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This publication gathers the research "Moving toward the Implementation of the Right to the City in Latin America and Internationally", an initiative of the Global Platform on the Right to the City.

Its main objective is to update and delve the international process of debating the right to the city content and strategies through a Global Platform on this issue in order to propel the process on national and global levels and to advance in its recognition and realization on different scales, also contributing on international level to integrate an agenda of commitments and actions for implementing the Right to the City in the World Urban Agenda, which will be drafted during the process of the III Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and in the Post-2015 Development Agenda - Sustainable Development Goals.

Five researches were conducted in countries and cities in Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa. In Latin America, Brazil and Colombia were selected, focusing on the cities of Sao Paulo and Bogota; in Europe, Italy and Spain were the focus of the research, as well as the cities of London, Istanbul and Hamburg; and, in Africa, South Africa and Kenya were singled out, and the cities of Cairo and Jerusalem were also part of the research.

The conducted researches aim at contributing to the understanding of the right to the city as a collective right of the cities' inhabitants that comprises the dimension of adequate urban living conditions and social justice as well as of strengthening participation, direct democracy and citizenship in the cities, which has been built since the early 21st century through an international network of civil society actors and national and local governments being developed in World Social Forums, Urban Social Forums and World Urban Forums.

The studies bring a critical analysis to revise and update the practices and forms of acting in favour of the right to the city by identifying, registering and systematizing legislation, policies, programs, projects, practical experiences promoted by governmental bodies, public institutions, social and cultural organizations and groups of the society.

This research intends to stimulate the production and dissemination of knowledge on the right to the city in order to contribute with building equal, democratic and sustainable cities throughout the world, as well as supporting the development of a global network of researchers through an International Observatory of the Right to the City oriented at monitoring and following up public policies and local, national and international initiatives over the Global Platform on the Right to the City, particularly those regarding the compliance with the commitments made on behalf of this platform in the Post-2015 Millennium Agenda - Sustainable Development Goals and the World Urban Agenda defined during Habitat III.

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