

**UCLG COMMITTEE ON  
SOCIAL INCLUSION, PARTICIPATORY  
DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
ACTION PLAN 2020**



**MEETING POINT FOR  
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN UCLG  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
THE RIGHT TO THE CITY**



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Participatory Democracy  
and Human Rights



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# ABOUT THE COMMITTEE 01

The **UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights (UCLG CSIPDHR)** brings together local and regional governments committed to the global advance of human rights and the right to the city. In the framework of UCLG, it aspires to articulate a common voice of the world organization of local governments on social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights issues. The Committee is formed by more than one hundred local governments coming from all the world regions, actively collaborating with civil society, researchers and other city networks. Throughout two decades, multiple local leaders have taken part in its meetings, configuring a lasting legacy linked to the values of municipalism and the idea that *“Another world is possible, and it starts in the city!”*.



# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR 2020 02

In 2020, local governments gathered in the framework the UCLG CSIPDHR will strengthen its strategy focused on promoting the right to the city and human rights within the framework of UCLG - the world organization of local governments. They will do so in connection to ongoing networking process, such as global advocacy towards the UN Human Rights system or the organization of the tenth edition of the World Human Rights Cities Forum.

The Committee will support related local government initiatives, such as political debates, learning events, knowledge exchange or field visits. These events bring together different local governments, as well as civil society partners and academia. In parallel, the Committee will foster once more its partnership with the Global Platform for the Right to the City.

Our members thematic focus on areas such as the right to housing and the local governance of migration will also be strengthened, thanks to previous partnerships with local and global

stakeholders and projects like the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Housing or the MC2CM Project. The UCLG CSIPDHR will equally seek greater articulation with emerging issues in the global agenda for 2020 – such as fighting urban violence and promoting peace culture, developing women rights in the city, localizing climate justice or fostering new partnerships on social and solidarity economy. This articulation will build on priorities established by the UCLG Congress and its local government membership after 2019.

## **THEMATIC FOCUS AND ACTIVITIES** 03

### **CO-CREATING THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS CITIES**

The UCLG CSIPDHR will seek to consolidate and expand the global movement of “Human Rights Cities” through the co-organization of various events and networking opportunities bringing together local governments, civil society and stakeholders in the UN Human Rights system. In the same vein, the UCLG CSIPDHR will seek to develop an integrated approach to the 2030 Agenda on the basis of the human rights-based approach. The Committee will co-organize the tenth edition of the World Human Rights Cities Forum in partnership with its co-chair (Metropolitan City of Gwangju), as well as other global and regional meetings of human rights cities in order to promote political debate and knowledge exchange. Finally, the Committee will also support new policy developments led by local authorities in this field.

#### **Course of action**

*Organizing meetings of human rights cities (political debates, learning events, field visits...)*

*Supporting the implementation of new policies and initiatives on human rights by members*

*Strengthening the recognition of local governments’ role in the promotion and protection of human rights by the UN Human Rights system, while building and consolidating new partnerships with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)*

*Developing an integrated approach to the 2030 Agenda after the rights based approach*

*Deepening the UCLG CSIPDHR thematic focus on concrete human rights issues, such as non-discrimination and fight against hate speech and radicalization*

#### **Events and initiatives**

*Participating in the NOW Conference «Space for Encounter» (February, Vienna)*

*Co-organizing a meeting on «Local Governments and Human Rights» in partnership with the German Agency GIZ to launch a national human rights cities process in Equator (April, Quito)*

*Co-organizing the 10th World Human Rights Cities Forum (May, Gwangju)*

*Collaborating with South Africa's National Human Rights Commission in order to launch a national human rights cities process in South Africa (September, Johannesburg)*

*Participating in the HAM Festival – Human Rights Cities in Indonesia (Autumn, Banjarmasin)*

## **RIGHT TO THE CITY: DEFENDING SPATIAL JUSTICE AND PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY**

As a platform for local government and civil society thematic networking in UCLG, the Committee will seek to link different initiatives and priorities led by member local governments on right to the city issues, socio-spatial justice and participatory democracy. This line of action will particularly showcase the work led by social movements and global civil society. The Committee will actively seek to play a role in shaping, developing and advancing UCLG's strategic priorities and action agenda on local democracy and equality this 2020.

### **Course of action**

*Advancing UCLG membership strategic priorities on local democracy and equality (including policy, advocacy and research agendas)*

*Strengthening working relations between the Committee and global civil society, especially the Global Platform for the Right to the City*

*Promoting members' debates on democratic metropolitan governance and polycentrism*

*Participating in the 2020 Jury of the next IOPD International Award, and supporting the organization of the IOPD Annual Conference*

### **Events and initiatives**

*Contributing to the drafting process of the GOLD VI Report*

*Participating in the Meeting of the KNOW Project – «Knowledge in Action for Urban Equality» on urban inequalities (January, Bangalore)*

*Participating at the HLPF – Monitoring of the 2030 Agenda (July, New York)*

*Participating at the IOPD Annual Conference (Summer, Cocody)*

## **RIGHT TO HOUSING: ADVANCING THE "CITIES FOR HOUSING" DECLARATION AND THE SHIFT**

The Committee will offer a platform for developing joint initiatives around the Declaration “Cities for Adequate Housing” and the concrete implementation of the Right to Housing. This will deal with developing further the contents of the declaration, supporting related local governments initiatives and fostering knowledge exchange. UCLG’s right to housing initiative is advanced in partnership with the “The Shift” campaign, the UN Special Rapporteurship on the Right to Housing and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights – OHCHR.

## ***Course of action***

*Developing further the contents of the “Cities for Adequate Housing” Declaration and promoting its local implementation*

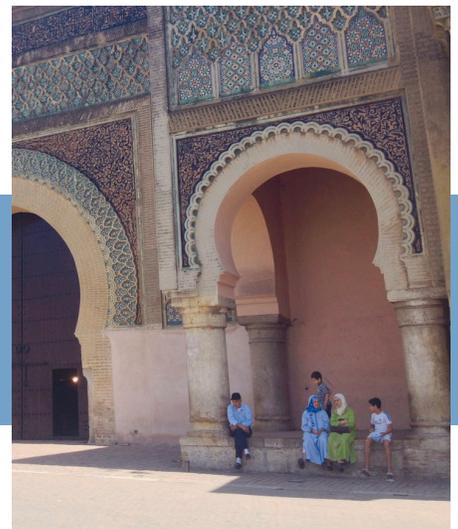
*Organizing meetings of “Cities for Adequate Housing” (debates, learning events or field visits*

*Articulating the initiatives of local governments with civil society / social movements on cooperative and/or alternative housing*

*Following-up on the partnership and supporting “The Shift” initiative*

## ***Events and initiatives***

*Presentation of the Report “Guiding Principles on the Implementation of the Right to Housing” by UN Special Rapporteur Farha at the UN Human Rights Council (March, Geneva)*



## ***BUILDING WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE URBAN TERRITORIES TOWARDS MIGRANTS***

This thematic axis will seek to share the challenges, experiences and initiatives related to the way in which local governments address the local impact of migration. This will also be linked to the “global governance” of such phenomenon, and to many local governments’ desire to guarantee human rights universality and fight discrimination and racism. The UCLG CSIPDHR partnership with the MC2CM project will play an essential role in advancing this agenda.

## Course of action

*Participating in the MC2CM Project on “City-to-City migration in the Mediterranean”*

*Organizing local government meetings, debates, learning events or field visits;*

*Developing a guide containing local policies on migration and social inclusion*

## Events and initiatives

*Webinar on the social inclusion of migrants and economic/labour integration (May, online)*

*Local government peer learning on “Urban Citizenship” (June, Grenoble)*

*Webinar on migrant women in urban territories (second half of 2020, online)*



## EMERGING PRIORITIES: CONTRIBUTING TO THE GLOBAL AGENDA OF 2020

The 2020 global agenda of local governments and UCLG is full of different transformations and emerging topics and priorities: From the beginning of the “Implementation Decade” of the 2030 Agenda to the organization of various forums and networking spaces on emerging issues that are particularly relevant to member local governments. Since many of these topics are closely linked to debates held in the framework of the Committee over the last years, our network will seek to articulate its work with the one of other initiatives and networks.

## Course of action

*Articulation with existing initiatives on **Women’s Rights and the Right to the City for Women** within the framework of UCLG, its partners or other global initiatives;*

*Articulation with existing initiatives on the **Ecological Transition from a Right to the City and Climate Justice** within the framework of UCLG, its partners or other global initiatives;*

Articulation with existing initiatives on **Peace Culture and Urban Violence** within the framework of UCLG, its partners or other global initiatives;

Articulation with existing initiatives on **Social and Solidarity Economy** within the framework of UCLG, its partners or other global initiatives;

## **Events and initiatives**

Developing a project around the “Global Observatory on Violence Against Women” with the Seine-Saint-Denis Departmental Council;

Developing a Women Rights-based advocacy strategy towards the Beijing +25 process;

Participating in the World Social Forum on Transformatory Economies (June, Barcelona);

Participating in the World Forum of Social Economy – GSEF (October, Mexico City)

Participating in the third edition of the World Forum of Cities for Peace and against Urban Violences (Autumn, Mexico City);

## **SETTING THE UCLG CSIPDHR AGENDA FOR 2020**

**SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY**  
**RIGHT TO HOUSING**  
**EQUALITY**  
**RIGHT TO THE CITY**  
**WOMEN RIGHTS**  
**NON-DISCRIMINATION**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS**  
**URBAN VIOLENCES & PEACE CULTURE**  
**MIGRATION**  
**SOCIO-SPATIAL JUSTICE**  
**HATE SPEECH**  
**CLIMATE JUSTICE & ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION**  
**MEMORY**  
**HISTORICAL**

### **LOCALIZING THE GLOBAL GOALS**

## **STRENGTHENING THE NETWORK 04**

The Committee has offered a platform for local governments networking and collective action on issues related to the right to the city and human rights since 2005. At the current moment, and following-up on the 2019 UCLG Congress outcomes, it will enhance its coordination efforts towards UCLG global membership priorities and action plan, as well as in the framework of the overall Localization of the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda.

## **Course of action**

*Promoting local government participation in UCLG statutory mechanisms and advocacy process  
(Policy Councils, Waves of Action, Local for Action Hubs...)*

*Promoting working relations between the World Secretariat, Sections, Committees, Foras,  
Observatories and Communities of Practice*

*Promoting new partnerships between UCLG, civil society and academia*

*Identifying new local governments working on topics addressed by the Committee and  
promoting their participation in UCLG*

*Consolidating new ways of member engagement around emerging priorities and thematic areas*

*Mapping and showcasing members' practices on thematic areas linked to the Committee's work*

*Contributing to GOLD reports on the basis of UCLG CSIPDHR members' experience*

## **Events and initiatives**

*World Urban Forum (February, Abu Dhabi)*

*UCLG Retreat (February, Tangier)*

*UCLG Executive Bureau (May, Rome)*

*UCLG World Council (Fall, Guangzhou)*

## **UCLG CSIPDHR CO-CHAIRS AND PARTNERS**

