The Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, “Habitat III,” was held in Quito, Ecuador, from 17 to 20 October 2016.

Taking advantage of the presence of many Members, Friends and Allies in Quito, HIC held various institutional activities, including the Board meeting and the General Assembly meeting. This also represented the perfect occasion to celebrate HIC’s 40th anniversary and review together our common memories and achievements from the last 40 years, fighting for the rights related to Habitat and social justice.

At the same time, other HIC members and representatives participated in the Social Forum in Resistance to Habitat III, FLACSO Seminar, PUCES Forum, expositions, launching of publications and in multiple activities inside the Habitat III Conference.
1. HIC General Assembly 2016

More than 150 participants, including representatives from 74 HIC member organizations - social and human rights movements, civil society and grassroots organizations and academia, among others - coming from 26 countries and all regions joined HIC’s General Assembly.

HIC-GA started with a greeting by HIC Wisdom Keepers Enrique Ortiz, Barry Pinsky and Ana Sugranyes. This was followed by the presentation of several reports from HIC Presidency, Reference Centers and General Secretariat, as well as many HIC members' initiatives, HIC’s actions in Quito and the discussion of a joint declaration.

This joint Statement on Habitat III expresses the commitment of HIC members to remain endeavoured to work towards a fairer world and vigilant on any setbacks on Human Rights obligations implementation. HIC members, friends and allies are in Quito inspired and committed in the defense of a Habitat Agenda with good governance and human rights as backbone to guide and support Human rights global policies and its corresponding obligations to deal with current Habitat challenges.

**HIC’s Participation:** HIC Members, friends and allies

**Organized by:** HIC

2. HIC’s 40th Anniversary Celebration

This was a moving and inspiring celebration, a moment to remember 40 years of action through a selection of texts and images, to pay homage to crucial actors in HIC history, and to plan the future of the Coalition.

**HIC’s Participation:** HIC Members, friends and allies

**Organized by:** HIC
3. Alternative Forum: Resistance to Habitat III: Opening

The Social Forum in resistance to Habitat III continued the legacy of other Social Forums held before UN Habitat mega-events, such as the People’s Alternative Urban Social Forum in Medellin (April 2014), the Urban Social Forum in Naples (September 2012) and the World Assembly of Inhabitants in Tunisia (2013 and 2015).

The People’s Committee for Our Territories was created in opposition to Habitat III. In November 2015, the Committee began by questioning the urban model increasingly imposed by connivance government-capital on cities around the world. The model originated in the preceding Habitat I and II summits, events which failed to take account of citizens’ voices and demands, particularly those of the poor and marginalized.

The Forum in Resistance took place in Quito on the same days as Habitat III, and provided a space for creating mobilization and developing proposals by citizens from the world’s marginalized sectors. Its agenda listed over 100 activities, including initiatives by HIC Member organizations (check this link for a comprehensive list of activities and actions). The Forum in Resistance challenged the global urban model, based as it is on an alliance between governments and capital, and which does not seek to achieve wellbeing for all people but rather to bolster already powerful groups.

Monday, October 17

4. SPH Housing Cooperatives Workshop Session 1

Workshop on Social Production of Habitat.

Organized by: FUCVAM, HIC member.

5. World Stage on Diyarbakir’s situation

A conversation about the future of cities during Habitat III. HIC-HLRN presented the Diyarbakir case. It was attended by the Mayor of Diyarbakir, Mrs. Gultan Kisanak, and International relations advisor of the Mayor.

HIC’s Participation: Joseph Schechla, HIC–HLRN’s coordinator.

Organized by: Next City, Habitat International Coalition

HIC-HLRN’s report on the situation in Diyarbakir: Forced Eviction and Urban Transformation as Tools of War: the Case of Diyarbakir, Turkey

6. Side Event. Social and Solidarity Economy, key sector to implement the New Urban Agenda

The side event emphasized the transformative role of SSE for cities and urban economies by providing access to equal and equitable employment to the most vulnerable groups of urban population, sharing of resources, social inclusion and improvement of the participatory democracy of cities through collective and people-centered decision-making processes that the New Urban Agenda aims to implement. SSE is therefore an axis of the Implementation Plan for the New Urban Agenda to achieve an effective implementation of Urban Paradigm Shift.
During this side event, representatives of States, Mayors, Institutions and Organizations that are members of the International Leading Group on SSE promoted SSE as a solution to the development of sustainable cities and human settlements, by sharing initiatives and good practices.

**HIC’s Participation:** Lorena Zárate, HIC’s President

**Organized by:** International Leading Group on Social and Solidarity Economy (ILGSSE)

Side Event of the International Leading Group on Social and Solidarity Economy

[Click here](#) to read the press release

7. **Conference "The future of cities in Latin America and the social production of habitat"**

The conference presented a reflection on urbanization processes occurring Habitat I to Habitat III in Latin American cities, as well as in the foreseeable future.

Emphasis was placed on the social production of habitat, a response to the problems raised by the rapid growth of urban settlements due to rural-urban migration.

**HIC’s Participation:** Enrique Ortiz Flores, HIC’s Wisdom Keeper

**Organized by:** Escuela Politécnica Nacional

8. **Side Event: Social Regulation of Real Estate Markets and Market Alternatives**

At this side event, members and partners of the “international working group for the promotion of market regulation and market alternatives at Habitat III” presented a summary of their findings and debates regarding needs and options for social regulation of real estate, housing, land, mortgage and other related markets as well as for public and community led alternatives to markets.

HIC-HLRN was involved in the elaboration of the first draft of the Statement and side event. The discussion continued in the GPR2C booth for two hours after the session

**HIC’s Participation:** Shivani Chaudhry, Housing and Land Rights Network – HIC-South Asia, Michael Kane, National Alliance of HUD Tenants, HIC member.

**Organized by:** Association des Comités de Défense des Locataires (ACDL), France Committee for a People’s World Cup, Brazil, Habitat International Coalition (HIC), Housing and Land Rights Network (HIC-HLRN), Housing and Land Rights Network, South Asia, Montfort Social Institute (MSI), India, National Alliance of HUD Tenants (NAHT), USA, Observatori DESC, Barcelona, Spain, Plataforma de Afectados por la Hipoteca (PAH), Spain and Witten Tenants Association / Habitat Netz, Germany.

9. **Special Session on Informal Settlements**

This session aimed at providing a practical guide on the approaches and actions that will help improve the lives of people living in slums and informal settlements through the New Urban Agenda as a framework.

Media stories of the event:

[http://elpais.com/elpais/2016/10/19/planeta_futuro/1476842304_120659.html](http://elpais.com/elpais/2016/10/19/planeta_futuro/1476842304_120659.html)


**HIC’s Participation:** Shivani Chaudhry, Housing and Land Rights Network – HIC-South Asia

**Organized by:** United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) ; United Nations High Commissioner For Human Rights (OHCHR).

10. **Exposition Opening "Una Ciudad para la Vida - veinte años después"**

This event showed the materials of the Habitat II exposition "Una Ciudad para la Vida". The speakers shared Habitat II experiences and information and compared them with the Habitat III process. For more information visit [Mario Vásconez’s blog](#).
Tuesday, October 18

11. Civil Society Organizations Roundtable

This roundtable focused on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and explored how civil society can catalyze actions around inclusion. Organizations came together to find common ground on addressing the key issues of discriminatory practices and affordability disparities in cities.

HIC’s Participation: Nelson Saule, Polis Institute, HIC member.

Organized by: UN-Habitat

This event featured the excellent practice of Self-help Housing in the North of England (UK) and Caño Martín Peña Community Land Trust (Puerto Rico), winners of the 2015-16 Awards.

2016 marks thirty years of the World Habitat Awards, co-ordinated by BSHF in partnership with UN-Habitat. The World Habitat Awards promotes solutions to housing problems around the world.

**HIC’s Participation:** Building And Social Housing Foundation (BSHF), HIC Member.

**Organized by:** Building And Social Housing Foundation (BSHF).

13. Side Event: Sustainable financing schemes for a livable and safe habitat

This event aimed to present a number of financing modalities that have proved to be effective, sustainable and affordable for the majority of the population that live in precarious housing conditions.

**HIC’s Participation:** Álvaro Puertas, HIC’s General Secretary, FUNDASAL and COCEAVIS, HIC Members

**Organized by:** FUNDASAL, Habitat International Coalition (HIC), Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), El Salvador’s Vice Ministry Of Housing And Urban Development (VMVDU) and COCEAVIS.
14. **Side Event. The New Agenda in light of Human Rights and Habitat II commitments: advances and setbacks**

This event was a cross-sector dialogue of civil society organizations, international networks, local government networks, donor agencies, UN’s officials and government representatives to discuss human rights and the legacy of Habitat II as an essential component of the Habitat III process and the new agenda.

Participants joined a participatory dialogue based in three main points:

(a) Advances and setbacks of the new agenda considering HRs and the HII commitments;

(b) Discuss a shared vision and human rights based methodology to guarantee substantive CS participation in the implementation of global agendas;

(c) Share current and future proposals for monitoring and evaluating the new agenda respecting human rights, HII commitments and existing international law.

**HIC’s Participation:** Shivani Chaudhry, Housing and Land Rights Network – HIC-South Asia, Enrique Ortiz, HIC’s Wisdom Keeper, Joseph Schechla, HIC-HLRN’s coordinator, Alexandre Fedriani and Barbara Lipietz from DPU, HIC member. Leilani Farha, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing also participated as a speaker in this event.

**Organized by:** HIC

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15. **SPH Housing Cooperatives Workshop Session 2**

Workshop on Social Production of Habitat.

**Organized by:** FUCVAM, HIC Member.
16. H3A. Panel 2 “For a democratic city: right to the city and urban governance”

Habitat 3 Alternative Seminar

**HIC’s Participation:** Silvia Emanuelli, HIC-AL's coordinator and Ana Sugranyes, HIC's Wisdom Keeper.

**Organized by:** FLACSO

17. GPRC booth.

Several events organized by the Global Platform for the Right to the City and HIC members:

17.1 Social Regulation of Real Estate Markets and Market Alternatives - follow up discussion

Follow-up of the side event of the working group “Social Regulation of Real Estate Markets and Market Alternatives” which consisted in an open discussion of international demands and strategies towards social regulation of real estate markets and alternatives to the existing markets. The first part of the discussion focused on concrete human rights driven regulation instruments and the second part brought ideas for concrete and targeted strategies and action at international levels.

**Organized by:** International Working Group for the Promotion of Market Regulation and Market Alternatives at Habitat III
17.2 No Construction, Minimization, Reuse and Dismantlement

n’UNDO rethinks architecture, intervening in the territory and the city from a position of No Construction, Minimization, Reuse and Dismantling. Holding the absence and the pre-existing above construction and the material, n’UNDO proposes repairing, cleaning, and recovering the landscape, the territory and the city, maintaining its gaps and silences. Not building as an alternative to proposals of unnecessary or irrelevant construction; reusing of abandoned or underused structures; minimizing existing elements of great impact; and dismantling those buildings that are unsustainable, harmful, or useless. n’UNDO develops a theoretical foundation and presents its work, inviting reflection, critique, discussion and action.

Organized by: n’UNDO

17.3 Bolivian experiences to boost the right to housing and to the city - a graphic exposition

Graphic exposition including several panels designed by members of RENASEH showing their work in favour of society.

Organized by: Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos (RENASEH), HIC Member

17.4 From Habitat I to Habitat III

The new issue of TRIALOG includes articles of people who attended Habitat I and Habitat II – Enrique Ortíz and John Turner - as well as statements of Habitat networks and grassroots in regard to Habitat III.

Organized by: TRIALOG, Germany. HIC member
17.5 Passerelle publication presentation "Unveiling the Right to the City"

The right to the city concept has seen a large number of setbacks, back and forths, interpretations and has been given different meanings. Many different agents have claimed the right to the city, from Nanterre University back in the 60’s to the favelas of Rio, the German self-governed groups or even the UN-Habitat. It is surely of interest to liven up the debate on a concept. Nothing is more pointless than having some principles stated in a book with no practical application of them. Naturally, very often the implementation stage generates disagreements. It is useless for some social movements and inevitable for some others, while some people do not use the term but concretely apply its components. Some, however, use the concept in order to alter the emancipatory potential Henri Lefebvre had thought out. How can we clarify it? How can we understand what the operators claiming the right to the city actually want? And, how do we connect the militants, researchers and local authorities who, without talking about it directly, try to achieve this essential utopia, the right to the city? This publication is a result of all of these questions, thanks to all the author’s contributions.

Organized by: Droit à la Belleville, HIC Member / Habitat International Coalition (HIC)
17.6 The Right to the City – building another possible world: guidelines for its understanding and operationalization – book launch

Is it a political claim conveying the utopian call of some urban groups that hope for another possible city? Or is it a programmatic instrument enabling key transformations to shift the current urban model? Our book tries to answer those and other questions by exploring the contents of the right to the city building on the struggles, experiences and mobilizations that have taken place during the last decades.

Organized by: Global Platform for the Right to the City

17.7 Geopolitics of the Cities. Old challenges, new issues – book launch and talk

How an urban global agenda should respond to the social, economic and environmental challenges faced by an unequal urban society? How would it address the increase of socio-spatial inequalities and segregation present in cities, mostly in developing countries? Who are the main actors of this new agenda? Will cities and their citizens be the new actors of global diplomacy? From approaches of various authors from different countries and multiple backgrounds, this book presents questions such as those. Also, will social participation and the deepening of democracy structures be the way for more human cities?

Organized by: IPEA – Institute for Applied Economic Research, Brazil

Description: How an urban global agenda should respond to the social, economic

17.8 International network of urban law: Right to the City and the implementation of the New Urban Agenda & book launch: “The Construction of Urban Law in Latin America” (Edesio Fernandes & Betânia Alfonsin)

Organized by: IBDU – Brazilian Institute of Urban Law

Regarding the role of National States in the implementation of the NUA, an important aspect relates to the recognition of rights by the urban legal order. For this reason, we propose the articulation of specialists, local authorities, advocacy organizations and international institutions, with a view to strengthen networks capable of promoting the advance of the debate around the role of the urban legal order.

17.9 Social Production of Habitat Platform – project presentations

Learn more about the Social Production of Habitat Platform and meet 6 inspiring community-driven projects from Latin America, winners of the Social Production of Habitat Award 2015 and 2016. UrbaMonde and Building and Social Housing Foundation presented the objectives of the Platform, its activities and its links with the Global Platform for the Right to the City, the right to housing and the city more generally. In the following, the project representatives shared their experiences and discussed with the participants. Additionally, they projected the videos of the Social Production of Habitat Meeting in Lima, Peru (October 2015) and Belgium (May 2016)!

Organized by: UrbaMonde, Building and Social Housing Foundation, FUCVAM, HIC’s members.

17.10 From the territory – research presentation on six Latin American countries’ settlements

The real situation and experiences of the people living in informal settlements in Chile, Haiti, Nicaragua, Peru, Dominican Republic and Uruguay were shared in a report that reveals the challenges that Latin American cities face to overcome the dynamics of inequality that build them nowadays.

Organized by: TEC HO Internacional

17.11 Habitat World map – exhibition

Exhibition of the Habitat World map initiative, a collective website consisting of 10 international networks involved in housing rights, drawing a link with the right to the city.

Organized by: Habitat et Participation ASBL, HIC’s member

17.12 Building the city from the urban communities

Integral approach to inclusive cities through methodologies focused on urban planning and sanitation and housing-community improvements.

Organized by: Fundación Pro Habitat, HIC’s member

17.13 Community Land Trust (CLT) in Belgium and land management alternatives – video screening and discussion
Screening of a video about Community Land Trust (CLT) in Belgium, followed by a discussion about CLT and other ways to manage land.

**Organized by:** Habitat et Participation ASBL, HIC’s member

### 17.14 What Does an Eviction Cost?
Realizing the right to the city/human rights habitat requires the prohibition of forced eviction and reparations for those affected. Applying methods and tools to quantify the losses, costs and damages of this gross violation, HLRN has gathered data that provide surprising assessment figures that (1) illustrate clearly how destructive is the practice and (2) specify the remedial measures needed. HLRN officers shared their experience applying these quantification methods in diverse cases.

**Organized by:** Housing and Land Rights Network (HIC-HLRN)

### 17.15 Books presentation “Habitat” and “Social Production of Habitat”
Presentation of the book “Habitat”, outcome of the training of social producers of habitat organized by the Secretaría Nacional de Acceso al Hábitat and the Universidad Nacional del Hábitat, as well as presentation of the book “Social Production of Habitat”, outcome of the training of over 1,200 members of cooperatives trained as social producers of habitat organized by the Secretaría Nacional de Acceso al Hábitat and the Universidad Nacional de San Martín.

**Organized by:** SeamosLibres-Lodemasnoimportanada

### 18. Special Session. Migration and Refugees
The New Urban Agenda and the Fight Against Discrimination

At its core, the phenomenon of urbanization is fundamentally about the movement of people. A human rights approach to urbanization will pay particular attention to the needs of all migrants and mobile populations, including refugees, migrants in an irregular situations, victims of trafficking, internally displaced persons, and unaccompanied children, for example in the context of health and education delivery or housing.

HIC’s contribution stressed the importance of preventing the conditions that make refugees and migrants leave their homes out of desperation and well-founded fear of persecution. HIC summarized a range of experiences of integrating refugees and migrants into urban governance by cities applying “the right to the city” and those chartered as “human rights cities” (São Paulo, Gwangju and Vienna), as well as the experience of Beirut in the context of the current refugee crisis. The presentation illustrated the principle that the refugee situation is a global responsibility that is largely discharged locally.

**HIC’s Participation:** Joseph Schechla, HIC–HLRN's coordinator.

**Organized by:** United Nations High Commissioner For Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations High Commissioner For Human Rights (OHCHR), International Organization For Migration (IOM), United Nations Department Of Economic And Social Affairs (DESA), Food And Agriculture Organization Of The United Nations (FAO), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UN-Habitat and United Nations Institute For Training And Research (UNITAR)

### 19. Special Session on Smart Cities
The New Urban Agenda references the role and potential of information and communications technologies (ICTs) to advance the goals of and address the challenges posed by urbanization, presenting new opportunities for making cities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.

**HIC’s Participation:** Lorena Zárate, HIC’s President.

**Organized by:** International Telecommunication Union (ITU); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) ; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Based on case studies in Haiti, India, several other countries in Africa, Latin America, and Europe, the event sought to understand the main deadlocks impeding the achievement of security of tenure and social inclusion in existing cities. It advocated for a more realistic approach of social inclusion, based on the reduction of social and economic inequities (including gender inequities), the acknowledgment of the social function of land, the struggle against forced evictions, the integration of informal and marginalized neighborhoods into the city, the
empowerment of local knowledge and the promotion of communities' participation to the decision-making processes. This event contributed to the New Urban Agenda by providing concrete recommendations on implementation, such as: promotion of alternative forms to recognize and secure access to land, tenure and housing; presentation of mechanisms able to improve security of land tenure; provision of concrete examples of actions able to improve social inclusion and reduce inequities and vulnerabilities; promotion of realistic housing approaches, based on the production of adequate and affordable housing by public sector, the provision of serviced land plots but also based on the public assistance and recognition of self-build solutions; avoidance of encompassing housing and land only with their economic value; assurance of social mix in new areas and rehabilitated settlements and avoidance of gentrification of low income neighborhoods; attention to in situ rehabilitation; support of production of knowledge and information by inhabitants and promotion a fair participation and a sound contribution of inhabitants to the decision-making process.

**HIC's Participation:** Shivani Chaudhry, Housing and Land Rights Network – HIC-South Asia

**Organized by:** Comité Intermínisterial D’Aménagement Du Territoire; UCLG; MAEDI; AFD; UNHCR; Habitat International Coalition and Global Platform for the Right to the City.

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**21. Territorial food systems and Localizing Human Rights Accountability**

Alternative Forum: Resistance to H3

The objective was to present the annual publication of the Right to Food and Nutrition Watch and discussed territorial approaches—rather than simply urban or rural—that can better contribute to the realization of the human right to food and nutrition, and other human rights (housing, livelihoods, women’s rights, etc.) and peoples’ sovereignty.

**HIC’s participation:** Joana Ricart Sala, HIC-RLRN program officer

**Organized by:** FIAN Ecuador

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**22. H3A. International Seminar: “City and Housing: an inseparable equation”**

Habitat 3 Alternative Seminar

**HIC’s Participation:** Ana Sugranyes, HIC’s Wisdom Keeper.

**Organized by:** FLACSO

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**23. PUCE event. “Right to the City and Access to Justice in the New Urban Agenda”**

**HIC’s Participation:** Silvia Emanuelli, HIC-AL's coordinator

**Organized by:** Pontificia Universidad de Ecuador (PUCE)

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**24. HIC Board Meeting**

HIC internal meeting to discuss the present and future of the Coalition.

HIC’s Board and Staff participants: Alexandre Apsan Fredriani (AA), Yasser Abdel Qader (YA), Marie Bailloux (MB), Silvia Emanuelli (SE), Ramiro García (RG), Rajaa Kassab (RK), Ahmed Mansour (AM), Alexandre Fredriani (AF), Isabel Pascual (IP), Álvaro Puertas (AP), Joana Ricart (JR), Joseph Schechla (JS), Pauline Yao (PY) and Lorena Zárate (LZ).

**Organized by:** HIC
**Wednesday, October 19**

**25. Training Event: Implementing the Right to the City**

The workshop aimed to develop a better understanding of the conceptual elements of the Right to the City, as well as legal, administrative and judicial tools that may be used for its implementation in cities. Facilitators explored initiatives and experiences in which the Right to the City can be used as a reference for policies, programs and projects of urban development in order to build inclusive, democratic and sustainable cities.

**Organized by:** Global Platform for the Right to the City

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**26. Side event: The ‘Shift’: Uniting for Housing and Human Rights**

Despite the extreme importance of housing in all countries and in a context of rapid urbanization, despite a worldwide increase in homelessness, forced evictions, speculation over housing and land, and gentrification, very little attention is given to the human right to adequate housing, its meaning and the solutions it offers. In this context, mindsets need to be “shifted”: housing is not a commodity but a human right; homelessness is not the product of individual behaviour; private markets will not house those who cannot afford it; forced evictions are not by-products of development; lack of resources is not an excuse for inaction, land has a social function. This side event intended to set the Habitat III Conference in Quito as a milestone for uniting the voices of any stakeholders – national and local authorities, civil society organizations, international organizations, businesses and communities alike - that strive for making cities places to live in peace, security and dignity.

**HIC’s Participation:** Shivani Chaudhry, Housing and Land Rights Network – HIC-South Asia

**Organized by:** Office Of The United Nations High Commissioner For Human Rights (OHCHR); Special Rapporteur On The Right To Adequate Housing; United Cities And Local Governments (UCLG)
27. Habitat III Stakeholders Roundtables-Farmers Roundtable:

Food Systems and the Urban-Rural Nexus in the Age of Urbanization
Reconcile the priorities of women and men engaged in agricultural production and commercialization in the face of rapid urbanization and urban sprawl.
Highlight the role of farmers and rural people in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

HIC's Participation: Shivani Chaudhry, Housing and Land Rights Network – HIC-South Asia
Organized by: UN-Habitat

28. Indigenous cities: an intersectional look to the inclusion of indigenous peoples in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

Habitat III Stakeholders Roundtables- Indigenous Roundtable
Objectives: Analyze the ways in which indigenous peoples contribute daily to urban development and the mechanisms and tools that can fully realize their participation in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Present initiatives to include indigenous peoples in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the New Urban Agenda. Emphasize the importance of gender equality and recognize the crucial role of indigenous women in the development of inclusive, safe and sustainable cities. Explore the common knowledge and perspectives on urban challenges and policy priorities affecting Indigenous Peoples.

HIC's Participation: Joseph Schechla, HIC-HLRN's coordinator
Organized by: UN-Habitat

29. Networking Event. Urban Regeneration

This networking event examined a key urban challenge of the present century to identify innovative solutions using decentralized-development approach from a pan-African perspective. The panel presented experiences and findings from slum upgrading and explored the theory and practice of social production of habitat (SPH). The presentation on slum upgrading focused on the experience of Habitat for Humanity projects in southern Africa, highlighting the accompanying social processes that ensure successful outcomes. Under the challenge of “Making Housing Affordable,” the presenter from HIC-HLRN posed alternatives to the PPP (public-private partnership) approach that incorporate the lessons from SPH such that extra-market housing production far exceeds that of both public and private-sector efforts combined. He made a case for state-supported SPH, as recommended by the Urban Thinkers Campus in Barcelona (November 2015), to ensure restoration of the “fourth P” (popular, or people) in partnership toward urban regeneration. The discussion explored alternative to current practice with an emphasis on the necessity for the involvement of affected people in all processes, from planning to management of the urban space. This led to a debate between
experienced veterans advocating the integration of the end users in all processes of urban regeneration, on the one hand, and young architects who advocated top-down planning and housing production for the “uneducated” masses, on the other.

**HIC's participation:** Joseph Schechla, HIC-HLRN coordinator

**Organized by:** National Union of Tenants - Nigeria

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The session sought to examine the key urban challenges of the century and underscore innovative solutions to the challenges. The Dialogue started by discussing the New Urban Agenda’s recognition that sound planning is a key instrument for achieving sustainable urban development. Experts from different geographical fields and disciplines helped develop this paradigm by exploring different areas of implementation such as appropriate design, public transport, technology, public space, urban analysis, resource mobilization, environmental protection, participatory governance, monitoring, and evaluation. The dialogue also attempted to answer questions about potential synergies between the New Urban Agenda and other international agreements.

**HIC's participation:** Shivani Chaudhry, Housing and Land Rights Network – HIC-South Asia

**Organized by:** National Institute Of Urban Planning (INU); The Urban Planning Society Of China (UPSC).

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**31. Networking Event. "Moving from Habitat III to implementing the Right to the City"**

This event aimed to examine the potential of the Right to the City paradigm as an urban policy tool for implementing the New Urban Agenda, and a benchmark against which to monitor the outcomes of the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), as well as relevant SDG targets. The main goal of the event was to develop the GPR2C’s proposal for establishing a Global Observatory for the Right to the City, building on the collective contributions of international, national and grass-roots networks and organizations, as well as partnerships with academia and local and national governments. The aim of the Observatory will be to raise awareness of multiple actors, mobilize allies in the international, national and local spheres, and strengthen networks and community processes to support innovative public policies that implement the commitments of Habitat III and the New Agenda.

**HIC's participation:** Lorena Zárate, HIC’s President and several HIC Members and allies.

**Organized by:** the Global Platform for the Right to the City
32. H3A. Book Presentation: Cities to change life: an answer to Habitat III
Habitat 3 Alternative Seminar
HIC’s participation: Ana Sugranyes, HIC’s Wisdom Keeper
Organized by: FLACSO

33. Convergence Assembly: Right to the City
Forum in Resistance to Habitat III’s event
HIC’s Participation: Lorena Zárate, HIC’s President, Ana Falú, Nelson Saule, Polis Institute, HIC Members
Organized by: The People’s Committee for Our Territories

The Convergence Assembly aimed to bring together - from a critical point of view and oriented to advocacy - organizations, networks and individuals working in a variety of areas related to the Right to the City. Gender equality, quality public spaces, governance and local participation, inclusive economies, food security, rural development, sustainability, housing and urban development were some of the key issues discussed.

Main points of convergence of the Assembly for the implementation of the right to the city below:

1. We consider very important key actions, struggles, projects and local programs for the implementation of the Right to the City - conducted by various sectors of civil society and local governments, in particular by social groups and popular movements such as the use and occupation of public spaces, areas that does not comply its social function, defending and fighting against rights violations, discrimination, as well as gentrification.

2. It is essential to promote more skills and knowledge of social groups and popular movements on the processes of transformation of our cities and territories; on the instruments and legislation for the implementation and defense of the Right to the City,

3. Our global, national and local efforts towards the Right to the City has as its main strategic action the construction and implementation of an Agenda of Inhabitants - which features more than just a document with a vision and commitment, but also concrete actions such as campaigns for public spaces, public services, social function of property, land and the city.

4. We should follow recognized as strategic spaces of mobilization: forums and other spaces organized by social groups and social movements such as the World Social Forum, Amazonian Forum, regional meetings etc.

5. Our global, national and local efforts should follow towards the institutionalization of the commitments and responsibilities of governments in the implementation of the Right to the City. At the international level with binding agreements based on the New Urban Agenda and its treatment of this law, constitution and promotion of public policies and laws, instruments and institutions legal and administrative.

Check videos from the event here

34. Book presentation: Enrique Ortiz Flores "Hacia un hábitat para el buen vivir"
Rosa Luxemburg Foundation’s Headquarter
HIC’s participation: Enrique Ortiz, HIC’s Wisdom Keeper, Ana Sugranyes, HIC’s Wisdom Keeper and Lorena Zárate, HIC’s President.
Organized by: Fundación Rosa Luxemburgo.
Thursday, October 20

35. Forum in Resistance to Habitat III. Closure

Declaramiento por la Defensa de Nuestros Territorios

HIC’s Participation: Álvaro Puertas, HIC’s General Secretary, Ramiro García, Guillermo Marzioni, Benedito Barbosa, Yasser Abdel Qader, Rajaa Kassab and other HIC Members and allies

Organized by: The People’s Committee for Our Territories
36. Training Event: Implementing the Right to the City

The workshop aimed to develop a better understanding of the conceptual elements of the Right to the City, as well as legal, administrative and judicial tools that may be used for its implementation in cities. Facilitators explored initiatives and experiences in which the Right to the City can be used as a reference for policies, programs and projects of urban development in order to build inclusive, democratic and sustainable cities.

**Organized by:** Global Platform for the Right to the City

![HIC Member POLIS Institute (Quito, 20 October)](image)

37. Side Event: Social Production of Habitat Platform: promoting successful supportive policies to Community-led Habitat around the world

Supportive policies towards community-led housing and infrastructure approaches are in fact essential for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda; particularly those related to the ‘access to land’, ‘sustainable and affordable finance’ and ‘technical support’. Correspondingly, the ‘Social Production of Habitat’ Platform promotes public policies addressing these topics, and illustrate the latter through successful projects presented by community leaders. In this event, regional network representatives exposed key policies that forged successful partnerships between national and local governments and local communities. The Platform was launched in 2014 with the aim to advocate for supportive policies enabling community-led initiatives, to raise public awareness on the positive impact of community-led habitat solutions, enhance experience exchange, and connect local communities.

**HIC’s Participation:** HIC Members: urbaMonde, Asian Coalition For Housing Rights, Building And Social Housing Foundation.

**Organized by:** urbaMonde, Asian Coalition For Housing Rights, Building And Social Housing Foundation, Co-operative Housing International; Grounded Solutions Network, Habitat International Coalition; Shack/Slum Dwellers International.


Housing/shelter in the new urban agenda.

This session built upon the framework and recommendations of the Housing Policy Unit’s Report and focus on the key priorities and action steps needed to implement housing the new urban agenda.

**HIC’s participation:** Lorena Zárate, HIC’s President.

**Organized by:** Habitat for Humanity and International Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)
39. Forum in Resistance to Habitat III. Street Demonstration

HIC Members taking part in the street demonstration (Quito, 20 October)


The session brought together prominent housing networks and organizations from different parts of the world to discuss local and regional housing contexts, as well as possibilities for concrete collaborations towards implementing the NUA while also evolving strategies to make up for its shortcomings.

Media coverage of the event and more information:


**HIC’s participant:** Shivani Chaudhry, Housing and Land Rights Network – HIC-South Asia

**Organized by:** Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung – New York Office

41. Side Event. “Access to justice and Legal Empowerment: The use of Law to encourage an effective access to Habitat”

The session presented the opportunities that legal tools offer to promote an effective and egalitarian access to habitat.

**HIC’s participation:** Civil Association for Equality and Justice (ACIJ), HIC Member

**Organized by:** Buenos Aires City, Civil Association for Equality and Justice (ACIJ), Public Ministry of Defense Argentina
42. Networking Event: "Urban Learning Alliances: Civic engagement through city and university partnerships" 
This networking session brought together actors involved in urban learning alliances focused on civic engagement to facilitate knowledge sharing and learn from each other’s experiences. 
**HIC’s participation:** Álvaro Puertas, HIC’s General Secretary, The Bartlett Development Planning Unit University College London (HIC Member). 
**Organized by:** Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre Institute Of Geography And Development Studies Njala University, The Bartlett Development Planning Unit University College London, Universidade Federal Do ABC, Urban Resource Center Karachi, African Centre For Cities, University Of Cape Town; Faculty Of Social Science University Of Sheffield, Habitat International Coalition, Freetown City Council Sierra Leone, Young Men Christian Association (Sierra Leone) and Centre For Dialogue On Human Settlement And Poverty Alleviation (Sierra Leone).

43. Networking Event: Thematic Assembly: Durable cities 
For sustainable urban development policies and inclusive human settlement to reconsider the urban paradigm: Embracing the urbanization on all the levels of the human settlements, more suitable policies can include the urbanization through physical space, fill the zones urban, peri-urban and rural, and help the governments to take up the challenges thanks to a policy of national and local development. The integration of equity on the agenda of development. Equity becomes a question of social justice, ensures the access to the public sphere, extends the possibilities and increases the communes. To support the National City planning and urban expansion envisaged. To decide how the relevant objectives of durable development will be dealt with by the durable urbanization. Alignment and reinforcement of institutional arrangements with the basic results Habitat III, in order to ensure the effective implementation of the new urban agenda.

**HIC’s participation:** Malick Gaye, Enda RUP, HIC Member

**Organized by:** Enda Tiers Monde and African Urban Research Initiative West Africa Senegalese National Committee of Habitat III

44. "Women in the City: Building Inclusion and Sustainability" at Urban Future Venue.
The main objective was to identify progress and challenges to advance social and gender inclusion, within the framework of building a New Urban Agenda Urbana, in order to strengthen the right to the city of everyone.

**Organized by:** Red Mujer y Hábitat (Latin America), Huairou Comission, CEPAL (Gender Issues Group), Cities Alliance, Jagori (India), WICI International (Canada), Gender HUB, de UNI UN Habitat, and Red Metropolis
45. GPR2C coordination meeting

This evaluation and planning session identified some of the GPR2C main achievements and challenges, as well as the main actions that should be part of the working plan for the coming years.

Organized by: the Global Platform for the Right to the City