background documents: Call for candidacies for the organization of the International Seminar of Local Governments for the Right to the City Program and Final Declaration of the 1st World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City (Saint-Denis, 2012)
11:55- 12:00	Closing Mr. Kyungryul Lee, Human Rights Director, Gwangju, Ko Ms. Lorena Zárate, President of the Habitat International	