



HIC Annual Report 2015

Global network for habitat rights and social justice



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Right to the City
Social Production of Habitat



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Message from the President

On behalf of Habitat International Coalition I would like to thank our members, allies and offices for the restless and committed work they have undertaken during this year to move forward in the defense, promotion and realization of the right of every person to a safe place to live in peace and with dignity. I feel honored to have the privilege to share dreams and daily struggles with you all and I am thankful for the trust that you deposited in my renewed mandate until 2019.

From its origins, our Coalition has been aware of the relevance of coordinating local and national actions with regional and global presence. Our two-leg strategy seeks to strengthen the social actors and processes, while it aims to influence medium and long-term changes through advocacy efforts in public policy, legal framework and international agendas.

In the following pages you will find a synthetic report of the many activities in which HIC has been engaged during this year. From the rights of homeless people and the assessment of impacts of forced evictions and displacements in India, the preparation of reports on housing and water privatization in Lebanon and Sudan, to the civil war, the transitional justice and the land reparation in Yemen; through the Palestinian people's right to remain and the demand for greater international intervention to stop and compensate the violation of their rights.

At the same time, more details are available on the mapping of integral and transformative experiences on social production and management of habitat in Latin America and Europe, as well as about HIC engagement in the global convergences of struggles for land and water, food sovereignty and food security and the right to the city in the World Social Forum and other international spaces'..

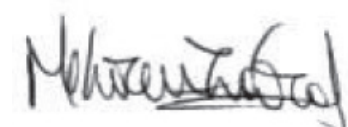
In the context of the process towards Habitat III (October 2016), HIC and its members have actively participated at different preparatory events, bringing approaches and experiences to the debates and declarations, as well as providing critical analysis of the official documents and supporting the elaboration of civil society reports to highlight contradictions and missing issues.

HIC messages around the need to evaluate the implementation of the Habitat Agenda commitments approved in Istanbul in 1996, -Including the regulation of the real state and land markets, the promotion of integrated systems of diverse tenure arrangements, the defense of the commons and of the participatory democracy-, have been undertaken by several other actors during the discussion of the contents for the agenda of the upcoming two decades.

As happened in Vancouver almost forty years ago, our network will be participating not only at the official conference but also at the alternative and self-organized forums that social organizations and academic and professional institutions are promoting in Quito.

We count upon you to keep working together for a more just and solidary world!

Fraternally,



Lorena Zárate
HIC President



The Coalition

Habitat International Coalition (HIC) is the global network dedicated to action for the recognition, defense and full implementation of the right of everyone to a secure place in which to live in peace and dignity, in all countries.

Specifically, HIC acts as an international collective of civil society organizations, social movements and individuals that mobilizes and advocates in defense, promotion and enforceability of the human rights of homeless, evicted, displaced, landless and inadequately housed people and communities, including those under occupation, in urban and rural areas. HIC seeks to empower people and communities to improve their living conditions based on the principles, norms and standards of human rights, diversity, gender equality, social production and environmental sustainability. HIC promotes public awareness about habitat issues and serves as a platform for the formulation of programs, policies and strategies for constituent social movements and civil society organizations working to promote the human rights to housing, land, and the city, and acts as their representative to public, national, regional and international bodies and forums.

The Association aims to attain these objectives by means of:

- (a) Mobilizing and advocating, independently or in co-operation, with other civil society entities, grassroots and popular organizations, social movements, independent institutions, academic networks, and activist platforms;
- (b) Organizing forums, seminars and conferences, lectures, public hearings, and exchange visits;
- (c) Publishing statements, reports, newsletters, and other studies and informative materials;
- (d) Conducting research and fact-finding missions to document human rights related to Habitat violations and positive experiences;
- (e) Supporting and strengthening networks and promoting information exchanges among its members and other civil society entities;
- (f) Conducting training, human rights education and other activities to build capabilities of constituent members and affiliates; and
- (g) Any other activities compatible with these objectives.

HIC in the World

The Coalition has 393 Members (of which 52 have the right to vote) and 61 Friends. In addition 1,176 organizations and individuals form the HIC social base. The table below presents the geographic distribution of HIC Members, Friends and the Social Base:

| Region | Members | Members with right to vote | Friends | Social Base |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Africa | 70 | 3 | 7 | 252 |
| Asia | 37 | 1 | 11 | 193 |
| Europe | 57 | 8 | 15 | 411 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean | 124 | 32 | 12 | 629 |
| Middle East/North Africa | 77 | 5 | 4 | 172 |
| North America | 28 | 3 | 12 | 131 |
| Subtotal | 393 | 52 | 61 | 1,788 |

All figures shown are as of December 31, 2015.

HIC's faces

HIC Wisdom Keepers



Enrique Ortiz
Mexico



Diana Lee
Kenya



Barry Pinsky
Canada



Davinder Lamba
Kenya



Tabitha Siwale
Tanzania



Eike Schuetz
Germany



Ana Sugranyes
Chile



Han van Putten
(1922-2009)
The Netherlands

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Mexico



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Mexico



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Emanuelli**
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Mexico



Norma Aguilar
Latin America
Mexico



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Chaudry**
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HIC General Secretariat in Cairo - Egypt



Álvaro Puertas



Isabel Pascual



Marie Bailloux

Welcome to our new Members 2015!

During 2015, HIC received 16 new applications for membership (from 13 organizations and 3 individuals), and 85 new subscribers to HIC News. Of the complete applications (with full institutional documents for members' applications or personal CV for friends' applications) received for membership, HIC approved and welcomed 5 new organizations as members.

| Logo | Name Member | Acronym | Country |
|--|---|----------|----------------|
|  | Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario | ACTO | Canada |
|  | Action Internationale de Développement Intégral | AIDI | Ivory Coast |
|  | Coordinadora Centroamericana Autogestionaria de la Vivienda Solidaria | COCEAVIS | El Salvador |
|  | Saharawi Union of Farmers | UAS | Algeria |
|  | The Bartlett Development Planning Unit | DPU | United Kingdom |

Structures' Reports

HIC is composed of a variety of organizations sharing a common mission and is enriched by a variety of realities, methods and cultures. The interconnection of such a vast diversity poses a challenge when trying to establish coordinated activities within the Coalition; but this diversity is what strengthens our actions as a whole.

HIC President Report

During 2015, the most relevant activities undertaken by HIC president included Lorena's participation at institutional meetings; the formulation and implementation of international projects; representing our Coalition at public and academic events; organizing planning, training and exchange meetings with members and allies; writing articles for publications in Spanish and English; giving media interviews; and participating in meetings with national and local authorities, as well as with different UN agencies and other regional and multilateral institutions.

Our president was actively involved in the preparation and coordination of HIC annual **Board and General Assembly** meetings, held in Tunisia (March) at the occasion of the **World Social Forum**, and in training and networking events on the right to the city and social production of habitat in that framework.

At the same time, since the beginning of the year, the preparatory process towards the **3rd UN Conference on Human Settlements, Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)** grew in intensity, with several meetings and materials. On her role, Lorena took active part in the *ad hoc* working group created with HIC members,

staff and allies, as well as in the promotion and coordination of collective actions inside the **Global Platform for the Right to the City** (see global activities).

Among the most relevant preparatory events at which she participated, it is worth mentioning:

a) **National Forum** (Mexico City, January), where the draft of the official national report was presented by the Mexican government and discussed altogether with social movements, academics, professionals and public servants.

b) **International Workshop** organized by United Cities and Local Governments-UCLG (Barcelona, March), aiming to build a common narrative around the right to the city and other related issues towards Habitat III and beyond.

c) **International Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City**¹ (Mexico City, April), organized by the Mexico City Government and the UCLG Commission on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights with the attendance of around 3,000 people from different sectors and countries. The final declaration makes an explicit call to national states for the recognition of the right to the city as an alternative to the predominant discourse based on 'competitiveness', and asks for concrete goals, indicators and tools to guarantee its implementation at local, national and global level.

d) **International Forum on the Right to the City Towards Habitat III** (Mexico City, April)², held at the occasion of COPEVI's 50th anniversary. Issues as right to the city and protection of the territory; citizenship and participatory democracy; social movements, local governments and popular education were covered. Around 200 people from different countries were present.

e) **II Latin American and Caribbean Forum on Adequate Housing** (Monterrey, May)³, Habitat for Humanity initiative, with the support of UN-Habitat, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Federations, Inter-American Development Bank and Cities Alliance. More than 500 participants from social, academic, public and private sector from 28 countries, including Ministers and other housing and urban development Authorities from eight LA countries, UN agencies and multilateral institutions took part. The discussions focused

on making specific recommendations to be included in the New Urban Agenda draft.

f) **Habitat III official thematic meeting on Metropolitan Areas** (Montreal, October)⁴, organized by the Montreal metropolitan government and the UN system, with the participation of more than 200 people representing local governments, academics and civil society organizations from different North and Latin American, African, Asian and European countries. The final declaration includes proposals made by HIC and the Global Platform for the Right to the City.

g) Presentation of the **Report of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing at the UN General Assembly**, (New York City, October)⁵. Leilani Farha's report specially addresses the right to adequate housing in cities and its close linkages with the broad range of issues that will be examined at Habitat III. It includes recommendations for an urban rights agenda, by advancing in: (a) eliminating homelessness and forced evictions; (b) ensuring security of tenure for all households; (c) ensuring the incorporation of the right to housing as paramount in all urban law, policy and programmes, including fiscal policy and resource allocation.

h) **Urban Thinkers Campus on Housing in the City We Need** (Barcelona, November)⁶, supported by the Barcelona Metropolitan Area and co-organized by Habitat Professionals Forum, the Inter-American Federation of Urbanists, the European Council of Urbanists, the Spanish Association of Urbanists and the Observatori DESC. The report includes many of HIC contributions on human rights, housing and land policies, social production of habitat and more.

i) **International Seminar From COP 21 to Habitat III – Local Governments and Citizens at the Heart of the Challenges and Roundtable on Ecological Transition and Right to the City** (Paris, December)⁷, organized by the UCLG Commission on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights, with the support of HIC and the Global Platform for the Right to the City, with the participation of more than 400 people from different countries.

Besides these activities, during this period Lorena also participated at public events, presentations and debates on issues linked with the right to the city, the so-called new urban agenda and Habitat III at **universities** in

Canada, France, Mexico, South Korea and USA.

At the same time, she contributed with **essays** for the electronic publication *The Just City*⁸ and the [blog The Nature of Cities](#)⁹. She provided inputs and review for the [report elaborated by the Bartlet Development Planning Unit](#) at the University College of London about the right to the city and the role of the civil society in the preparation of national reports towards Habitat III¹⁰.

Finally, and as part as her work to **support HIC-AL office**, Lorena also contributed with the elaboration of a regional report on human settlements and economic, social and cultural rights for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (Washington, March); the

coordination of the 9th Training Edition for Mexican and Latin American social organizations on housing cooperatives, social production of habitat and the right to the city (Mexico City, August); the meeting of the Latin American Working Group on Social Production of Habitat (Mexico City, September); and the ToR and workshops for conducting an external evaluation of HIC-AL.

In this context, we would like to highlight her role in organizing a [Tribute to Enrique Ortiz](#)¹¹ (Mexico City, April) at the occasion of his professional trajectory 50th anniversary, held in the framework of the International Forum on the Right to the City Towards Habitat III. More than 200 people attend the emotional and colourful event.

HIC in Latin America and the Caribbean

During the year, the HIC-AL members and affiliated organizations concentrated on processes related to the Coalition's work and on reform initiatives related to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Development (Habitat III).

Among the main regional activities were participation in a March 2015 hearing before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and presentation of a report on precarious human settlements and economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR). The report was elaborated in cooperation with two Argentinian organizations and the endorsement of more than 29 NGOs and social movements from seven countries. The main objective was to include the right to adequate housing, the right to the city and existing alternatives among concerns of the recently adopted Commission's ESCR Unit.¹² The document was also shared with Habitat III Secretary and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the two organisms responsible for drafting the regional report prior to this Conference.

HIC's regional Working Group on Social Production of Habitat (PSH) coordinated efforts to highlight transformative experiences and identify more-efficient tools to enable SPH development at scale. The Working Group prepared a framework for systematizing transformational cases that 18 organizations and social movements from nine countries in the region put to use. The first group meeting took place in September in Mexico, during which [popular committees](#)¹³ were created to prepare for Habitat III with the objective of

giving voice to the people usually excluded such big events.

In capacity development, the Central American Federation of Self-managed and Solidarity Housing (COCEAVIS, in Spanish) delivered the first module of the regional school of cooperatives training, which took place in Mexico with organizations participating from several countries.

HIC-AL also co-organized the [second Latin American and Caribbean Forum on Adequate Housing](#)¹⁴, held in May at Monterrey, Mexico. More than 500 people from the social, public and private sectors participated, representing 28 countries. The Forum sought to generate proposals for making cities inclusive, safe and sustainable that would influence the New Urban Agenda emerging from Habitat III.

At the end of an external evaluation, HIC-AL decided to reactivate personalized communication with numerous members that had not been active for several years. As part of a larger project that will include the entire region, meetings were held with organizations from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay and it was suggested to establish a strategic planning workshop for the Southern Cone during the first months of 2016.

On the national level, among other activities, HIC-AL participated in the creation of the Global Platform for the Right to the City and Land Defense in coordination with HIC members in Mexico, among other actors. The goal was to elevate the national debate on various issues to prepare for Habitat III and beyond. HIC-AL participated on the official

Preparatory Committee for Habitat III and continued to support various advocacy groups that claim the human rights to adequate housing, water and sanitation, and the right to the city.

On the international level, the UN Special Rapporteurs collaborated with HIC-AL on the human right to adequate housing and the

human right to water and sanitation. Also, HIC-AL actively collaborated in the convergence of inhabitants within the World Social Forum at Tunis, where it was proposed to organize a social forum alternative to Habitat III, for which HIC-AL officers traveled to Quito, Ecuador.



Participants of the first module of the regional school of cooperatives training in Mexico.

The social function of land at the heart of the debate: HIC-Latin America Working Group on Social Production of Habitat.

Few concepts have marked the history and practice of HIC organizations as much as the Social Production of Habitat (SPH). Apart from being at the center of collective declarations such as *From Marginalization to Citizenship* (*De la marginación a la ciudadanía*, 2004) or *The Possible Way* (*El Camino posible*, 2011), this concept has been one of the cohesive elements of our Coalition at various stages. Now, it is being updated.

From 3 to 5 September 2015, HIC-LA coordinated the *First Meeting of the Latin American Working Group on Social Production of Habitat*, with the participation of social movements and organizations of civil society, HIC members and social base from 10 countries in the region.

It would be impossible to detail here the activities of each of the 26 participant organizations that are otherwise found in a report on <https://produccionsocialhabitat.wordpress.com> together with the entire minutes of the meeting. However, it is relevant to stress convergent points in the debate of the land and collective property.

For the spokespersons of Federación Uruguaya de Cooperativas de Vivienda por Ayuda Mutua (FUCVAM) along with Coordinadora Centroamericana Autogestionaria para la Vivienda Solidaria (COCEAVIS) and Pioneros de Venezuela, SPH cannot transform lives while promoting individual solutions. FUCVAM General Secretary Pablo Caballero pointed out that it is necessary to break away from private property and generate new forms of social tenure of the land, as that achieved by cooperatives.

Nevertheless, Anelise Meléndez of Red Habitat Bolivia reminded that most of the Latin American social producers live in neighborhoods where the priority is given to family use of the land. Therefore, it is necessary to take the reality into account and appreciate the value of the work done by those who want to lead improvement processes. In this sense, Álvaro Aguilar of the Unión de Cooperativas Tosepan added that it is impossible to promote a concentrated model of housing in the rural region of Mexico where his organization operates. The indigenous people living in the mountains are scattered on their own farming plots in order to protect their property, particularly their lands, which historically has been grabbed. This is why Tosepan does not promote collective housing property, despite the people's cooperative experiences in agriculture and livestock production and marketing.

Gustavo González, "We Effect" housing program coordinator in Latin America stated that it is not possible to speak of private property in a humanist perspective. However, knowing the existing discrepancies even within some experiences that claim collective property, he agreed that "the only guaranty to generate transformative processes is the ideological development of people and their organization".

Enrique Ortiz of HIC-Latin America summarized the different proposals through a simple question that he himself answered: What is harming the system? It is harmed when we struggle against individual property through our persistent pursuit of autonomy and development of comprehensive processes, our defense of common goods, our advocacy, not only for the human right to housing, but also for the right to water. In conclusion, the transforming projects are those that challenge the current order of civilization that leads humanity to the abyss.



HIC in South Asia

In 2015, Housing and Land Rights Network, Habitat International Coalition – South Asia (HLRN-SA) worked and intervened at multiple levels—local, state, national, and international—to positively influence law and policy; to advocate for improved living conditions; and, to monitor realization of the human rights to adequate housing and land for the most marginalized. HLRN-SA's work covered issues of forced evictions, displacement, inadequate resettlement, homelessness, disasters, land rights, women's rights, and conflict.

HLRN-SA initiated a three-city housing rights fellowship with the objective of developing the capacity of residents of low income settlements to lead their own struggles and to work for the realization of housing and related human rights. HLRN-SA established a 'housing and land rights resource centre' with a library in its office, and launched a new website (www.hlrn.org.in).

HLRN-SA used its 'Eviction Impact Assessment (EiA) Tool' —the only human rights-based mechanism for determining material and non-material losses suffered during a forced eviction— in several sites and presented the findings to courts and other agencies with the aim of providing restitution, including adequate compensation, to affected persons.

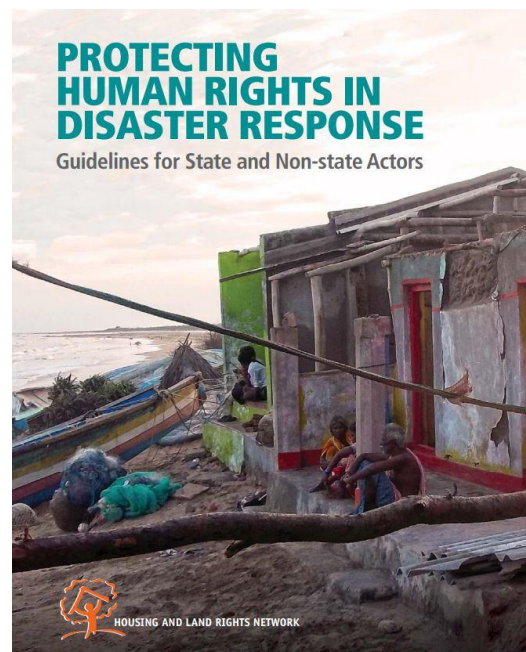
Over the past year, HLRN-SA, as founder and secretariat of the Delhi Housing Rights Task Force (DHRTF) —a multi-sectoral body working to promote the human right to adequate housing— engaged with the Delhi government and its agencies on issues related to forced evictions, displacement, and failed resettlement. HLRN-SA actively works for the human rights of homeless citizens through the Urban Rights Forum: With the Homeless (SAM:BKS), which HLRN-SA was instrumental in creating in 2008, and by supporting three homeless persons. HLRN-SA was successful in gaining entitlements for the homeless, including voter cards and food subsidy cards, as well as in preventing several evictions in Delhi through strategic advocacy efforts. It also engaged with National Human Rights Institutions and assisted with legal interventions for communities who suffered forced evictions.

HLRN-SA systematically tracks forced evictions in India and is the only organization collecting this data at the national level. The

information is used to generate public awareness and to influence policy interventions.

HLRN-SA engaged in human rights education, participated in workshops, seminars, and conferences, and also worked on several research projects and publications, including popular education resources, during 2015. HLRN-SA presented, to the UN Human Rights Council, a mid-term assessment of India's implementation of relevant recommendations from its second Universal Periodic Review in 2012. Since the process of preparing India's official report for Habitat III did not involve civil society, HLRN-SA took the lead on writing a parallel report on housing and land rights. The executive director wrote a chapter on 'Women's Rights to Adequate Housing and Land in Urban India' for the 'State of the Urban Poor Report 2015' of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.

At the international level, HLRN-SA engaged with the Habitat III process, UN mechanisms, and the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing.



Publications¹⁵:

All publications and press releases are available at: www.hlrn.org.in

1. *The Failure of Resettlement in Kosad, Surat* (report in Gujarati – April 2015).
2. *Protecting Human Rights in Disaster Response: Guidelines for State and Non-State Actors* (June 2015).

3. *The Human Rights to Adequate Housing and Land in India – Report for the United Nations Human Rights Council*(October 2015).

Press Releases¹⁶:

1. HLRN Releases Guidelines on Protecting Human Rights in Disaster Response (5 June 2015).

2. 'Housing for All'? Over 9,000 Homes Already Demolished in 2015 (20 August 2015).

3. [World Habitat Day: Need for a Stronger Human Rights Approach in India](#) (5 October 2015).

4. [Delhi Housing Rights Task Force Condemns Demolitions in Delhi, Calls for State Accountability and Justice for Evicted Families](#) (14 December 2015).

Media Reports/Stories Mentioning HLRN¹⁷:

1. 'Land bill implies deep trouble,' *DNA*, 27 March 2015.

2. 'The World Bank admits serious flaws in resettlement policy,' *Brettonwoods Project*, 31 March 2015.

3. 'Can a law end housing apartheid?,' *The Times of India*, 31 May 2015.

4. 'Are India's 'Smart Cities' the smart choice?,' *Thomson Reuters Foundations News*, 03 June 2015.

5. 'Rights bodies mulling legal recourse over Kolkata evictions,' *The Statesman*, 17 August 2015.

6. 'Won't move more than 5k slum dwellers at a time,' *The New Indian Express*, 18 August 2015.

7. '5 scams the RTI Act helped bust in its first 10 years,' *The Huffington Post*, 12 October 2015.

8. 'With no 'housing for all', threat of forced evictions to continue in Delhi,' *DNA*, 15 December 2015.

HIC in Middle East and North Africa

The year 2015 was eventful for HIC-HLRN in fulfilling its consistent role of supporting members in reporting on housing and land rights issues to the UN Human Rights System, coordinating civil society engagement in regional and global policy processes and publishing useful information for specialized public concerned with housing and land rights both within the region and internationally. The Network and its officers also undertook country-specific initiatives and projects variously to defend and restore housing and land rights across the Middle East and North Africa.

HLRN in the UN Human Rights System: The year saw HLRN's collaboration with partners in the Arab NGO Network for Development in contributing to the second review of the State of Lebanon before the UN Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism. HLRN's contributions to the [joint stakeholder submission](#)¹⁸ focused on housing and land rights conditions, as well as the human rights consequences of water-sector privatization in Lebanon since 2012. HLRN also worked with Sudanese members to produce a [parallel report](#)¹⁹ for the first review of the Republic of Sudan before Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in 15 years. This was HLRN's first joint effort with its

partners Nuba Mountains International Association, the Sudanese Human Rights Monitor and the Social Peace Initiative for Darfur.

Land Reparations and Transitional Justice in Yemen: With cautious optimism, HLRN resumed work on the long-stalled research project on land reparations as an element of transitional justice in Yemen. HLRN negotiated a no-cost extension to the support from the United States Institute of Peace for the project, enabling the field research on quantification of losses, costs and damages to continue in a new frame of reference that included long-standing cases of dispossession along with consideration of the recent events of Yemen's ongoing civil war. The project applies the HLRN Loss Matrix/Eviction Impact Assessment (EvIA) tool for the first time scaling-up to meet the needs of a transitional-justice process. Despite drawbacks in the peace process, the countries transitional justice mechanisms remain in place to remedy the violations and damage of the past that led to the uprising of 2011.

Preparing for Habitat III: With a view to the future, HIC-HLRN maximized its efforts to provide guidance for civil society partners seeking engagement in the Habitat III process. In 2015, that effort involved HLRN service

members and civic partners with methods and tools for eventual parallel reporting to compensate for the many omissions in the UN-Habitat reporting guidance, the regional reporting from the Arab states and West Asia. This involved HLRN officers Ahmed Mansour and Joseph Schechla presenting findings in the Expert Group Meetings on the regional Habitat III reports for both MENA (January 2016) and Africa (February 2016), respectively, as well as developing and distributing reporting tools and methods (English²⁰ Arabic²¹ and Spanish²²) for members across the region.

HIC-HLRN participated in the preparations and events of the Egyptian Urban Forum that was held in Cairo, June 2015. HLRN reminded participants of essential Habitat II pillars and commitments: (1) balanced rural and urban development, (2) good governance and (3) the full realization of human rights, in particular, the human right to adequate housing. In the context of concurrent activities, HIC-HLRN issued several analytical and evaluative documents on the policy and issue papers, and the national reporting of Habitat III, with a focus on MENA priorities.

Also, HIC-HLRN helped Egyptian members and other CSOs to “think outside the box” and innovated civic-engagement tools in the Habitat III process with a view toward 2016. In the process, ten Egyptian organizations met in Cairo to consider their own reporting contributions. Their initiative began with HLRN providing a review of the Habitat processes since 1976 and the standing commitments under Habitat II. HLRN shared its adaptation of the UN-Habitat’s reporting guidelines, in order to be compatible with, and parallel to the presumed system-wide standard. The effort culminated with a civil society-organized panel within the December 2015 Arab Ministerial Forum for Housing and Urban Development (AMFHUD), also held in Cairo, with HLRN focusing on evaluative reporting methods and partners 10 Tooba and Takween presenting findings on housing policy and spatial justice in Egypt.

UN General Assembly Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP): HIC-HLRN participated in the International Meeting on the Question of Palestine on 7–8 September 2015, at Brussels, which convened under the theme “Israeli Settlements as an Obstacles to Peace: possible ways forward.” The conference addressed a particular set of inalienable rights and a particular subset of the Palestinian

people under the UN’s “permanent responsibility.” On 9 September, CEIRPP hosted “Consultations of the Committee Delegation with civil society organizations active on the question of Palestine,” with Joseph Schechla (HIC-HLRN) moderating the discussion. The most important recommendation by CSOs was to reconstitute the Committee against Apartheid in the UNGA, building the legal findings in UN treaty bodies to inform and advance discourse in UN political bodies and guide their functions, and dedicating 2017 to commemoration of the [multiple anniversaries](#)²³ coinciding. The international CSO meeting was followed by a set of proposals to CEIRPP for developing CEIRPP as the only UN mechanism dealing with the Palestinian people as a whole, and providing the needed leadership in the General Assembly to resolve the exceptionalism that afflict the Question of Palestine and its dispersed and dispossessed people.

Rights to Adequate Housing and Land in Palestine: As HIC-HLRN was a historic factor in the founding of Palestine’s first housing rights movement, HIC-HLRN participated in the second meeting on Palestinian right in housing, in Ramallah, held by HIC-HLRN member, Land Research Center, in May 2015. The conference on “The Palestinian Right to Housing and Land: Living with Dignity and the Right to Remain” reviewed the practices of the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian rights in housing and access to land and sought to renew the movement in the West Bank and Jerusalem. HIC-HLRN representative Joseph Schechla stressed the importance of international parties and UN members states to hold the Israeli occupying authorities liable for the violations against the housing, and residency and refugee rights of Palestinian people.

HIC-HLRN also joined organizers Birzeit University Institute of Law, Trans-Arab Research Institute, Arab Center for Applied Social Research, Civic Coalition for Palestinian Residency Rights in Jerusalem, Stop the Wall, and the Arab Studies Institute at George Mason University in an innovative conference in Jerusalem, Birzeit and Nazareth. Under the title, “Alternative Strategies for Realizing Justice in Palestine,” the December 2015 gathering sought to exchange new and prospective approaches to implementing international law in Palestine. HIC-HLRN’s contributions included introduction of the right to the city claim in Jerusalem, while developing the practical solidarity of other cities to

exercise their extraterritorial human rights obligations not to recognize or transact with parties engaged in the illegal situation.

The deliberative processes followed networking events at the World Social Forum (March 2015) in which HIC-HLRN joined fellow organizers, Stop the Wall Campaign, European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine, and the Andalusian Municipalities' Foundation for International Solidarity (FAMSI) to conduct a workshop for CSOs and social movements on engagement with local governments to support Palestinian rights. The workshop covered common-but-differentiated human rights obligations of states and local government, including the legal obligations to take effective measures to remedy an illegal situation under international law. This included practical examples of cities and local government implementing the principle of non-recognition and non-

cooperation with parties that violate human rights in Palestine. HIC-HLRN presented the international law obligations of local authorities to refrain from contracting and procurement arrangements with parties that cooperate with illegal situation such as Israel's colonization and construction of the Wall in Palestine. This side event was a follow-up to the International Conference of Governments and Civil Society Organizations in Support of Palestinian Rights, held in 2014, at Seville, Andalusia (Spain). There, civil society and local governments presented a platform for cooperation in the form of the "[Olive Declaration](#)"²⁴, calling upon local authorities to promote cooperation with Palestine, in general, and Palestinian municipalities and communities, in particular, through the exercise of their obligations, as part of territorial states, under binding international human rights law and other peremptory norms.

Housing and Land Rights Network (HIC-HLRN)

For HIC-HLRN in various issues and global processes like, Habitat III, COP21, food security and nutrition in protracted crises, the global initiative of land and water convergence, resuming implementation on land reparations as an element of transitional justice in Yemen, as well as, joint comprehensive parallel report for the second review of State of Lebanon before the UN Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism, and Sudan before the treaty body of Economic, Social and Cultural rights.

Preparing to Habitat III process: HIC-HLRN maximized its efforts to guide and put the process of Habitat III on the right track that respects and considers the human rights norms and corresponding obligations comprising the normative framework. HIC has been delivering a consistent message of issues and recommendations for the process and content of the "New Habitat Agenda." During the second Preparatory Committee (PrepCom2) for Habitat III held in Nairobi in April 2015, HIC addressed the essential procedural and substantive issues in a series of side events, summarizing them in the Coalition's message to the plenary. HIC-HLRN asserted that Habitat III must be at least as inclusive as Habitat II; maintain and build on the Habitat Agenda, and not produce a narrow "urban agenda"; and Human rights and good governance must continue to anchor and guide

global human settlement policy and commitments.

Paris Agreement (COP21): HIC-HLRN participated in the conference through the Global Convergence of Land and Water Struggles, which HIC-HLRN has joined in October 2014. The Global Convergence addressed COP21 about the most-immediate effects of the false solutions to the current man-made climate crisis is people's loss of access to land and water, the very natural resources upon which people depend for their livelihoods and food sovereignty, and how the privatization and financialization of nature evicts and dispossess masses of people, deprived of access to land and water in rural and urban settings, then call the affected communities to "be resilient". The Global Convergence on Land and Water Struggles proposes to articulate and further develop real solutions through give the platform to frontline communities and ensuring space for interaction with the audience.

World Habitat Day Report 2015: HIC-HLRN issued its regular report on World Habitat Day Report based on analysis from its Violation Database. In 2015, the report was titled "The Struggle over Land," presenting finding from the past four years of recorded violations affecting land tenure of the rural and urban poor. The report urged that the evidence-based pattern of abuses should inform priority

setting for needed policy course corrections sought in this era of new global development policies. The HIC-HLRN report on World Habitat Day keeps each region under regular review, while anticipating the priorities and devilish details in monitoring the new SDGs and the norm setting to come out of Habitat III.

The UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS); Within HIC's role in the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's Rome-based International Planning Committee of civil society partners, HLRN addresses the theme of urban food security and the constituency of the urban food insecure. HIC-HLRN participated in the 42nd session of the CFS (October 2015) with the outcomes reflecting HLRN priorities to develop rights-based operational norms on water-sector governance and to develop the constituency of landless persons.

With HIC's Davinder Lamba (Mazingira Institute, Kenya) and Emily Mattheisen (HLRN Program Officer, Egypt) completing their terms in the governing Coordination Committee of Civil Society Mechanism for the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), they have turned over responsibilities for the period October

2015 – October 2017 to two HIC members: Christiane Costa (PÓLIS, Brazil) and Kuria Gathuru (Kenya Green Towns Partnership Association). The Landless People's constituency is now represented by Sylvia Mallari (Asia Peasants Coalition, Philippines) and Jamal al-Talab, director of HIC-HLRN member Land Research Center (Palestine).

Human Rights and Local Government: Several opportunities and aspects of the HLRN program converged on the subject of local government in 2015. Significant were HLRN contributions to the UN Human Rights Council's Advisory Committee study on "[The role of local government in the promotion and protection of human rights](#)"²⁵ which also focused on the "right to the city" and the experience of human rights cities. HLRN contributed to the HIC-PÓLIS co-managed Global Platform on the Right to the City (GPR2C) through its working groups on advocacy, research and training with several knowledge products in 2015, including a [glossary of terms](#)²⁶ related to right to the city (R2C) and developed the thesis of the [extraterritorial human rights obligations of local government](#).²⁷

Responding to the Need for Evaluative Reporting for Habitat III

For 40 years, the progressive spirit and achievements of two generations of Habitat Agendas have aimed to improve the living conditions of human settlements in all habitats of the planet. However, it remains difficult to tell how and to which degree the world has reached that objective without evaluating those outcomes. The Habitat Agenda's implementation commitments never have been properly monitored or evaluated. As we move toward the putative renewal of that global agenda in 2016, a further iteration also cannot instil confidence as meeting current priorities and expectations without first reviewing the implementation of foregoing Habitat II commitments.

In order for the Habitat III processes and the stakeholders to maintain some measure of integrity and coherence with the bi-decennial policy, both the processes and contents of Habitat III preparations, including—and especially—national, regional and global Habitat III reports should reflect an evaluation of performance of those commitments and the instructive lessons learnt. However, since 1996, UN Habitat programs, related forums or annual reports have not aligned with, related to, or recalled Habitat II commitments. That is despite Istanbul+5 explicitly reaffirming them and assigning monitoring-and-evaluation responsibility to UN Habitat through a Habitat Agenda Task Manager System.

Periodic conferences, including World Urban Forums, have showcased existing practice and political discourse, but have never sought to promote, support or assess implementation of the Habitat II commitments. The UN development system concentrated more on the MDGs, but those minimum development goals lacked alignment with commitments of Habitat II. The current Habitat III process should have begun with a conscientious review of the Habitat Agenda's relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainable outcomes, as HIC has advocated since 2013.

The 2014 Office of Internal Oversight Services evaluation of UN Habitat also omitted a review of the UN specialized organization's implementation, monitoring or stewardship role vis-à-vis the Habitat II Agenda, or its functions related to the triple UN Charter-based purposes (i.e., forward development, peace and security and human rights). Amid some excellent work in the field, UN-Habitat is otherwise

identified with the Washington Consensus among IFIs, quite distinctly from other UN Charter-based specialized organizations, which struggle to remedy the negative consequences of economic globalization. The diverse global crises of recent years should have informed UN-Habitat leadership's approach to Habitat III as an opportunity to address some of the worst forms of global policy and practice affecting human habitat. Habitat II governmental Partners already had committed to maintain a just macroeconomic order, protect the environment, ensure gender equality, prevent and remedy forced evictions, and fully and progressively realize the human right to adequate housing in the form of the Habitat Agenda at Habitat II.

In light of these and other repeated commitments of states and governments in the Habitat Agenda of 1996, Habitat International Coalition and its Housing and Land Rights Network (HIC-HLRN) have proffered methods, tools, models and capacity development on how to achieve the indispensable evaluation of Habitat II commitments and apply its lessons to Habitat III.

A Tool for Evaluative Habitat III Reporting

HIC-HLRN has promoted an alternative approach of reporting processes for two main purposes: (1) to enable a critical analysis of past performance of Habitat II by country and region as a knowledge base for deliberation and (2) to reconsider and/or improve upon the principled Habitat II commitments for the coming period 2017–36. The resulting evaluation tool seeks to serve evaluative Habitat III reporting, the Policy Units and ensuing negotiations to fill gaps, correct foregone assumptions and address those issues that have emerged in greater relief since the last Habitat Agenda.

This Tool for Evaluative Habitat III Reporting creates an opportunity for the evaluator to learn about the applicable human rights norms and obligations and where to find them in the various sources of international law. Reviewing the Habitat II commitments against the states' human rights obligations calls for evaluation of efforts to ensure security of tenure, including land/agrarian reform efforts undertaken such that promote the social function of land/property and integrate diverse tenure arrangements within the state's land administration. Also, this approach calls for the needed review of the prohibited practice of forced eviction within the country, as most states already are required to report on five-year cycles under their prior human rights treaty obligations.

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| I. Demographic Issues and Challenges for a New Habitat Agenda Specific questions: | Related Habitat II commitments | Sources & standards of corresponding human rights state obligations |
| II. Planning Specific questions: | Related Habitat II commitments | Sources & standards of corresponding human rights state obligations |
| III. Environment and Urbanization Specific questions: | Related Habitat II commitments | Sources & standards of corresponding human rights state obligations |
| IV. Governance and Administration Specific questions: | Related Habitat II commitments | Sources & standards of corresponding human rights state obligations |
| V. Urban Economy Specific questions: | Related Habitat II commitments | Sources & standards of corresponding human rights state obligations |
| VI. Housing and Basic Services | Related Habitat II commitments | Sources & standards of corresponding human rights state obligations |

The HLRN Habitat III reporting tool facilitates this inquiry in the form of a customized Excel file containing three columns, beginning with the set of six broad themes and corresponding questions from the UN-Habitat reporting guidelines, paralleled by two columns of pre-existing reporting criteria: Column 2 contains the corresponding Habitat II commitments, summarizing their content and citing the paragraphs where they are located in the Habitat Agenda. Column 3 contains the state's human rights obligations with their citations as they relate to each of the cited Habitat II commitments and, correspondingly, to the issues and questions posed in the UN-Habitat-proffered guideline. The tool is organized as follows:

In addition to the specific questions that the UN Habitat reporting guidelines posed under each of the headings, the HIC-HLRN method also introduces some salient issues that were omitted from the “standard” guidelines, but arise from explicit Habitat II commitments, or hold particular relevance in the present generation of policy formulation, such as:

- Describe the integrated planning provisions for balanced rural and urban development, particularly considering current and anticipated patterns of housing, labour, energy, water, transport, and developing and sustaining city-region food systems.
- What is the prospectus of the population, ethnic, religious, cultural, language, income and other diversity questions that will affect human settlement development for the coming bi-decennial, including any forms of discrimination, polarization or social integration dynamics?
- What is to be done to ensure the optimum degree of capacity and effective stakeholder participation in the various spheres of planning?
- What provisions exist to support local economic development, including the social production of cities/human settlements?
- How has the state aligned the urban and rural economy with national development policy?
- What measures have been taken to realize resource sharing and social function of the economy, including via land-value sharing, *plusvalía*, etc.?
- Describe any emerging or anticipated priorities and challenges in ensure equitable economic performance of the cities/human settlements in your country.

Applying the tool is an exercise in two parts: An “Evaluation” part and a “Looking Forward” prospectus. The “Evaluation” part integrates the Habitat II Agenda commitments with the actual organization of the selective criteria of UN Habitat-proffered national reporting guidelines. It calls for a thoughtful review of what standing Habitat II commitments were fulfilled by central government, local authorities and governments (including major cities) and other subnational governmental structures. It also calls for illustrations of efforts by Habitat Agenda Partners through a participatory evaluation effort, the findings of which should reveal the challenges experienced and lessons learnt through success or failure of those efforts.

The “Looking Forward” section aims to identify the needed elements of the New Habitat Agenda that reflect the priority commitments of various spheres of government to achieve the bundle of habitat rights guaranteed by, and binding upon states, as well as recognize emerging rights (e.g., energy, land, transport, a collective right to the city, etc.) as well as techniques and concepts further developed in theory and practice since Habitat II, such as social production of habitat, the social function of land and property, regulation of real-estate markets, integrated systems of diverse tenure arrangements and land adjustments, as well as the binding and declaratory legal norms developed since 1996.

Many of these Habitat Agenda essentials remain neglected in the draft Habitat III outcome document and negotiations.

For an evaluative reporting example for Habitat III, please see: [Housing and Land Rights in India – Status Report for Habitat III](#).²⁸

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LandTimes/أحوال الأرض

HIC-HLRN issued two issues of *LandTimes/أحوال الأرض*, in June and October 2015, presenting news from the Network, as well as regional and international processes. The *LandTimes/أحوال الأرض* “Terminology Corner” regularly covers new terms that have emerged from these processes, reflecting contemporary practice and thinking. Meanwhile, others are simply old and familiar terms interpreted in a new context. This feature often reflects the direct engagement of civil society in contentious standard-setting processes. The June issue featured and critically reviewed the elements of “consent” and explored the “obligations of local authorities.” While presenting examples on agroecology, the *LandTimes/أحوال الأرض* linked the concept to the previously covered concepts of “food security” and “food sovereignty.”

The October issue came under the editorial theme of “Evaluation Criteria” reflecting HLRN’s contemporary focus on Habitat II commitments in light of the discontinuity of the Habitat III process. The editorial asserted that an evaluation of the relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of implementing the Habitat II Agenda shared over the past 20 years would form a welcome basis for heading forward with new commitments. That issue also covered the continuing review of World Bank safeguard policies affecting land in development.

In 2015, *LandTimes/أحوال الأرض* also carried reports from the field from contributors in Algeria, Egypt, Palestine, and Western Sahara. HLRN publishes *Land Times/أحوال الأرض* in both Arabic and English on the HLRN (www.hlrn.org) and HIC-MENA (www.hic-mena.org) websites, as well as on *Landpedia* (http://landpedia.org/land/index.php?title=Main_Page) the web-based resource on regional land struggles.

The Land and Its People

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Civil Society Voices Address the Crisis over Natural Resources in the Middle East/North Africa
Housing and Land Rights Network Habitat International Coalition



The MENA regional program produced the new publication *The Land and Its People: Civil Society Voices Address the Crisis over Natural Resources in the Middle East/North Africa* in March 2015. This English-language volume follows and updates the Arabic-language compilation of participants’ contributions from four rounds of the MENA Land Forum, 2009–2013. It embodies the diagnostic presentations and papers for the wider international public. The volume’s 36 analytical articles are organized according to 10 timely themes: exploring tenure rights; water scarcity; gender, the right to the city; corruption; indigenous peoples; conflict, occupation and war; globalization; land and revolution; and land in constitution and policy reform.

Together, these chapters provide a uniquely informative resource reflecting the critical perspectives from a variety of disciplines in a region rarely covered from the perspective of its peoples’ connection to the land.

Download *The Land and Its People*: www.hlrn.org/img/publications/BigMasterFinal.pdf

HIC General Secretariat

During 2015, HIC's General Secretariat (HIC-GS) mainly focused on the coordination with all HIC's policy and operational structures, (HIC-LA, HIC-HLRN-SA, HIC-MENA, HIC-HLRN, HIC-Presidency as well as with the African Focal Points (Mazingira Institute and Bethesda) to foster the participation of HIC's members, friends and allies in three main themes/actions:

- Habitat III (HIII)²⁹
- The Right to the City (R2C), the Global Platform for the Right to the City (GPR2C) and the implementation of the "R2C for all" project³⁰; and
- The Social Production of Habitat (SPH)³¹.

The coordination for the Habitat III process, the implementation of the project "R2C for all" as well as the work on the SPH globally and regionally (LA) were of particular relevance this year on the occasion of the World Social Forum in Tunis (March 2015) and HIC's internal and global meetings, such as the General Assembly and Board Meetings. It is important to mention as well other normal global proceedings such as the elections of HIC President, the coordination with members and the participation of HIC-GS's representatives in a high number of events and forums throughout the year. Besides this, the preparations for HIC's activities and global meetings in Quito in October 2016 involved much coordination work and meetings to advance logistical issues with members and local partners. These events will culminate much of the collective work throughout 2015, including expert and stakeholder inputs to the processes and substance of Habitat III.

Thus, the overarching objective of HIC-GS during 2015 has been a contribution to coordinated global efforts from and to civil society for the recognition, defense and full implementation of the right to habitat with social justice, especially in favor of the demands of the poorest and most vulnerable social sectors in every region. This was achieved with a consistent global coordination and communication strategy, to enhance the advocacy capacities and outcomes of the Coalition in support of like-minded communities, social movements and organizations' housing processes, and to improve land and housing policies and their

implementation at the local, national, regional and global levels.

Planning 2016 and beyond

During 2015, the General Secretariat had the opportunity to engage with more members, friends and allies and work together to address international processes and conferences such as Habitat III and the Global Platform for the Right to the City. A stronger coordination for these processes ensures that members actively engage in the defense, promotion and realization of human rights related to habitat in both rural and urban areas. The opportunity also allows to engage with more members, friends and allies in the meetings on the Right to the City and the Social Production of Habitat in Asia and Europe and on Habitat III at the global level (2015-2016). The Habitat III conference to be held in Quito will be a great opportunity to work together with members and for networking opportunities with allies, hence the importance of the coordination for this event during 2015.

In this regard, it is important to plan accordingly the future strategy of Habitat International Coalition as a key actor and reference point for monitoring and evaluating the process, content and implementation of the new agenda that will emerge from Habitat III, without forgetting and improving upon the commitments made at Habitat II 20 years ago.

Main activities

Hereunder a non-exhaustive list of activities/actions in which HIC-GS has participated during 2015:

(1) Participation in the "Primer Foro Ciudadano Hacia Hábitat III", (Santiago, January 2015);

(2) Joint (No-Vox, IAI and HIC) Call to participate to the World Assembly of Inhabitants at the WSF2015 (February 2015);

(3) Habitat III - 2nd Preparatory Committee. Support and/or participation in the following events: (a) General Assembly of Partners (GAP); (b) Police Dialogue with Local Regional Governments, with UCLG; (c) Side Event on Global Governance Failures and Opportunities in Addressing Climate Change, Rising Inequalities and Jobless Growth, with the Milano School; (d) Side event on Civil society and local government's expectations

for Habitat III, organized by HIC; (e) Side event on the importance of City Region Food Systems in the New Urban Agenda, with Mazingira Institute; (f) Side event on Sustainable Housing as an Engine for Economic Development and Employment Generation, with ILO; (g) Meeting with local partners and Mazingira Institute; (h) Human Rights in Cities and Cities for All (Nairobi, April 2015);

(4) Participation in the coordination meetings of the European Action Coalition for the Right to Housing and the City (Athens, June 2015);

(5) Participation in the International meeting for the right to housing: Solidarity against austerity and against evictions in Europe (Athens, June 2015);

(6) Participation in the Forum "Chile hacia la Conferencia Hábitat III. Un Foro Nacional Urbano", (Santiago, June 2015);

(7) Participation in the "Conversatorio sobre función social del suelo", (Santiago, August 2015);

(8) Invitation to Participate in the Habitat III Processes on the Occasion of World's Habitat Day 2015 (October 2015);

(9) Participation in the "Encuentro Internacional de la Sociedad Civil y Gobiernos

Locales hacia Hábitat III" organized by DESCO (Lima, October 2015);

(10) Organization and realization of an in person meeting on HIC's projects and networking activities with members, and visits to local communities, (Lima, October 2015);

(11) Logistic support and contact set to French HIC member Habitat en Movement to visit HIC members in Latin America for the collection of data for the HeM book on Social production and self-management of Habitat (2015);

(12) Coordination of IAI's Event in JNB during Africities (Johannesburg, November 2015);

(13) Coordination and logistics of GPR2C's event in Africa (Johannesburg, November 2015);

(14) Participation in the Funders' Forum on Sustainable Cities Annual Conference "Sustaining Movements for the Big Conversations" (New York, November 2015);

(15) Coordination and logistics of GPR2C's event in Indonesia (Surabaya, December 2015);

(16) Global Call for the conformation of Popular Committees toward Habitat III

(17) Declaration on the occasion of the Human Rights Day 2015 (December 2015).

Global Activities

HIC at the World Social Forum



The 13th World Social Forum (WSF)³² was held in Tunis, Tunisia, from 24 to 28 March 2015. WSF 2015 occurred at a crucial time for social movements claiming for more justice, freedom and solidarity. The aims and guidelines chosen considered the political, social and economic changes in Maghreb-Mashreq and on the African Continent, as well as the worldwide ecological and economic crises.

HIC joined the democratic debate of ideas, exchange of experiences and strategy building against inequitable neoliberal policies and in defense of the commons. This was

also the opportunity to show support for the Tunisian people after the Bardo terrorist attacks on 18 March. In this regard, HIC issued a [Letter of Solidarity to the Tunisian people](#)³³. HIC, together with members and allies, organized and participated in several events:

1. Civil society's expectations and needs from the Habitat III process
2. Right to the City + Social Production of Habitat Platforms
3. How to implement the Right to the City to build democratic and sustainable cities
4. Land Forum Workshop:
5. Outcomes of MENA Land Forum 2009–2014: A Small Farmer Network
6. Reclaiming the City, Reclaiming Local Food Systems
7. Local Authorities Supporting Palestine
8. Land and Natural Resources in Western Sahara
9. Coordination and participation in the World Assembly of Inhabitants
10. Participation in the World Social Forum International Council meetings
11. Democratizing Democracy and the Cities We Want
12. Social Ecology, Participatory Democracy & the Environmental Crisis
13. The World Social Forum and the Struggle Against Neoliberalism. Book Launch of Gustave Massiah's: 'The Strategy for the Alternative to Globalisation'

HIC also joined local visits with local organizations, including a site-visit to [La Petite Sicile](#)³⁴, and invited others to join in the HIC-related events. HIC's [General](#)

[Assembly](#)³⁵ meeting was held in Tunis on 23 March 2015 with the presence of 29 participants (14 women and 15 men), representing 20 organizations from 18 different countries and from all regions. There were 9 members with the right to vote physically present and the Assembly had 10 proxies. Globally, there were 106 organizations with the right to vote, so the GA did not reach the constitutionally required quorum (21 people). After Tunis, the GS organized an online voting process on the GA agenda open to all members with the right to vote. After the President's traditional welcome and the presentation of the 2014 report of the HIC Structures and Board members representatives, HIC members took the floor to share their work. All participants discussed HIC's strategies and activities in Tunis and the open debate centered on HIC achievements and challenges, with a focus on the right to the city, the social production of habitat and Habitat III. HIC member The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (DPU) presented the research "[Habitat III National Reporting Processes: Locating the Right to the City and the Role of Civil Society](#)".³⁶ This was a brilliant example on how members engage in global processes with the support and collaboration of HIC's reference centers. HIC-HLRN presented the commitments of Habitat II supporting R2C and other human rights and structural reform urgencies as a basis for the Habitat III advocacy strategy, augmented with the emerging issues and concepts since 1996.

On <http://www.hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6004>



A global movement for the Right to the City



Global Platform for the Right to the City
Plataforma Global por el Derecho a la Ciudad
Plataforma Global pelo Direito à Cidade

The [Global Platform for the Right to the City](#)³⁷ (GPR2C), launched in 2014 by an initiative from HIC and the Polis Institute from Brazil, seeks to promote the adoption of commitments, policies, projects and actions by the United Nations system and national and local governments aiming at developing inclusive, safe, democratic and sustainable cities and human settlements. The constitution of the GPR2C was, at that time, considered extremely important for strengthening urban struggles for social justice and to enhance international mobilization to address the Agenda 2030 (SDGs) and the Third UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), taking advantage of global gatherings as the World Social and the World Urban Forums.

Among the GPR2C members and partners there are several international organizations such as Action Aid, Cities Alliance, the Committee on Social, Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the Intercontinental Network for the Social and Solidarity Economy (RIPESS), the International Fund for the Development of the Cities (FMDV), the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, Habitat for Humanity, the Huairou Commission, the International Alliance of Inhabitants (IAI), Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI), Techo, Women in Cities International (WICI), Women in Informal Employment, Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO), the Avina and the Ford Foundations; as well as several Brazilian organizations including the National Forum for Urban Reform (FNRU), the National Front of Mayors (FNP), the Association of Municipalities (ABM) and the Institute for Urbanistic Law (IBDU).

During 2015, the GPR2C has been very active in the process towards the Habitat III conference, both inside and outside the official channels and spaces. Among the most relevant activities, it is worth mentioning its engagement at the thematic preparatory events, like the ones on Metropolitan Areas (Montreal, Canada, October) and on Intermediary Cities (Cuenca, Ecuador, November), as well as the Urban Thinkers Campuses in Mexico, Spain and USA. Through a very intense coordination activity, GPR2C representatives managed to include relevant contents in key declarations and preparatory documents such as the Issue Papers. At the same time, many of its members were included as experts inside the Policy Units to work on recommendations dealing with some critical topics: right to the city and cities for all, gender equality, cultural diversity and social inclusion, urban land and housing national policies, local fiscal systems and inclusive economic strategies and informal workers.

In parallel, the GPR2C promoted its own regional meetings in [Africa \(Johannesburg, South Africa, November\)](#) and [Asia \(Surabaya, Indonesia, December\)](#)³⁸, aiming at broadening the mobilization, debate and joint proposals towards a share agenda for the right to the city at local and national level. In that context, the participants requested the incorporation of an stronger territorial dimension and discussed the possibility of drafting an African Charter for the Right to the City, while in Asia they highlighted the need to engage rural communities and indigenous peoples in the debates, since most of the population in many countries of that region still live in rural areas.

Several networking and training activities were also organized in places like Brazil, Mexico, South Africa and Tunisia, bringing together

social movements, civil society organizations, human rights activists, professionals, academics and public servants to exchange concrete challenges as well as tools and experiences that move towards the right to the city.

HIC's contribution to this process outlined the lessons and products to date, and linked the R2C strategic foundations and principles to Habitat II commitments and Habitat III processes and contents. The follow-up includes HIC technical assistance in developing CSO parallel reporting to Habitat III, and contributing to the Habitat III regional reports for MENA and for the Africa region. Both HIC General Secretariat and HIC President were involved in organizing these meetings, producing content materials, and providing logistical and communication support for the Global Platform for the Right to the City and its related activities.

At the same time, other regional and national meetings contributed to strengthening

movements, forums and networks that are promoting local and national actions related to the Right to the City, such as the II Latin American and Caribbean Forum on Adequate Housing (Monterrey, Mexico, May) and the V World Forum of Human Rights Cities (Gwangju, South Korea, May), in which HIC representatives also took part.

At the occasion of the World Habitat Day (October) the GPR2C launched a strong call for the inclusion of the Right to the City as the cornerstone of the New Urban Agenda, demanding the UN and the national governments to ensure the meaningful participation of civil society organizations and local governments as key partner in the definition and implementation of the commitments that will be agreed upon in Quito on October 2016.

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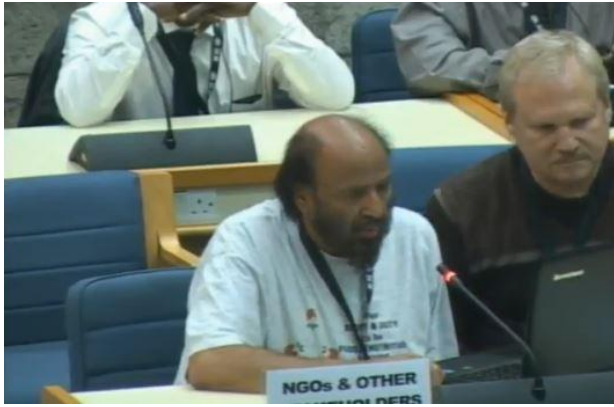


Habitat III Process



Habitat International Coalition (HIC) and its civil society members have expressed deep concerns and high expectations in this Habitat

Conference since the very early stages of its preparation. HIC has called repeatedly for the integrity of the Habitat II (1996) commitments and modalities as we advance toward Habitat III while preserving three basic principles: (1) Upholding the Habitat II-established principle to be as inclusive as possible; (2) Maintaining the Habitat Agenda, not pursuing a narrower "urban agenda"; and (3) Ensuring that human rights and good governance approaches continue to anchor and guide global human settlement policy and corresponding commitments.



During the Second Preparatory Committee (Nairobi, April 2015) these basics principles were part of HIC's message, a message that was delivered in several initiatives, inside and outside the official session, to lobby for civil society (CS) and local government (LG)'s expectations and proposals for the New **Habitat** Agenda and Habitat III. This included the substantive CS and LG involvement and participation in the Habitat III process; The outcomes of the research "[Habitat III National Reporting Processes: Locating the Right to the City and the Role of Civil Society](#)"³⁹; The status of the national and regional reports and the participation of CS and LG; and the outcomes of the latest events organized by the Global Platform for the Right to the City in São Paulo and Tunis. HIC advocated for Habitat III's process and contents to be grounded in (1) a faithful evaluation of commitments made at Habitat II; (2) a review of housing-rights and good-governance practices consistent with those essential aspects of the Habitat II promise; and (3) realistic preparation for the emerging human settlement-development challenges that light the way toward improving "balanced rural and urban development".

HIC Habitat III Working Group's main purpose has been to coordinate HIC's strategy toward Habitat III. This working group is formed by 40 HIC's members, friends and staff who actively

participated in 4 online meetings during 2015. HIC's roadmap to Habitat III, [Habitat III Basics](#)⁴⁰, [relevant materials](#)⁴¹ and the minutes of the online meetings are hosted on [HIC-HLRN](#)⁴² and [HIC-GS](#)⁴³ websites, as well as in a specific blog external to HIC's websites called [HIC's Expectations for HIII](#)⁴⁴. One of the outputs of this WG was the above mentioned research: "Habitat III National Reporting Processes: Locating the Right to the City and the Role of Civil Society." HIC-GS has also supported the regional reports launched by The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (DPU) (United Kingdom) and the Universidad General Sarmiento (Argentina) in Africa and Latin America respectively.

Two online questionnaires on the Habitat III process were also launched in 2015: the [first one](#)⁴⁵ inquired members, friends and allies about the status of National Habitat Committees and National Reports for Habitat III in English, Spanish and French (January 2015) while the [second one](#)⁴⁶ had specific questions about Habitat III, HIC's 40th anniversary and the Global Platform for the Right to the City (September 2015).

The HIC-GS also formulated and submitted the project "Production et diffusion de documents d'analyse critique des processus Habitat de 1976 à 2016" to the Fondation pour le Progrès de l'Homme. The aim of the publication is to reflect on the performance and progress of the HIC's work with members, friends and allies. It will also serve to reflect on the past and present struggles, and to strengthen the human rights values, identity and future struggles of civil society seeking to influence the administration of equitable, sustainable and environmentally respectful human settlements, with equal opportunities, democracy and social justice for all.

HIC's Presidential Elections

During 2015, the Presidential election was successfully held. The members elected their President to the Board (period 2015-2019). The process started at the beginning of June and ended at the end of October.

The Electoral Committee was set with 6 members (one woman and 5 men) from 6 countries of 4 regions, with the support of the GS Team: Mr. Mo Adam (Social Peace for Sudan-The Netherlands) as Coordinator and

Mrs. Paola Bagnera (Vivienda Social y Ciudad–Argentina), Mr. Khadim Dahot (Sewa Development Trust Sindh–Pakistan), Mr. Esteban Torres (Somos Ecuador-Ecuador), Mr. Yves Joël Zoffoun (Bethesda–Benin), Mr. David Barrientos (Red Hábitat–Bolivia).

All communications regarding election process have been posted and sent in 4 languages: English, Spanish, French and Arabic. The means were the Blog for elections⁴⁷, HIC News, emails, 3 mailing lists, Social Media and posts on the GS Website. The votes were sent exclusively by email to the EC mailbox.

Two persons were nominated: Mrs. Lorena Zárate of FOSOFI (Mexico), and Mr. Issa Samander of The Wall Committee/Popular Development Center (Palestine): Lorena

Zárate's nomination was declared valid meanwhile Mr. Issa Samander's nomination failed to comply with the requirements of the HIC By-Law

The roster of voters was stating 51 members from the 6 regions from 24 countries. 24 votes issued from organizations of 16 countries from the 6 regions were received, from which 23 valid votes in favor of Lorena Zárate, 1 invalid vote and no blank vote. The 24 votes represent the participation of 47% of the eligible voting members, met the 10% quorum.

President elected: Lorena Zárate

At the date of Closure of Objection, no objection had been received.

World Habitat Day and Human Rights Day 2015

Within the framework of the [World Habitat Day 2015](#)⁴⁸ (WHD), a number of initiatives in different cities around the world were organized and shared on HIC's websites. On this occasion, HIC invited its members friends and allies (1) to launch or join [popular committees](#)⁴⁹ and the organization of national and regional parallel events in different countries and opened to the participation of everyone; (2) to draft [National](#)⁵⁰ and [Regional](#)⁵¹ Parallel Reports, summarizing the analysis, demands, expectations and proposals from divers civil society actors, as well as evaluating Habitat II Agenda performance; and (3) to hold an Urban Social Forum parallel to Habitat III, an open and inclusive forum for discussion and coordination of struggles and experiences growing in all corners of the planet. This call for action was the continuation of the previous WHD's [joint statement](#)⁵² signed by more than 100 organizations from over 30 countries on the preparations for the third United Nations Conference on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development (Habitat III).

December 2015 celebrated the [Humans Right Day](#)⁵³, commemorating that 67 years ago at Paris, UN member states affirmed that "All

human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights." That 1st article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) enshrined this fundamental human rights principle with seeming prescience of its contemporary relevance. In light of the various currents and trends today impeding implementation of that principle, as a coalition of civil actors around the globe, HIC reaffirmed that "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world". On this Human Rights Day 2015, Habitat International Coalition (HIC) echoed the call for "equal rights of men and women and... to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom." Likewise, HIC also sounded an alarm at the unrelenting pattern of housing and land rights violations that indicates rampant discrimination in every region, and the need to uphold the pre-emptive and remedial human rights approach in the Habitat III process and beyond.

On: <http://www.hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6432> and <http://www.hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6546>

Ana Sugranyes: new member of HIC Wisdom Keepers



During 2015, HIC General Assembly and Board approved the appointment of Ana Sugranyes as a member of the HIC Wisdom Keepers. The title of HIC Wisdom Keeper is bestowed by HIC Board on HIC members to signify that the recipient is a keeper of valuable knowledge, resulting from recipient's commitment to HIC over time, of its evolution and the strive for people-centered and sustainable development of human

settlements. Thus, they confer the wisdom keepers the privilege to enlighten HIC, on making cities, towns and villages of the world, places to live in peace and dignity for all.

Ana Sugranyes has worked with HIC since the late-1980s, beginning with a four-year term on the HIC Board. Most recently, from 2003 to 2013, she served as the HIC General Secretary, coordinating the work of this global coalition. During the last 35 years, Ana has demonstrated a deep knowledge of housing and land human rights instruments and principles, an unique role as a leader and coordinator of diverse civil society organizations, an excellent negotiator with municipal, national and multilateral institutions and a strong personal commitment for the right of everyone to a secure place in which to live in peace and dignity.



Participants of the first module of the regional school of cooperatives training in Mexico.

Financial Statement

HIC Financial Statements 2015: AL, MENA, SA, HLRN and GS⁽¹⁾

| Year 2015 | Expressed in US Dollars | | | | | | Income expressed in percentage |
|--|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|--|
| | HIC-AL ⁽²⁾ | HIC-MENA | HIC-SA | HIC-HLRN | HIC-GS | Total | |
| Income | 239.017 | 93.047 | 238.117 | 14.713 | 463.675 | 1.048.569 | |
| Beginning Balance 2015 | 55.858 | 37.382 | 148.761 | 1.179 | 129.404 | 372.584 | 35,5% |
| Donor Agencies ^(3 a, b, c, d, e) | 183.159 | 28.100 | 89.356 | 0 | 329.690 | 630.305 | 60,1% |
| HIC Membership fees ⁽⁴⁾ | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2.406 | 2.406 | 0,2% |
| Solidarity, special contributions | 0 | 27.565 | 0 | 13.534 | 2.175 | 43.274 | 4,1% |
| | | | | | | | 100,0% |
| Expenditure | 218.655 | 115.444 | 141.908 | 12.739 | 275.225 | 763.971 | Expenditure expressed in percentage |
| Staff Costs ⁽⁵⁾ | 109.535 | 78.967 | 85.002 | 1.364 | 153.279 | 428.147 | 56,0% |
| Projects, activities ⁽⁶⁾ | 56.403 | 18.163 | 31.702 | 11.375 | 89.487 | 207.130 | 27,1% |
| Administration Costs ⁽⁷⁾ | 48.115 | 15.098 | 23.688 | 0 | 28.434 | 115.335 | 15,1% |
| Audit ⁽⁸⁾ | 4.602 | 3.216 | 1.516 | 0 | 4.024 | 13.358 | 1,7% |
| | | | | | | | 100,0% |
| Restricted cash on hand⁽⁹⁾ | 20.362 | -22.397 | 96.209 | 1.974 | 188.450 | 284.598 | |

Notes:

- (1) Financial Statements are reported from five structures that have infrastructure dedicated to the Coalition purpose: Latin America (HIC-AL), Middle East (HIC-MENA); South-Asian (HIC-SA); Housing and Land Rights Network (HIC-HLRN) and the General Secretariat (HIC-GS).

- HIC-AL office in Mexico works in three dimensions: (i) HIC networking and advocacy in Latin American, (ii) Support to HIC Presidency, and (iii) Mexican advocacy and networking. The HIC-AL accounting includes the three dimensions. 35% of the reported amounts corresponds to the national Mexican activities.

- Main contributions to HIC-AL: Misereor USD 60.612*; Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung USD 58.500; UUSC USD 8.000; HIC-Ford Foundation-Polis USD 32.006* (3a) (received from the GS as part of the joint project "R2C for all"); WeEffect USD 10.000; MZF USD 10.800; FPH USD 3.240

(*) includes funds received in advance to be spent in 2016.

- Main contributions to HIC-MENA: FGHR USD 15.500; ILO USD 12.600; UN Grant USD 4.600; and General Fund USD 22.965 & HIC-HLRN General Fund USD 13.534 (3b)

- (3c) Main contributions to HIC-SA: Misereor USD 85.047

- (3d) HIC-HLRN contribution USD 13.534

- Main contributions to HIC-GS: Misereor USD 211.437 for the joint operation of the Secretariat and HIC-HLRN; Ford Foundation USD 118.253* for the joint project "R2C for all" with HIC-AL** (3e)

(*) GS' share is 54,24%; HIC-AL's share is 46,76% (**) USD 32.006 has been transferred to HIC-AL, please see note 3a.

- (4) Additional revenues not included in the accounting and audit 2015. These revenues will be included in the accounting and audit 2016.

- (5) The staff costs cover administrative and professional staff, whose duties are not related to a specific project but to the operation and administration throughout the HIC structure.

- (6) The costs of projects and activities include fees, travels, associated events, per diem, publication and promotion (web sites).

- (7) Administrative costs related to rent and office supplies (including telephone, ASDL and security), bank charges and fixed assets for the office (e.g. computer hardware and software).

- (8) Audit: (i) HIC-AL, the auditor is SPC, Contadores y Abogados, S.C., Mexico DF, Mexico; (ii) HIC-MENA, HIC-HLRN and HIC-GS, the auditor is Waleed al-Batawy & Assoc., Cairo, Egypt; (iii) HIC-SA, the auditor is Malhotra&Associates New Dehli, India.

- (9) In the five cases, the restricted cash on hand represents funds committed to ongoing operations, projects and contracts.

HIC Members

| HIC Members in Africa | Country |
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| Acteurs Pour Habitat | Guinee |
| Action Internationale de Développement Intégral | Ivory Coast |
| Associação Juvenil Angolana de Habitação | Angola |
| Association Action Solidarité Couches Défavorisées | Mali |
| Association d'aide sanitaire aux plus démunis | Senegal |
| Association d'appui aux conducteurs de chariots du Congo | D. R. Congo |
| Association de Developpment de Jeunes d'Ousouge | Senegal |
| Association Féminine des Femmes de Magnambougou | Mali |
| Association for the Physically Disable of Kenya | Kenya |
| Association pour le Progrès et la Défense des Droits des Femmes/Filles | Mali |
| Built Environment Support Group | South Africa |
| Center for Advancement of Development Rights | Nigeria |
| Centre de Recherches Concertées sur le Développement | Togo |
| Centre for African Settlements Studies and Development | Nigeria |
| Centre Regional pour l'Eau Potable et l' Assainissement | Burkina Faso |
| Coalition des ONG et OCB du Cameroun Oeuvrant dans le Domaine des Etablissements Humains | Cameroon |
| Coalition des Organisations de la Société Civile pour le Suivi des Réformes et de l'Action Publique | D.R. Congo |
| Coalition Nationale pour l'Habitat | Burkina Faso |
| Cohort for Research on Environment, Urban Management and Human Settlements | Kenya |
| Collectif Interafricain des Habitants | Cameroon |
| Comité de Développement Intégré de Kouabang - Gamougoum | Cameroon |
| Community Conservation & Development Initiatives | Nigeria |
| Contribution au Développement Rural | Niger |
| Cooperation for Research, Development and Education | Botswana |
| Coopérative Féminine pour la Protection de l'Environnement | Mali |
| Cooperative Multifonctionnelle des Femmes de Badialam III | Mali |
| Coopérative Multifonctionnelle des Femmes de Magranbogon | Mali |
| Council for Human Ecology-Kenya | Kenya |
| Development Action Group | South Africa |
| Development Indian Ocean Network | Mauritius |
| Development Initiatives Network | Nigeria |
| Development Workshop - Angola | Angola |
| Eastern Africa Coalition on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | Kenya |
| Environnement et Développement du Tiers-Monde | Senegal |
| Female Architects of Nigeria | Nigeria |
| Femmes Côte d'Ivoire Expérience | Ivory Coast |
| Fondation des Femmes Actives Pour la Promotion de L'Education de la Femme et de l'Enfant | Cameroon |
| Fonds de Garantie Hypothécaire | Mali |
| GIE Foulani-Service | Mali |
| Grassroots Women Development Organisation | Uganda |
| Groupe d'Action pour le Droit | R. D. Congo |

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| Groupement d'Intérêt Economique GIE SANIYA | Mali |
| Habitants et Travailleurs Baraka | Senegal |
| Habitat for Humanity of Tanzania | Tanzania |
| Housing People of Zimbabwe | Zimbabwe |
| Human Settlements of Zambia | Zambia |
| Initiative pour le développement communautaire intégré | Senegal |
| Integrated Holistic Approach Urban Development Programme | Ethiopia |
| Kituo Cha Sheria (Legal Advice Centre) | Kenya |
| Lagos Group for the Study of Human Settlements | Nigeria |
| Mazingira Institute | Kenya |
| Namibia Housing Action Group | Namibia |
| National Committee for Urban Shelter - Department of Architecture | New Guinea |
| National Cooperative Housing Union Ltd | Kenya |
| Nigerian Environmental Study/Action Team | Nigeria |
| ONG BETHESDA/Département Développement Communautaire et Assainissement du Milieu | Benin |
| PLANACT | South Africa |
| Reseau des Femmes Habitantes | Niger |
| Shelter and Settlements Alternatives: Uganda Human Settlements Network | Uganda |
| Social and Economic Rights Initiative | Nigeria |
| Solidarité Internationale pour la Promotion de l'Habitat Social | Senegal |
| Strategies Alternatives pour un Habitat et un Environment Elargis | Senegal |
| The New Housing Company-S.A | South Africa |
| University of Witwatersrand | South Africa |
| Women Advancement Trust | Tanzania |
| Women Environmental Programme | Nigeria |
| Women in Development & Environment | Nigeria |
| Women Protection Organization | Nigeria |
| Young Muslim Association | Kenya |
| Zimbabwe People's Land Rights Movement | Zimbabwe |

HIC Members in Asia and Oceania

| HIC Members in Asia and Oceania | Country |
|---|----------------|
| ActionAid India/Citizens' Rights Collective | India |
| Ahmedabad Study Action Group | India |
| Alternative Planning Initiatives Inc. | Philippines |
| Asian Bridge | South Korea |
| Asian Coalition for Housing Rights | Thailand |
| Association for Voluntary Action and Services | India |
| Australian Council of Social Service | Australia |
| Billerbeck Architekten | Philippines |
| Center for Housing and Human Ecology Development Foundation, Inc. | Philippines |
| Center of Housing and Human Settlements, Dep. of Architecture, Petra Christian University | Indonesia |
| Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society | India |
| Community Development Information and Action Group | India |
| Dedicated Involvement of Women for Housing Actions | Philippines |
| Development Alternatives | India |
| Dustha Shasthya Kendra | Bangladesh |

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| Eafor - Pam Centre | Malaysia |
| Freedom to Build Inc | Philippines |
| Grameena Empowerment Mission Society | India |
| Human Development Centre | Thailand |
| Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia | Indonesia |
| Institute for Development Education & Action | India |
| Karnataka Kolageri Nivasigala Samyuktha | India |
| Kongress NG Pagkakaisa NG MGA | Philippines |
| Leaders and Organizers of Community Organisation in Asia | Philippines |
| Marian Housing Foundation | Philippines |
| Nagorik Uddyog (Citizen's Initiative) | Bangladesh |
| Orangi Pilot Project, Research and Training Institute | Pakistan |
| Pagtambayayong Foundation for Mutual Aid | Philippines |
| Punjab Action Group for Rural Development | India |
| Sathi All for Partnerships | India |
| Sewa Development Trust Sindh | Pakistan |
| Shelter for the Poor | Bangladesh |
| Society for Community Organization | Hong Kong |
| Urban Poor Associates | Philippines |
| Urban Poor Consortium | Indonesia |
| Women's Voice | India |
| Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action | India |

| HIC Members in Europe | Country |
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| Action Nord Sud | France |
| Alternativas Sostenibles de Desarrollo | Spain |
| AqN-Consult | Netherlands |
| ARC Peace International, Architects, Designers, Planners for Social Responsibility KTH | Sweden |
| Arcilla Research | Netherlands |
| Arquitectos sin Fronteras - España | Spain |
| ASBL Habitat et Participation | Belgium |
| Asociación AI-Gea | Spain |
| Asociación de Amistad con el Pueblo Saharaui de Sevilla | Spain |
| Association Droit Au Logement | France |
| Association International de Techniciens, Experts et Chercheurs | France |
| Atelier Temenos Sanghatane | France |
| Azerbaijan Women and Development Centre | Azerbaijan |
| Building and Social Housing Foundation | England |
| Centre de Recherche et d'Application Terre - América Latina | France |
| Club de Amigos de la UNESCO de Madrid | Spain |
| Community Development Center CITIZEN FOUNDATION | Russia |
| Confederation Generale du Logement Union Parisienne | France |
| Deutsche Entwicklungshilfe Für Soziales Wohnungs-UND | Germany |
| Development Workshop France | France |
| Enginyeria Sense Fronteres Catalunya | Spain |
| Fondation Abbe Pierre pour le logement des Defavorises | France |

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| Foreign Student Department of School of Architecture | Denmark |
| Groupe de Recherche et d'Echanges Technologiques | France |
| Habitat en Mouvement | France |
| Habitat Netz | Germany |
| Habitat Norway | Norway |
| Homeless International | United Kingdom |
| Housing Development and Management | Sweden |
| Housing Policy and Practice Unit | United Kingdom |
| Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies | Netherlands |
| Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies | United Kingdom |
| Instituto de Estudios Políticos para América Latina y África | Spain |
| Intermediate Technology Development Group Schumacher Centre for Technology and Development | United Kingdom |
| International Affairs Officer, Board of The Royal Town Planning Institute | United Kingdom |
| International Association | Russia |
| International Council for Building Research Studies & Documentation | Netherlands |
| International Institute for Environment and Development | United Kingdom |
| International Movement of Rights and Humanity | United Kingdom |
| International Network for Urban Research and Action | Switzerland |
| International Society of City and Regional Planners | Netherlands |
| International Union of Tenants | Sweden |
| Laboratoire de Sociologie Urbaine | Switzerland |
| Observatori DESC | Spain |
| Periferia | Belgium |
| Plataforma Hábitat España | Spain |
| Post Graduate Centre | Belgium |
| Russian Housing Federation | Russia |
| School of Public Policy - Institute of Local Government Studies | United Kingdom |
| Soroptimist International | United Kingdom |
| The Bartlett Development Planning Unit - DPU | United Kingdom |
| The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Dept. of Human Settlements | Denmark |
| Town and Country Planning Association | United Kingdom |
| TRIALOG e.V. – Verein zur Erforschung des Planens und Bauens in EL | Germany |
| Unione Inquilini | Italy |
| UrbaMonde | Switzerland |
| Urbanisme et Democratie | France |
| Vlaams Overleg Bewonersbelangen | Belgium |

HIC Members in Latin America and the Caribbean

| HIC Members in Latin America and the Caribbean | Country |
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| Alternativa, Centro de Investigación Social y Educación Popular | Peru |
| Asociación Cristiana de Jóvenes del Ecuador | Ecuador |
| Asociación Ciudades De Costa Rica | Costa Rica |
| Asociación Civil Canoa | Argentina |
| Asociación Civil Madre Tierra | Argentina |
| Asociación Civil Nueva Democracia por la Vivienda, Salud y Educación de los Humildes | Argentina |
| Asociación de la Vivienda Económica - Centro Experimental de la Vivienda Económica | Argentina |

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| Asociación de Vivienda AVP | Colombia |
| Asociación Latinoamericana para el Hábitat, el Urbanismo y la Arquitectura | Argentina |
| Asociación Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo | Colombia |
| Asociación Servicios a Programas de Desarrollo e Investigación | Guatemala |
| Brazilian Movement in Defense of Life | Brazil |
| Casa y Ciudad A.C. | Mexico |
| Cátedra Políticas de Vivienda Programa Planificación Urbana y Regional | Argentina |
| CEARAH Periferia | Brazil |
| Centro Cooperativista Uruguayo | Uruguay |
| Centro Cultural y Social "Amauta" | Argentina |
| Centro de Assessoria a Autogestao Popular | Brazil |
| Centro de Capacitación Social de Panamá | Panama |
| Centro de Comunicación Popular y Asesoramiento Legal | Argentina |
| Centro de Estudios de la Realidad Económica y Social | Bolivia |
| Centro de Estudios del Desarrollo Urbano | Argentina |
| Centro de Estudios Sociales y Ambientales | Argentina |
| Centro de Estudios Urbanos y Regionales (Centro de Estudios Avanzados de la Universidad de Buenos Aires) | Argentina |
| Centro de Estudios y Prevención de Desastres | Peru |
| Centro de Estudios y Promoción de Desarrollo | Peru |
| Centro de Estudios y Tecnología para Asentamientos Andinos | Ecuador |
| Centro de Intercambio Subregional Cono Sur - Argentina | Argentina |
| Centro de Intercambio y Referencia de Iniciativas Comunitarias | Cuba |
| Centro de Investigación y Promoción del Hábitat | Nicaragua |
| Centro de Investigación, Documentación y Asesoría Poblacional | Peru |
| Centro de Investigaciones CIUDAD | Ecuador |
| Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Municipales | Nicaragua |
| Centro de Promoción del Desarrollo Local - CEPRODEL | Nicaragua |
| Centro de Servicios Municipales "Heriberto Jara", A.C. | Mexico |
| Centro Dominicano de Asesoría e Investigaciones Legales | Dominican Republic |
| Centro Gaspar Garcia de Direitos Humanos | Brazil |
| Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios Territoriales | Argentina |
| Centro Memorial Martin Luther King Jr. | Cuba |
| Centro Operacional de Vivienda y Poblamiento A.C. | Mexico |
| Centro Periferia de Estudios de la Vivienda | Mexico |
| Ciudad Alternativa | Dominican Republic |
| Ciudadania e Direitos Humanos | Brazil |
| Club Hábitat | Dominican Republic |
| Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos | Dominican Republic |
| Comité de Desarrollo del Tamarindo | Dominican Republic |
| Comité para la Defensa de los Derechos Barriales | Dominican Republic |
| Confederación Nacional de Associaços de Moradores | Brazil |
| Consejo de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Caleta | Dominican Republic |
| Consejo de Unidad Popular | Dominican Republic |
| Construction Resource & Development Centre Ltd. | Jamaica |
| Cooperación Comunitaria CC ONG México A.C. | Mexico |
| Coordinadora Centroamericana Autogestionaria de la Vivienda Solidaria-COCEAVIS | El Salvador |

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| Corporacion de Desarrollo Social JUNDEP | Chile |
| Corporación de Estudios Regionales - Guayaquil | Ecuador |
| Corporación Región para el Desarrollo y la Democracia | Colombia |
| El Ceibo T.B (Red Hábitat Argentina) | Argentina |
| Escola Politécnica da Universidade de Sao Paulo | Brazil |
| Escuela del Hábitat | Colombia |
| Facultad de Arquitectura y Universidad Central de Venezuela | Venezuela |
| Federação dos Orgaos para Assistencia Social e Educacional | Brazil |
| Federacion de Villas, Nucleos y Barrios de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires | Argentina |
| Federación Tierra y Vivienda | Argentina |
| Federación Uruguaya de Cooperativistas de Vivienda por Ayuda Mutua | Uruguay |
| Fomento Solidario de la Vivienda A.C. | Mexico |
| Foro Nacional por Colombia | Colombia |
| Foro Urbano | Ecuador |
| Fundação Centro De Defesa Dos Direitos Humanos Rubião | Brazil |
| Fundación Ecuatoriana del Hábitat | Ecuador |
| Fundación Mexicana para la Investigacion Integral sobre Desarrollo, Vivienda, Poblacion y Medio Ambiente | Mexico |
| Fundación Pro Hábitat | Bolivia |
| Fundación Promotora de Vivienda | Costa Rica |
| Fundación Salvadoreña de Desarrollo y Vivienda Mínima | El Salvador |
| Fundación Servivienda | Colombia |
| Fundación Vivienda Popular | Venezuela |
| Fundación Vivienda y Comunidad | Argentina |
| Fundación Vivienda y Comunidad Programa Hábitat | Argentina |
| Grupo Ciudad y Patrimonio A.C | Mexico |
| Grupo de Investigación Vivienda Social y Ciudad - FADU UNL | Argentina |
| Habitat for Humanity, Jamaica LTD | Jamaica |
| Instituto de Desarrollo de la Vivienda Económica | Peru |
| Instituto de Desarrollo Urbano - CENCA | Peru |
| Instituto de Estudios | Panama |
| Instituto de Estudos Socio-Económicos | Brazil |
| Instituto de Investigación y Desarrollo en Vivienda-Instituto para la Comunidad y el Hábitat | Argentina |
| Instituto Internacional de Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo | Argentina |
| Instituto para el Desarrollo Económico Social de América Latina | Guatemala |
| Instituto para la Cooperación y Autodesarrollo | Honduras |
| Instituto Pólis | Brazil |
| Movimento Nacional de Luta Pela Moradia | Brazil |
| Movimiento Comunal Nicaraguense | Nicaragua |
| Movimiento Comunal Salvadoreño | El Salvador |
| Movimiento de Defensa Do Favelado | Brazil |
| Movimiento de Ocupantes e Inquilinos | Argentina |
| Movimiento Guatemalteco de Pobladores | Guatemala |
| Movimiento para la Realización del Habitat Social | Peru |
| Observatorio de la Reconstrucción | Chile |
| OCUPA TU CIUDAD A.C. | Mexico |
| Pastoral da Moradia Arquidiocese de Sao Paulo | Brazil |

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| Programa de Fortalecimiento Institucional y Capacitación de ONG | Argentina |
| Programa Hábitat | Argentina |
| Red Mexicana de Estudios Interdisciplinarios para la Prevención de Desastres | Mexico |
| Red Mujer y Hábitat | Argentina |
| Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos | Bolivia |
| Región, Estudios e Investigaciones | El Salvador |
| Secretariado de Enlace de Comunidades Autogestionarios | Argentina |
| Servicio en Promoción Humana | Argentina |
| Servicio Habitacional y de Acción Social | Argentina |
| Servicio Latinoamericano y Asiático de Vivienda Popular | Chile |
| Sindicato de Arquitectos do R.J. | Brazil |
| Sociedad Civil para el Desarrollo de la Vivienda Popular en Guatemala | Guatemala |
| Sociedad para la Vivienda y el Urbanismo - HABITAT CUBA | Cuba |
| Soluciones Prácticas ITDG | Peru |
| Somos Ecuador | Ecuador |
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| Taller de Proyectos e Investigación del Hábitat Urbano-Rural | Bolivia |
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| Al-Maqdese for Society Development | Palestine |
| Al-Shihab Center for Inclusive Development | Egypt |
| Al-Urdn al-Jadid Research Centre | Jordan |
| Amman Center for Human Rights Studies | Jordan |
| Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem | Palestine |
| Arab Association for Human Rights | Israel |
| Arab Center for Agricultural Development | Palestine |
| Association Aït Iktel de Développement | Morocco |
| Association des Habitants d'el Mourouj 2 et le Programme de Gestion Urbaine des Pays Amapes | Tunisia |
| Association Marocaine des Droits de l'Homme | Morocco |
| Association Mauritanienne pour le Bien Etre et le Secours de l'Enfant et de la Mère | Mauritania |
| Awlad al-Ardh Human Rights Organization (Sons of the Land) | Egypt |
| Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights | Palestine |

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| Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society | Bahrain |
| Bahrain Youth Society For Human Rights | Bahrain |
| Better Life Association for Comprehensive Development | Egypt |
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| Cairo Center Development | Egypt |
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| Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services | Egypt |
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| Darwish Consulting Engineers Ltd. | Egypt |
| Democracy and Workers' Rights Center in Palestine | Palestine |
| Dept. of Geography and Environmental Development, Ben Gurion University | Israel |
| Egyptian Association for Collective Rights - EACR | Egypt |
| Egyptian Center for Civil and Legislative Reform | Egypt |
| Egyptian Centre for Housing Rights | Egypt |
| Egyptian Foundation for Advancement of Childhood Condition | Egypt |
| Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights | Egypt |
| EL-HAYAT Association | Egypt |
| Enda Inter-Arabe | Tunisia |
| Entishar Charity Society | Sudan |
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| Espace Associatif | Morocco |
| Habi Center for Environmental Rights | Egypt |
| Hisham Mubarak Law Center | Egypt |
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| Huda Humanitarian Society for the Care of Orphans and Displaced Persons | Iraq |
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| Human Settlements Association | Turkey |
| Iraq University Civil Community Foundation | Iraq |
| Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions | Israel |
| Land Center for Human Rights | Egypt |
| Land Research Center | Palestine |
| Mediterranean Network for Training | Jordan |
| Mossawa Center - The Advocacy for the Arab Palestinian Citizens of Israel | Israel |
| National Institution for Social Care and Vocational Training | Lebanon |
| Nubian Egyptian Society for Human Rights and the Earth | Egypt |
| Office of Human Rights & Forced Migration | Iraq |
| Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees | Palestine |
| Palestinian Commission for the Protection of Refugee Rights | Palestine |
| Regional Council for the Unrecognized Villages | Israel |
| Réseau Marocain de Défense des Biens Publics | Morocco |
| Right to Water Forum in Arab Region | Morocco |
| Saharawi Association for Victims of Mines | Algeria |
| Sisters Arabic Forum for Human Rights (Muntada al-Shaqa`iq al-Arabi li Huquq al-Insan) | Yemen |
| Social Democratic Forum | Yemen |

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| Social Peace Initiative for Sudan | Egypt |
| Sudanese Group for Assessment of Human Settlements | Sudan |
| The Association of Forty | Israel |
| The Development Support Centre for Consultancy and Training | Egypt |
| The Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Group | Sudan |
| The Egyptian Organization Development Right | Egypt |
| The International Permanent Forum For The Nuba Mountains Indigenous Peoples | Egypt |
| The Wall Committee | Palestine |
| Together Association for Development and Environment | Egypt |
| Together to Protect Human & the Environment Association | Iraq |
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| Women Development Organization | Yemen |
| Yemeni Youth Development Organization | Yemen |












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| Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now | United States |
| Bahai'l International Community | United States |
| Canadian Housing & Renewal Association | Canada |
| Center for Equality Rights in Accommodation | Canada |
| Centre for Human Settlements, University of British Columbia | Canada |
| Development Workshop-Canada | Canada |
| Global Communities | United States |
| Habitat for Humanity Canada | Canada |
| Henry Street Settlement House | United States |
| Homes First Society, Community Development Officer | Canada |
| Housing Committee of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women | Canada |
| Institute for Transportation and Development Policy | United States |
| International Real Estate Institute | United States |
| Logement Sans Frontiers / Shelter Unlimited | Canada |
| Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless | United States |
| Mouvement Action Chômage de Longueuil | Canada |
| National Alliance of HUD Tenants | United States |
| National Alliance to end Homelessness | United States |
| National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials | United States |
| National Coalition for the Homeless | United States |
| National Housing and Homelessness Network | Canada |
| Pathways to Peace | United States |
| Planners Network | United States |
| Public Interest Law Center of New Jersey | United States |
| Rooftops Canada / Abri International | Canada |
| Tenants' Rights Action Coalition | Canada |
| Wellesley Institute | Canada |

HIC Allies

HIC advocated before international institutions in 2015

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|  | Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) |  | Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) |  | Committee on Global Food Security (CFS) |  | Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) |
|  | Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) |  | Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) |  | Inter-American Convention on Human Rights (IACHR) |  | UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) |
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|  | Association of International Dalit Solidarity |  | Bank Information Center |  | Center for Economic and Social Rights |  | Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP) |
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|  | Internal Displacement Monitoring Center |  | International Accountability Project |  | International Alliance of Inhabitants |  | International Commission of Jurists |
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|  | OXFAM International |  | People's Health Movement |  | Right to Food and Nutrition Watch |  | RIPESS - Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy |
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|  | UN Division for Palestinian Rights (UNDPR) |  | UN Human Rights Council |  | University of Oxford - Refugee Studies Centre |  | URGENCI The International Network for Community-supported Agriculture |
|  | WIEGO: Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing |  | WITNESS |  | World Bank Inspection Panel |  | World Social Forum International Council Urban Social Forum |

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