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Global network for habitat rights and social justice

Housing and Land Rights

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For HIC members, friends and allies, 2016 was an historic year. The celebration of our 40th anniversary and the Habitat III Conference held last October in Quito, Ecuador, represented a fundamental milestone that renewed our shared commitment to continue working for the right of every person to a safe and secure place to live in peace and dignity.

At least three different generations, representing more than seventy organizations from twenty-six countries, gathered at HIC General Assembly, the most well-attended over the past two decades. The very emotional tribute to the dear compañeras and compañeros who passed away since Habitat II, was combined with a lively, substantive debate that produced a strong HIC manifesto denouncing the multitude of converging crisis and the need to fulfill previous human rights State obligations under a New Habitat Agenda.

HIC institutional memory and networking strategy were key components of our practices and discourses during the two-year preparatory process, influencing other actors and institutions, from social movements and international organizations to academics and public officials. Particularly relevant was the coordination within the Global Platform for the Right to the City, that lead up to the inclusion — for the first time ever — of that new collective right and many of its policy principles in the outcome document endorsed by 197 countries at the United Nations.

Being inside but also outside of the official process and event was, once again, part of our deliberated approach to influence the debates, the documents and the agreements, while at the same time maintaining our autonomy and connecting with the numerous critical voices that claimed more honest discussions about the current situation of human settlements and truly participatory decision-making spaces.

Several publications, exhibitions, meetings and mobilizations made HIC work visible in every region, before and during the multiple activities in Quito. Popular Habitat Committees were very active in Latin America, while members and allies in Asia, Africa, Europe and North America also coordinated common actions. Concrete plans are now in place for the years to come, including the initiative of a Human Rights Habitat Observatory to monitor the implementation of international commitments at local and national level.

We all know that it is not an easy task to translate the collective energy into few words and images, but we hope that the following pages will be a fair testimony of what we accomplish together. There is no doubt that the challenges ahead are getting more complex and acute than ever. In that context, HIC stands with the communities that claim “nothing about us without us”.

Fraternally,

Lorena Zárate
HIC President
HIC in the world

The Coalition has 410 Members (of which 65 have the right to vote) and 61 Friends. In addition, 1,830 organizations and individuals form the HIC social base. The table below presents the geographic distribution of HIC Members, Friends and the Social Base:

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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.
El Salvador
Coordinadora Centroamericana autogestionaria de la Vivienda Solidaria - COCEAVIS / Fundación Salvador de Desarrollo y Vivienda Mínima / Movimiento Comunal Salvadorino / Región, Estudios e Investigaciones
Guatemala
Asociación Servicios a Programas de Desarrollo e Investigación / Instituto para el Desarrollo Económico Social de América Latina / Movimiento Guatemalteco de Pobladores / Sociedad Civil para el Desarrollo de la Vivienda Popular en Guatemala
Honduras
Instituto para la Cooperación y Autodesarrollo
Jamaica
Construction Resource & Development Centre Ltd. / Habitat for Humanity, Jamaica LTD
México
Nicaragua
Centro de Investigación y Promoción del Hábitat / Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Municipales / Centro de Promoción del Desarrollo Local - CEPRODEL / Movimiento Comunal Nicaragüense
Panama
Centro de Capacitación Social de Panamá / Instituto de Estudios
Paraguay
Comité de Iglesias para Ayudas de Emergencia
Perú
Alternativa, Centro de Investigación Social y Educación Popular / Caritas Chusica / Centro de Estudios y Prevención de Desastres / Centro de Estudios y Promoción de Desarrollo / Centro de Investigación, Documentación y Asesoría Poblacional / Instituto de Desarrollo de la Vivienda Económica / Instituto de Desarrollo Urbano - CENCA / Movimiento para la Realización del Hábitat Social / Soluciones Prácticas
ITDG
Trinidad y Tobago
Sou-Sou Land Co-Operative Society Limited
Uruguay
Centro Cooperativista Uruguayo / Federación de Cooperativas de Vivienda de Usuarios por Ahorro Previo / Federación Uruguay de Cooperativistas de Vivienda por Ayuda Mutua / Unidad Permanente de Vivienda, Facultad de Arquitectura, Universidad de la República / Venezuela
Facultad de Arquitectura y Universidad Central de Venezuela / Fundación Vivienda Popular

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Belgium
ASBL Habitat et Participation / Periferia / Post Graduate Centre / Vlaams Overleg Bewonersbelangen
Denmark
Foreign Student Department of School of Architecture / The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Dept. of Human Settlements
England
Building and Social Housing Foundation
France
Germany
Deutsche Entwicklungshilfe Für Soziales Wohnungs-UND / Habitat Netz / TRIALOG e.V. – Verein zur Erforschung des Planens und Bauens in EL
Italy
Unione Inquilini
Netherlands
AqN-Consult / Arcilla Research / Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies / International Council for Building Research Studies & Documentation / International Society of City and Regional Planners / Sean Devoreux Human Rights Organization
Norway
Habitat Norway / Network of international diplomacy of international law and human rights
Russia
Community Development Center CITIZEN FOUNDATION / International Association / Russian Housing Federation
Spain
Alternativas Sostenibles de Desarrollo / Arquitectos sin Fronteras - España / Asociación Al-Gea / Asociación de Arquitectos sin Fronteras - España / Alternativas Sostenibles de Desarrollo
United Kingdom

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Canada
Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario / Canadian Housing & Renewal Association / Center for Equality Rights in Accommodation / Centre for Human Settlements, University of British Columbia / Development Workshop-Canada / Habitat for Humanity Canada / Homes First Society, Community Development Officer / Housing Committee of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women / Logement Sans Frontiers / Shelter Unlimited / Movemen Action Chômage de Longueuil / National Housing and Homelessness Network / Roof tops Canada / Abri International / Tenants' Rights Action Coalition / Wellesley Institute
United States
Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now / Bahá’í International Community / Global Communities / Henry Street Settlement House / Institute for Transportation and Development Policy / International Real Estate Institute / International Rivers Network / Metropolitan Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless / National Alliance of HUD Tenants / National Alliance to end Homelessness / National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials / National Coalition for the Homeless / Pathways to Peace / Planners Network / Public Interest Law Center of New Jersey
Welcome to our new Members 2016!

During 2016, 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.

- Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia / Argentina
- Association pour la Sauvegarde du Patrimoine Archéologique et Ethnographique de Boughraral / Tunisia
- Caritas Chosica / Perú
- Centro de Estudios sobre Territorio y Hábitat Popular / Argentina
- Centro de Estudios y Acción por la Igualdad / Argentina
- Coalition des Organisations de la Société Civile pour le Suivi des Réformes et de l’Action Publique / Congo -Democratic Republic of
- Comité de Iglesias para Ayudas de Emergencia / Paraguay
- Droit à la (Belle) Ville / France
- Egyptian Center for Public Policy Studies / Egypt
- Federación de Cooperativas de Vivienda de Usuarios por Ahorro Previo / Uruguay
- International Rivers Network / United States
- Nuba Mountains International Association / Egypt
- Taller 36 Arquitectura Ciudad / Argentina
- Vecinos Sin Techo y por una Vivienda Digna Asociación Civil / Argentina
HIC Wisdom Keepers

Han van Putten (1922-2009)
The Netherlands
Diana Lee
Kenya
Barry Pinsky
Canada
Davinder Lamba
Kenya
Tabitha Siwale
Tanzania
Eike Schuetz
Germany
Ana Sugranyes
Chile
Enrique Ortiz
Mexico

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FCIEX - Ivory Coast
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The Bartlett DPU - UK
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DESCO - Peru
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North Africa
RWFAR - Morocco
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North America
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FTV - Argentina
Aref Al-Maqrami
Middle East/
North Africa
CIHLHR - Yemen

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Mexico
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Latin America
Mexico
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Africa Focal Point
Cotonou
Jerónimo Díaz
Latin America
Mexico
Ahmed Mansour
HIC-HLRN
Cairo
Maria Silvia Emanuelli
Latin America
Mexico
Blanca Hernández
Latin America
Mexico
Joana Ricart
HIC-HLRN
Cairo
Norma Aguilar
Latin America
Mexico
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Delhi
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Cairo
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HIC-HLRN/Cairo
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Isabel Pascual
Marie Bailloux
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 2016, our president was engaged in a broad range of activities aiming to support and strengthen the Coalition’s work at all levels. From participation at HIC institutional meetings, including the annual General Assembly and Board meetings; collaboration in international and regional projects; coordination of networking and training activities; to writing articles and giving interviews as well as representing HIC at public events with national and local authorities, UN agencies and other multilateral institutions. 2016 was a very busy year.

In the framework of the Habitat III (HIII) process, Lorena was actively involved in several preparatory events (many of them in coordination with the Global Platform for the Right to the City (GPR2C)), including the following:

i) HIII thematic meeting on Financing Sustainable Urban Development (Mexico City, March), http://habitat3.org/the-new-urban-agenda/preparatory-process/regional-thematic-meetings;

ii) HIII thematic meeting on Public Spaces (Barcelona, April) http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6713

iii) Expert Group Meeting on Human Rights and the NUA (New York City, May);

iv) Special roundtable on Canada and the NUA (Ottawa, June) http://www.hic-gs.org/eventsdetail.php?pid=6822

v) Informal intergovernmental negotiations on the revised NUA’s Zero Draft (New York City, June) where HIC president delivered an statement http://hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6839; and

vi) National preparatory meetings (Mexico City, July).

Lorena took part in the revision of several relevant materials and coordinated the elaboration of collective documents analyzing the inputs of the Policy Papers and the several versions of the NUA (May, June, July and September).

Our president was invited to the 5th UCLG World Congress in Bogota (October), for moderating a policy dialogue on the Right to the City at the heart of the NUA. Lorena also participated as a speaker at the workshop on Co-creating the City.

Once in Quito, HIC president had a full agenda, including the successful HIC General Assembly, 40th anniversary celebrations (http://www.hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=7019) and institutional events. Lorena was also engaged at Forum in Resistance to Habitat III (https://resistentiaporhabital3.org); the Forum on Urban Alternatives and Transformative Actors (http://cite.flacsoandes.edu.ec/alternativas-urbanas-y-sujetos-de-la-transformacion-encuentro-regional/); an evaluation workshop of the GPR2C; the presentation of Enrique Ortiz’s book (Hacia un habitat para el buen vivir) (http://www.hic-al.org/noticias.cfm?noticia=2143&id_categoria=10); a special dialogue with TECHO representatives; and several sessions inside the HIII Conference (policy dialogue on housing policies, special sessions on social and solidarity economy and smart cities, and networking events on implementing the Right to the City). (http://www.hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6986)

Writing and giving interviews was part of the work of our president. Among the most relevant ones, it is worth mentioning:


ii) Chapters on Right to the City and the New Urban Agenda in publications such as ALAI special issues on The Habitat Agendas (http://www.alainet.org/es/revistas/519);


HIC President was also part of the Land Access Forum (Valencia, March, http://www.hic-gs.org/eventsdetail.php?pid=6711), the second meeting of the Latin American Social Production of Habitat Working Group (Mexico City, July, https://produccionsocialhabitat.wordpress.com/segundo-encontro) and the World Social Forum (Montreal, August), where she participated at the Assembly of Convergence on Right to Habitat; coordination meetings with FRAPRU, NoVox, AIH and the European Action Coalition on the Right to Housing and the Right to the City, and field visits to cooperative and other non-for profit social housing projects (http://www.hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6871).

Also in Montreal (September) Lorena gave a presentation on the Right to Housing, the Right to the City and the NUA inside the Global Solidarity Economy Forum (GSEF), where she also participated at several planning workshops with other international networks and organizations. Early in the year, Lorena shared a panel with Leilani Farha, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing, at the screening of Dear Mandela and the following debate organize by Rooftops (a long-standing HIC Member) in Ottawa. The role of social movements and the participation of the youth in defending their Right to stay and provoking political change, as well as the tensions between the international agendas, Human Rights commitments and local decision making processes where part of the key issues.

At the end of the year, our President was part of the ESCR-Net’s Global Strategy Meeting 2016 in Buenos Aires (November), where she also met with HIC Members to do a collective evaluation of the Quito events and discuss some follow-up steps at the local at international level (see https://www.escr-net.org/gsm2016). That same month, she also participated as a panelist in an event organized by Corporación Region and other partners in Medellin on the Right to the City and the challenges of peace-building in our territories (http://www.region.org.co/index.php/enterate/item/178-memorias-segundo-foro-soluciones-duraderas)
2016 was a special year, particularly because of the 3rd UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development – known as Habitat III - held in Quito in October 2016. Despite the decision by most HIC Members and Allies in Latin America to not focus all their efforts on the official space, due to the lack of significant spaces of effective participation offered by the UN, this event was viewed as an opportunity to strengthen coordination and give visibility to civil society problems and alternatives regarding the realization of Human Rights related to Housing. This decision resulted in a great variety of initiatives, activities and products which are presented in the bubble document which accompanies this short regional report.

Another of this year’s most relevant news is the strengthening of the regional and the coalition’s coordination - one of HIC’s three strategic objectives – through sub-regional strategic-participatory planning workshops coordinated by HIC-AL. The first workshop, focused on the Southern Cone Membership, took place in Buenos Aires in March 2016 with the following specific objectives: to analyze collectively the sub-regional context of socio-housing and urban policies; to expand and strengthen the relationships between Member organizations; to identify common objectives and possible synergies in order to encourage local, national and sub-regional actions; to agree on a communication protocol which is flexible and adequate to the Members’ resources and modalities; and to agree on a self-managed mode of operation by Members which boosts the possibilities of interaction and synergies between them and with the HIC-AL regional office.

Around 40 people from 25 organizations in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay participated in this activity. The main agreements reached were the following: to elaborate a communication protocol for strategic information actions jointly designed by HIC-AL and communicators from the Member organizations; to create a group of committed academics working with the Coalition and capable of articulating a critical approach in universities and offering spaces for the training/strengthening of skills and abilities; and to organize the launching of People’s Committees towards Habitat III at a provincial level in Argentina and in other countries (further information in the bubble). All these agreements are already being implemented. A planning workshop addressed to the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, Central America and Mexico Membership will be implemented in 2017 and there will be another one in 2018 addressed to the Andean region, Colombia and Venezuela.

On the other hand, the regional work group on Social Production of Habitat (SPH) created in 2014 within the framework of the World Urban Forum held in Medellin, Colombia, has been exchanging experiences and collectively defining concepts
around this topic - particularly within the framework of the two annual meetings (in 2015 and 2016). Up to date, this group is made up of 22 organizations, networks and social movements from 10 countries in the region. Within this framework they have been working on a brochure and an exhibition that gathers the SPH experiences, tools and resources presented in Quito during Habitat III.

The content of the brochure is part of a broader document that will be published by the end of 2017 and that will include SPH transforming experiences across the region. As for Mexico, Enrique Ortiz gave a lecture on SPH in October 2016, while occupying the Extraordinary Chair “Federico. E. Mariscal” at the UNAM, in which transforming cases were addressed in more detail than during their presentation in Quito. In addition, since the end of 2016, a new edition of the SPH award is being promoted together with Urbamonde – HIC Member in Switzerland – and the Federación de Cooperativas de Vivienda por Ayuda Mutua (FUCVAM) in Uruguay. The award will be given in Mexico in June 2017 and will help to make visible successful experiences in this area.

As for the Right to the City, the participation and intense work carried out by Enrique Ortiz and also by Maria Silvia Emanuelli in the creation of the Constitution of the City of Mexico have allowed for the recognition of this Right in the Constitution at local level. The group has also participated in some of the initiatives undertaken by the Global Platform for the Right to the City.

Finally, work has continued to be carried out with Mexican and regional urban and rural movements advocating for Human Rights related to housing.

### People’s Committees towards Habitat III

A range of activities were developed on the occasion of Habitat III with the aim of bringing attention to territorial fights related to habitat and influencing the New Urban Agenda – following the strategies of HIC Habitat III Working Group.

First, the conformation of the People’s Committees towards Habitat III has been taking place since 2015 in Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru and Uruguay. These committees developed different strategies at a national level and came together in a meeting at the Habitat III Resistance Forum, a forum organized thanks to the synergies between several organizations and civil society networks. The declaration which resulted from this meeting and other materials were published in 2017.

In addition, a questionnaire was produced and disseminated in order to collect inputs with which to elaborate a collective regional assessment document, with the objective of influencing the report that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (the ECLAC) was to prepare for the Urban Agenda and which was eventually never published. Members and Allies from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, El Salvador and Peru participated in writing up the text.

At the proposal of DESCO in Peru, a call was made prior to Habitat III asking for articles for Interquorum magazine’s new issue “Alternativas de la sociedad civil hacia Hábitat III”. Ramiro García, representative for Latin America at HIC’s Board, and Maria Silvia Emanuelli, HIC-AL coordinator, coordinated this initiative which was presented at the Habitat III Resistance Forum and at the Coalition’s General Assembly.

Once in Quito, HIC Members and the Latin America’s team participated in a variety of activities, among which HIC’s General Assembly, the FLACSO Seminar, and the Habitat III Resistance Forum, including several events such as the SPH 2016 award ceremony. Within this framework, the coordination committee of the Cooperativas de Vivienda por Ayuda Mutua de Bolivia (Cacvam) was selected in the “National Movement” category. The projects selected in the “Grassroots-based Projects” category were the Cooperativa de Viviendas por Autogestión y Ayuda Mutua Corazón Fuerte (Covicofu) in Uruguay and the Asociación de Viviendas Virgen del Carmen, in Peru. All three experiences are part of the SHP Working Group promoted by HIC-AL. Finally, the book by Enrique Ortiz “Hacia un hábitat para el buen vivir. Andanzas compartidas de un caracol peregrino” was presented at the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung central office.
HIC in South Asia

During 2016, the New Delhi office of Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN–India) engaged at various levels and undertook a series of activities to promote the realization of the human rights to adequate housing and land, especially for the most marginalized. This involved interacting with local, state, and national government agencies, human rights institutions, courts, the media, and UN bodies. HLRN–India participated in workshops, seminars, and conferences related to housing and land issues, and also worked on several research projects and publications, including popular education resources aimed at promoting human rights education.

Some of HLRN–India’s major highlights during the year are presented below.

HLRN’s ‘Eviction Impact Assessment (EvIA) Tool’—the only human rights-based mechanism for determining material and non-material losses suffered during a forced eviction—was used in different cities where communities were faced with the threat of eviction or experienced forced eviction, with the aim of providing them reprieve and restitution, including just compensation and adequate resettlement.

HLRN–India continued to provide leadership and support, as the founding convenor organization and secretariat, to the Delhi Housing Rights Task Force (DHRTF) and the Urban Rights Forum: With the Homeless (SAM:BKS). The ‘national eviction observatory’ maintained by HLRN–India documents and systematically tracks forced evictions and displacement in the country. The data is disseminated to various state and non-state actors, in order to generate public awareness on evictions and to influence positive policy interventions aimed at stopping evictions and providing reparations to affected persons.

HLRN–India supported a research project on the impacts of widow’s rights to land and housing in areas of acute agrarian distress in the state of Maharashtra. It also documented positive case law on the right to housing from High Courts across India, with the aim of promoting legal awareness and recognition of the right to housing as a human right in India. HLRN also worked on research, fact-finding, and advocacy related to improving living conditions in large resettlement sites in Delhi and Chennai.

Given that India’s third Universal Periodic Review will be conducted in May 2017, HLRN–India prepared and submitted a joint stakeholders’ report (endorsed by 81 organizations) to the Human Rights Council. Titled, The Human Rights to Adequate Housing and Land, the report highlights the status of implementation of recommendations from India’s first and second UPR (held in 2008 and 2012 respectively) as well as the current conditions of housing and land in the country while presenting recommendations to ensure realization of these human rights.

HLRN–India engaged with UN Special Procedures, especially the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing. This involved participating in activities related to her mission to India in April 2016. It also played an active role in the Habitat III process, including submitting an alternative report from India (Housing and Land Rights in India: Status Report for Habitat III) and participating—with HIC and its members—at PrepComm III in Surabaya and the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development in Quito.

HLRN–India has been assisting local communities in their struggle against displacement, loss of livelihoods, food, education, and health on account of the construction of Mapithel Dam in the state of Manipur. In this regard, HLRN wrote a letter to the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) which resulted in the PMO calling for an inquiry and postponing the commissioning of the Dam.

Some other achievements recorded in 2016 include: supporting four housing rights fellows who are either homeless or live in urban settlements; being a jury member at a tribunal on forced evictions in Karnataka; preventing forced evictions in Chennai and Delhi; assisting affected communities to access adequate compensation for demolition-related damages to their land; enabling homeless persons to get ration cards (for subsidized food) and voter cards; spreading awareness on housing and land rights and mechanism to access justice, among local communities and human rights defenders; mobilizing communities to lead their own struggles for adequate housing; building leadership among affected communities, especially of women; documenting housing and land rights violations; contributing to the development of policies; and, monitoring implementation of state schemes.
Publications in 2016
(see http://hlrn.org.in/publications)

• From Deprivation to Destitution: The Impact of Forced Eviction in Topsia, Kolkata.
• The Human Rights to Adequate Housing and Land in India: Report for India’s Third Universal Periodic Review.
• Housing and Land Rights in India: Status Report for Habitat III.
• United Nations Documents Related to Housing and Land Rights in India.

Press Releases in 2016
(see http://hlrn.org.in/media-n-events):

• 13 April 2016: Launch of Eviction Impact Assessment Report on Topsia, Kolkata
• 26 September 2016: PMO Intervention in Mapithel Dam Issue Appreciated
• 22 December 2016: ‘Housing for All’? Over 33,000 Homes Demolished in Urban India between 2015 and 2016.

Some Media Reports Citing HLRN–India in 2016:

• ‘Hundreds resist eviction from Delhi slum as new housing falls short,’ Reuters, 22 December 2016
• ‘Demolition in Delhi leaves hundreds of shanty dwellers in cold,’ Thomson Reuters Foundation, 12 December 2016
• ‘Right to the City: A Tentative Victory at Habitat III,’ ULC, 28 October 2016
• ‘Slumdog vs. millionaire: How the Few Plan to Eradicate the Many,’ Telesur, 22 October 2016
• ‘Urban poor get rough deal on housing,’ Bangkok Post, 21 October 2016
• ‘Organizaciones de activistas de la viviendalifican de ‘incompleta’ la Nueva Agenda Urbana,’ El Comercio, 20 October 2016
• ‘HABITAT III: Asentamientos Informales,’ Quito Press, 20 October 2016
• ‘Cómo cambiar la vida de mil millones de personas con menos derechos que los presos,’ El País, 19 October 2016
• ‘Human rights organizations demand immediate release of water from Mapithel Dam,’ E-pao, 27 September 2016
• ‘Habitat III agenda must address human rights and the needs of rural people,’ Thomson Reuters Foundation News, 6 September 2016
• ‘India’s luxury investments will ramp up homelessness, UN expert warns,’ Public Finance International, 25 April 2016
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During 2016, (HIC-HLRN) contributed to global policy-formulation and norm-setting processes mainly by providing critical input to the Habitat III Conference and its preparations, the Committee on World Food Security and the UN Human Rights protection mechanisms. In parallel, HLRN maintained its online knowledge platforms and tools to reflect HLRN and HIC Member monitoring of Housing and Land Rights conditions in every region as a factual basis for HIC Member advocacy and solidarity. HLRN has further integrated these efforts, linking monitoring and advocacy to uphold and further develop the international norms related to adequate housing, land and other habitat-related Human Rights in this period of emerging new global commitments.

UN Human Rights System

HIC-HLRN has maintained its role in cooperation with the bodies and processes of the UN Human Rights System as a central pillar of its mission and program. HLRN participated at the 31st, 32nd and 33rd regular session of the (HRC), the Expert Group Meeting of UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and international solidarity in Doha, and submitted communications to UN Special Rapporteurs in the field of Cultural Rights and on Adequate Housing.

In 2016, HIC-HLRN contributed to the CESCRs’ new “General Comment No. 24 on State Obligations under the ICESCRs in the Context of Business Activities.” The HLRN inputs focused on the general obligations of states under the Covenant, including the extraterritorial obligations to respect and protect Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in cross border relations and activities of their governments and other domestic parties.

In March 2016, HIC-HLRN in cooperation with Urbamonde association, participated in the UNE-CE NGO Consultation on Promoting PPPs for the SDGs. HIC-MENA presented a paper to consider the people participation as fourth party in the process to be Public Private Popular Partnerships (PPPPs).

HIC’s joint submission with the Sudanese Human Rights Monitor, Social Peace Initiative for Darfur Housing and Land Rights and Nuba Mountains International Association Sudan was among the reports considered https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G16/031/41/PDF/G1603141. pdf?OpenElement in the country’s Universal Periodic Review.

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Habitat III Processes

During 2016, HIC in MENA undertook several activities to prepare for civic participation in (Habitat III). HIC-HLRN participated in the Arab and Africa regional Expert Group Meetings. Also, HLRN joined the (ICRC) in successfully advocating that Habitat III outcomes address the ongoing crisis of refugees and displacement due to the destruction of habitat through conflict, occupation and war. These inputs survived the final version of the (NUA) (paras. 19, 28, 30, 42 and 57). In Egypt HIC-HLRN worked with CSOs to develop methods of reporting to Habitat III processes and assessing national reports that applied an evaluative approach to review the performance of the standing Habitat II commitments.

Global Projects

HLRN contributed to the implementation of the international project of the Global Platform on the Right to the City” (GPR2C), participating in the its Asian Regional Meeting http://www.hic-gs.
People under Occupation

The Human Rights to adequate housing and land are especially subject to violation against people under occupation. The consequent displacement and dispossession of the indigenous population are common to the region’s emblematic cases of Palestine, Western Sahara and Cyprus.

With a focus on the Extraterritorial Human Rights and general international law obligations of local governments and authorities, HLRN partnered with the Palestinian Grassroots Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign to produce a Guide to Local Councils in support of Palestinian Rights [http://www.stopthewall.org/local-authorities-support-palestinian-rights], an infographic published in June 2016.


World Habitat Day Report

HIC-HLRN issued its regular report on World Habitat Day. This year was dedicated to a single country: Turkey. The report, titled “Forced Eviction and Urban Transformation as Tools of War: The Case of Diyarbakir, Turkey” [http://www.hlrn.org/img/publications/Diyarbakir_master.pdf]

Violation Data Base

HLRN marked the VDB’s tenth year of operation, recording 48 new cases that represent violations in 28 countries across Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas.

In 2003, HLRN developed the Urgent Actions system in response to HIC Member demands for a rapid-response solidarity mechanism. By the end of 2016, HLRN had mounted 114 Urgent Action appeals, including four cases addressing Housing and Land Rights violations:

- Turkey-23,000 people displaced, 27,000 facing forced eviction, 1,100 buildings demolished in Diyarbakir [http://www.hlrn.org/img/cases/UA_TUR_26052016.pdf], 12 June 2016
- Over 2,000 people face eviction in Yaoundé’s Brickyard District [http://www.hlrn.org/img/cases/CAM-FEDN_01_02_2016_Briqueterie_Yde.pdf], 03 February 2016
Regional Projects and Actions

Regional projects:

**Habitat and Transitional Justice: Yemen**, in 2016, HIC was able to resume work with local partners to apply the HLRN Loss Matrix in its project on "Land Reparations and Transitional Justice in Yemen." Progress was made possible by an extension of U.S. Institute of Peace support for the completion of the field research in Aden and Ta`iz.

**Sanctuary in the City: Beirut**, with Cities Alliance Catalyst Fund, HLRN spent much of 2016 partnering with Amel Association (Lebanon) in developing the concepts and culture of the right to the city as a response to the ongoing refugee and displacement crisis in the Lebanese capital. Those efforts included a series of workshops with refugees, municipalities and CSOs to convey the applicable human rights norms and share global experiences at applying the "right to the city," “human rights city” and “sanctuary city” approaches.

Region-wide Actions:

HIC-HLRN, Members and partners across the MENA region combined efforts to activate the Right to Water Forum in the Arab Region (RWFAR) through research and networking activities. These resulted in two workshops in Tunis and the contribution of chapter on "The Human Right to Water and Sanitation: Norms of International Public Law" for the book From Public Property to Privatization: Water in the Arab Region (in Arabic). Also, as part of cumulative efforts to support small-scale farmers across MENA, HIC Member, Egyptian Association for Collective Rights, organized a series of workshops to introduce cooperatives and their importance as a foundation for economic empowerment.

HIC-HLRN co-organized in Beirut the "Civil Society Consultation" with FAO Issued and joint CSO declaration. HIC-HLRN participated to the 43rd session of the Committee of World Food Security (CFS) and the 6th Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) Annual Forum of CFS at Rome, Italy, in October.

In 2016, LRC’s Director Jamal Talab al-Amleh also assumed the role of co-coordinator—with Sylvia Mallari of Asian Peasant Coalition (Philippines)—of the new “landless” constituency within the CSM for relations with CFS. That initiative now brings the issue of landlessness to the region, as well as the regional landlessness issues to the related global discourse.

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HIC in Europe

This was an active year for HIC Europe Members, as they took part on a series of events associated to the Habitat III, networking events and mobilization platforms, campaigns, disseminating information through news articles as well as carrying out the electoral process for European representative at HIC board.

In relation to Habitat III, Members of HIC Europe took part in a series of events discussing the proposed Habitat III agenda and process. These discussions took place in official Habitat III events (such as the Habitat III thematic meeting on public spaces: http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6713), in events aimed at scrutinizing the proposed agenda (such as the event coordinated by the Development Studies Association group on Urbanization and Development in the UK: http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6843) as well as in events led by civil society spaces, discussing alternative agendas (such as the contested cities event in Madrid: http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6825).

Throughout this year, there has been a series of networking event and mobilization platforms that HIC Europe Members have been joining, sharing experiences and developing common advocacy agendas. Urbamonde and Habitat et Participation have been taking part on initiative to build European Platform on Community-led Housing (http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6674; http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6722). This included also the launch of the Community-led housing European Award, supporting the visibility of innovate approaches to housing production (http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6776).

Habitat et Participation kept on working in the Habitat World map as seen by Civil Society (https://www.m-urban-habitat.org/eng/), which offers a comprehensive overview of the realities of habitat across the world. Various HIC Europe Members have also joined the European Regional Meeting of the Global Platform on the Right to the City in Barcelona (http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6760).

Members of HIC Europe have also engaged in campaigns, declarations and calls for action, focusing on issues around homelessness, evictions, and securing right to adequate housing. For example, HIC developed a declaration towards the Conference of European Habitat (http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6698) and participated in side event on homelessness and the right to adequate housing coordinated by the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing (http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6647). HIC Europe Members joined and supported the European Action Coalition for the Right to Housing and to the City calls for international action against the EU initiatives around privatization and the deregulation of finance of housing and all kind of public services (http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6754). Furthermore, HIC Europe Members also engaged in local campaigns, such as the campaign in Catalonia in defence of law that protected housing rights and people against energy poverty (http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6735; http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6749).

All these activities and other news articles have been reported by HIC Europe Members consistently in HIC website, helping in the communication and dissemination of HIC related activities. For example the website hosted a few articles outlining reflections from the Global Platform on the Right to the City, such as the article by Gustavo Massiah (AITEC: Association Internationale de Techniciens, Experts et Chercheurs) (http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6783) as well as reflections from Rafaela Simas Lima from The Bartlett Development Planning Unit of UCL, focusing on the debates about the financialization of housing (http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6785).

This year also HIC elected a new European representative to HIC board, Alexandre Apsan Frediani, from The Bartlett Development Planning Unit of UCL and Mrs Maartje van Eerd, from IHS as the alternate (http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6961). The first steps of Alex and Maartje have been to carry out an inventory of HIC Europe Members to identify their expectations towards the European network of HIC Members. An on-line survey has been prepared and disseminated among Members.

This has been followed up by interviews with Members. This initiative has been supported by 2 masters students from the Bartlett Development Planning Unit of UCL and 1 masters student from IHS. The findings of this engagement will be summarised and shared among Members.

Following this inventory, the HIC Europe action group will be set up. This group will be composed by a few interested HIC Europe Members and representatives from HIC Secretariat. The aims of the group will be to clarify the role of HIC Europe network, as well as carry out activities that can build facilitate networking and collaborative engagements. For next year, HIC Europe hopes to continue the fantastic campaigning activities locally and internationally, but hope to build on synergies and alliances to consolidate a strategy of its Members regionally, feeding into priorities locally and globally.
HIC General Secretariat

HIC’s General Secretariat main task during 2016 has been the coordination among HIC Reference Centers, Members, Friends and allies to achieve an effective participation and advocacy strategy in the Habitat III process and Conference (October 2016). This was also the occasion to hold multiple other events such as HIC’s internal meetings (including the Board Meeting and several Staff and Thematic Meetings), as well as HIC’s General Assembly and HIC’s 40th Anniversary Celebration. 2016 was of particular importance in other aspects including a continuous coordination with all HIC’s policy and operational structures, (HIC-LA, HIC-HLRN-SA, HIC-Presidency, HIC-HLRN and the African Focal Points Mazingira Institute and Bethesda) as well other normal global proceedings such as the elections of the HIC European Board Member, the coordination with Members and the participation of HIC-GS in a high number of events and forums throughout the year, many of them related to the Habitat III process. The preparations for HIC activities and global meetings in Quito in October 2016 involved much coordination work to advance logistical issues and coordination meetings with Members and local Partners.

The plans to temporarily relocate part of the GS staff in Barcelona (starting in February 2017), due to the limited operational capacities of the GS Team in Rabat, involved a strong coordination among HIC’s Reference Centers, President, Board Members and donor institutions during 2016. This relocation required particular coordination efforts, without affecting the overall performance of the GS.

HIC Board encountered several main changes: Alexandre Apsan Frediani, from DPU The Bartlett, as the new Europe Board Representative; the resignation of Michael Shapcott as HIC Board Representative of the North American region and the preparations for the new electoral process; and Mrs. Affoué Pauline Yao’s mandate extension as a Representative of Africa at the HIC Board after the expiration of her mandate. This decision was taken by HIC Board in order to revitalize the Membership in the region and organize the electoral process. Due to all those processes, the HIC Board did not hold as many regular Skype meetings as usual, but the meetings resumed before Habitat III, including the face-to-face meeting in Quito, in 2016.

The General Secretariat coordinated and participated in the following projects:

Finally, we would like to thank all HIC members, friends and allies for their committed work throughout the year, in particular their participation in the HIC General Assembly. This meeting was an unprecedented example of solidarity, democratic participation and mutual commitment to continue working together. More than 150 participants from 26 countries and 74 member organizations reviewed the work of the Coalition in the last three years and planned together the future work of HIC. The General Assembly closed remembering and honoring those who are no longer with us and played an important role in HIC’s forty years of struggles and proposals in the field of rights related to Habitat. It was also the time to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Coalition with an eye to the future without forgetting the past experience.

It’s now time to reflect on the role of HIC in the multiple fora organized in Quito, with a vision that goes beyond HIII, to continue building an alternative habitat with a integral vision based on human rights that fulfills the right of everyone to a secure place in which to live in peace and dignity.
The General Secretariat coordinated and participated in the following projects:

1. The project ‘Strengthening HIC Operation Coordination, Member capabilities and Advocacy’ (2014-January 2017); implemented with HIC-HLRN.

2. Implementation of the international project "Right to the city for all" (2014-2017); HIC Members and Officers helped plan and deliver the European (Barcelona) and Asian (Surabaya) Regional Meetings as well as multiple activities during Habitat III (Quito). The General Secretariat kept on participating in the meetings, and providing logistical and communication support for the Global Platform for the Right to the City and its related events.

3. Coordination and presentation of the Habitat Conferences (HI, HII and HIII) dossier (in English, Spanish and French) and HIC’s 40th anniversary in Quito. This project was supported by the Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer pour le Progrès de l’Homme- FPH. Available at: http://hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6966 and http://hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6970

4. Coordination support of the Passerelle Publication: “Unveiling the Right to the City”, coordinated by HIC Member Droit à la (belle)ville. This publication (in English, Spanish and French) was launched at the HIC General Assembly and the GPR2C’s Habitat III booth at Habitat III. Available at http://www.hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6928

HIC GS also participated in the coordination meetings and drafting of the new GPR2C project (2017) to be implemented with POLIS and HIC Global Project ‘Integrating People’s Housing and Land Rights with Sustainable Development’ (2017) to be implemented with HIC-HLRN.
Global Activities

HIC at Habitat III

Habitat international Coalition (HIC) was formed at the great convergence at the first Habitat Conference at Vancouver in 1976. Over the past 40 years, HIC has remained inspired by, and committed to upholding the Habitat Agenda and developing it in the normative framework of Human Rights to meet the habitat challenges of the day. At Habitat III, HIC once again called upon all states—through all spheres of government—to uphold their Habitat I and II commitments and their binding Human Rights obligations. In addition, HIC reaffirmed its commitment to continue to struggle for Human Rights states composed of their peoples, territory and democratic institutions.

During 2016, HIC Members and Representatives brought these demands to multiple international events, such as the Expert Group Meeting on Human Rights and Habitat III: Human Rights in Cities for All, OHCHR (New York, May 2016), Intergovernmental organizations on the New Urban Agenda (New York, June 2016) and the Third Preparatory Committee (Surabaya, July 2016). As for the regional events, HIC Members and Representatives participated in the African (Abuja, 24-26 February), European (Prague, 16-18 March) and Latin America and Caribbean Regional Meetings (Toluca, 11-13 April). HIC was also represented in the following thematic events: Renewable Energy and Cities, (Abu Dhabi, 20 January 2016); Financing the New Urban Agenda (Mexico, 9-11 March 2016); Public Spaces (Barcelona, 4-5 May); and Informal Settlements (Pretoria, 7-8 April). HIC also participated actively in the Habitat III Conference (October, Quito) and in all three alternative fora (the Social Forum in Resistance to Habitat III (https://resistenciapopularhabitat3.org), FLACSO Seminar (https://www.flacso.edu.ec/habitat/inicio/manifesto_inicio.flacso) and PUCE Forum (https://www.puce.edu.ec/puceh3/)). This collective effort was summarized in the report prepared by HIC GS (http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6380) which shows the actions, messages and materials carried out by HIC’s Members, friends and allies at the different alternative fora and the official Habitat III conference. HIC was one of the few—if not the only—global network with an active role in all these different spaces.

In addition, HIC contributed to the Habitat III process with analysis and commentary on the Policy Papers Frameworks (January 2016, http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6619) and the Policy Papers (May 2016, http://hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6764) providing input to the intergovernmental deliberations, and outcome documents of the deliberation itself, including preliminary outlines, the zero draft and revised zero draft of the Habitat III outcome. Among those knowledge products was a series of tools for advocacy and negotiation, which included Habitat III reporting methods and compilations of commitments enshrined in the Habitat Agenda, as well as related norms developed since Habitat II. These tools have served as negotiation tools for HIC Members and other constituencies engaged in the Habitat III processes.


One of the biggest achievements of the advocacy work of HIC and the Members of the Global Platform for the Right to the City was the historical inclusion of the Right to the City in the New Urban Agenda, the main output of the Habitat III Conference (Quito 17-20 October 2016). However, the meaning and value of the Right to the City was somehow reduced and watered-down due to the pressure of certain state delegations.

In Quito, HIC, along with other social movements, civil-society organizations, and community groups around the world reaffirmed its commitment to continue to struggle for, and advocate the Right to the City within a Human Rights Habitat, enabling realization of “buen-vivir” (sumak kawsay) for all, irrespective of, and beyond the Habitat process and government authorization. HIC continues to seek and promote real, community-based and people-centered solutions to the multiple crises facing human habitat, prioritizing local innovation so that the costs and correctives are not deferred to today’s youth and future generations.

The important work realized by HIC in the current global processes and agendas, such as Habitat III, promoting a common global action in pursuit of a “Right to the City in a Human Rights Habitat” will continue in the next years in the form of a “Human Rights Habitat Observatory (HRHO)”. This HIC HRHO is a new collective initiative established by HIC and its Members to pose solutions and influence national and international debates and efforts to implement, monitor and evaluate the new global agendas, including the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and its goals (SDGs), the Paris Agreement on climate change and the New Urban Agenda (NUA) with the framework of states’ Human Rights obligations.
The General Assembly meeting was held on 16 October 2016 with the presence of 157 participants (84 women and 73 men), representing 74 organizations from 26 different countries and from all regions.

Forty-five of the 64 Member-organizations of the coalition eligible to vote were present throughout the day, so the minimum quorum required (21 organizations) was largely surpassed. The President, Wisdom Keepers and Secretary’s initial interventions were followed by the presentation of the 2015 report of the HIC Structures and Board Members representatives. Later, HIC Members took the floor to share their work, proposals and messages. HIC’s Calendar of Activities, including the Social Forum in Resistance to Habitat III, FLACSO Seminar, PUCE Forum, and the Habitat III Conference, was presented to the Assembly and enriched with more HIC Member’s initiatives. A first draft of HIC’s statement “Toward a Human Rights Habitat” was read and opened to comments in order to elaborate a final collective statement (http://www.hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6938). This statement was later delivered at the 7th plenary meeting of Habitat III. HIC’s GA plenary session continued with more contributions from the participants sharing their initiatives and information (http://www.hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=7019).

HIC’s 40th Anniversary

HIC celebrated its 40th anniversary after the General Assembly in Quito (October 16, 2016), as part of the activities around Habitat III. This was a moving and inspiring celebration, a moment to remember 40 years of action, memories and achievements, fighting for the rights related to Habitat and social justice and to plan the future of
the Coalition. During this event HIC paid tribute to actors in HIC history. (See: http://hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6970).

HIC’s Publication “Habitat I, Habitat II, Habitat III” was prepared for this occasion, in order to remember the Coalition history and to serve as an inspiration for the future. This publication brings together several articles on the Habitat Conferences (Vancouver 1976, Istanbul 1996 and Quito 2016) produced by Habitat International Coalition (HIC) during the 1976-2016 period. (See: http://hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6966).

HIC’s Photo Gallery HIC@40 (http://hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6989) was also displayed. This photo collection shows different moments and people from HIC history, from 1976 to 2016 and it was particularly touching that many of those depicted in this 40 years gallery were sitting with younger generations.

It was also time to remember those who contributed to the work of HIC through a moving and inspiring event, in order to remember 40 years of action through a selection of texts and images, to pay homage to crucial actors in HIC history (http://www.hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6970).
Working Together to Advance **the Right to the City**

With the end of the successful advocacy campaign for the recognition of the Right to the City by the Habitat III (HIII) negotiation process and the New Urban Agenda, the Global Platform for the Right to the City (GPR2C) comes to the end of a busy and fruitful first cycle that accomplished much in only two years. During 2016, GPR2C Members worked closely during the drafting and negotiation of the New Urban Agenda. As a result, they grew ties of cooperation and a lasting relationship through intense dialogue and joint efforts, the single most important accomplishment in the past years.

At an evaluation and planning session held in Quito, Ecuador, in the context of the HIII Conference and other related alternative social and academic fora, there was a consensus in recognizing that the Platform had been successful at increasing its presence, particularly in international events and in UN Conferences and meetings, and advocating for just, inclusive and sustainable cities, villages and settlements worldwide. This success was attributed to the commitment of its Members and their contributions at different levels, from local actions to global advocacy campaigns. Regional Events organized in South Africa (Johannesburg, November 2015), Spain (Barcelona, April 2016) and Indonesia (Surabaya, December 2015 and July 2016) made possible the Platform’s presence in local and regional contexts and an increase in the number of partners from a wide range of backgrounds, countries and contexts.

As an action-oriented international platform for mobilization, the GPR2C stance was essential to introduce the Right to the City cause into policies, commitments, projects and actions at different levels. One of the biggest achievements of its advocacy work was the historical inclusion –although somehow reduced and watered-down– of the Right to the City and many of its strategic components in the NUA, and more importantly in many documents produced in the multiple Habitat III-related events/processes. This was only possible because the Platform was able to establish a collaborative advocacy work carried out by different Members in the official Habitat III preparatory meetings and also at other partner organizations’ and parallel/alternative events and workshops. In that framework, several recommendations were included, covering a broad range of issues: from Human Rights and Gender Equality, the Social Function of Land and Property, Food Security, Social Production of Habitat and Social and Solidarity Economy, to Democratic and Participatory Territorial Planning, Land Plus-Value Capture and the role of Local and Regional Governments, to mention just a few.

The GPR2C’s direct and indirect involvement in multiple events around the globe also enabled fruitful relationships for research and training. Thanks to partnerships with different organizations and institutes, the Platform managed to organize and promote research on a variety of topics related to the Right to the City in Latin America, Europe, as well as in the Middle East, Northern and Eastern African. The production of research plays a strategic role for the dissemination of the Right to the City given its potential to reveal good practices and concrete results that can support the claims of
social movements and inspire the work of local governments. Furthermore, it is key to produce relevant and high-quality material that can be used by educational institutions to prepare and raise the awareness of future planners, lawmakers and other practitioners on the importance of adopting a Human Rights-based approach to the development of cities and settlements. This is also relevant to the training events and workshops the GPR2C carried out during some regional, international and thematic events around the globe.

One of the Platform’s most important achievements in the communication field was the international campaign #SupportRight2City, coordinated between the advocacy and the communication working groups. The campaign, based on the petition to sign a manifesto to take a stand in favor of including the Right to the City in the NUA, aimed to raise awareness of the broader public through online media, including the production and dissemination of short videos about rising inequality, imposed mega-projects and criminalization of social protest. During a “Tweet Storm” – one of the most successful moments of the campaign – the Platform reached approximately 4.8 million impressions on Twitter during the decisive negotiations of the final draft of the NUA.

HIC’s role as a Member of the GPR2C’s facilitating team and a co-sponsor of the project Right to the City for All: Strengthening a Global Platform for the Inclusion of the Right to the City in the Urban and Habitat Agenda, funded by the Ford Foundation, has been fundamental to build the Platform’s internal capacity and to engage new Members across the world. At the same time, HIC Members from different regions have made substantive contributions at networking and training activities, as well as during the critical revision of the Habitat III input documents and alternative proposals. HIC is meant to remain an active Member of the Platform as it continues to grow as a key framework to articulate the challenges and opportunities for the implementation of the Right to the City worldwide.

For more information visit: http://www.right2city.org/
HIC's Working Groups

HIC Working Groups (WG) are made up of those HIC Members and Friends interested in participating in programs of strategic action focused on specific themes. During 2016 and January 2017, the following Working Groups were on duty:

- Habitat III Working Group’s main purpose is to coordinate HIC’s strategy toward Habitat III. This working group is formed by 40 HIC Members, Friends and staff who actively participated in 7 online meetings. HIC’s roadmap to Habitat III, the Habitat III Basics (http://www.hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6851), actions, news, documents and various processes toward Habitat III were discussed by HIC HIII WG and hosted on HIC-HLRN and HIC-GS’ websites, as well as in a specific blog called HIC’s Expectations for HIII (https://habitat3hic.wordpress.com/category/working-group). One of the outputs of this WG was the research: “Africa Regional Dossier for Habitat III - key issues and propositions raised by civil society.” (http://www.hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6891)

- The Social Production of Habitat Working Group in Latin America. Its objective is the exchange of experiences and the debate about this topic. This group is made up of 22 organizations, networks and social movements from 10 countries in the region. During 2016, the group held an annual meeting in person, prepared a brochure and exposition and promoted an SPH award. It is also linked to the Global Social Production of Habitat Platform. (More information on HIC-AL’s section).

- Two new working groups emerged from the Global Platform for the Right to the City, the Advocacy and Communication Working Groups, which were facilitated by the Right to the City For all Project personnel and counted with the participation of several HIC Members, Allies and Staff. The objective of those groups was to contribute to the Platform’s goal: the recognition and inclusion of the Right to the City framework into the Urban and Habitat Agenda.

HIC Europe Board Member Elections

The elections of Europe representative to the HIC Board took place between June 3, 2016 and September 30, 2016. 15 Members had the right to vote, 7 votes were received, from which 6 were valid. The final results were 4 votes in favor of Mr. Alexandre Apsan Frediani (The Bartlett DPU) and 2 votes in favor of Mrs Maartje van Eerd (Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies). The Electoral Committee certified the validity of this electoral process, as described in the Guidelines for electoral processes.

According to these results, Mr. Alexandre Apsan Frediani was elected as Representative for Europe at the HIC Board for the period 2016-2020 and Mrs Maartje van Eerd was elected as the Alternate.

HIC Africa Board Member Elections

Due to the expiration of Mrs. Affoué Pauline Yao’s mandate as Representative of Africa at the HIC Board, during the first semester of 2016, several meetings took place within the HIC Board and between HIC-GS Staff, Mrs. Yao and Mr. Yves Joel Zoffoun, the new Focal Point for Africa, in order to define a strategy to organize the new electoral process. The lack of HIC Members in Africa with the right to vote impeded the election process, therefore GS has focused on revitalization of Membership in the region. As a Membership revitalization/consolidation strategy, GS reactivated the regional Mailing List (with a total amount of 292 subscribers), launched the process with a message to the regional Mailing List and general mailing list
On January 31st, 2017 (most recent data at the time of this publication), HIC had 399 Members (organizations that applied to the Membership, were formally approved and had contributed at least once with in-kind contributions or annual fees). Between January 1, 2016 and January 31, 2017, the online system received 19 new applications (14 from organizations and 5 from individuals), and 14 organizations were approved (either as Member in case they contributed or as Contact if not) in the considered period. Regarding Membership fees payment, a total amount of US$3,590 and €1,415 were received through 46 payments. In addition, 14 HIC Members had contributed through in-kind contributions. HIC Mailing List also received 73 new subscription requests reaching a total amount of 1,229 Subscribers, Allies/Partners, and Social Basis. It's important to highlight that an important part of the HIC Social Basis is composed of active organizations which are not included in this definition of Members. Instead, they are considered as Allies or Partners (the list is available and updated in this Annual Report 2016). Other relevant figure is the number of individuals related via HIC Social Media Tools, which surpassed 4,000 in 2016.

**Important Note: Amendments to 2015 Membership Breakdown.**

During 2015, two Organizations had paid their annual fees to Reference Centers, these two payments have been forwarded to HIC-GS during 2016, raising the 2015 total amount of payment from US$ 1,610 to US$1,960 through 25 payments.

For this reason, these two organizations were not included in 2015 as Paid-up Members and as Members with right to vote. Therefore, for the 2015 Membership Breakdown Table, the Paid up Members amount rose from 32 to 34 and the number of HIC Members with right to vote rose from 52 to 54.
### Financial Statement

#### Financial Statements 2016: AL, MENA, SA, HLRN and GS

**Beginning**

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<tr>
<th>Year 2016</th>
<th>HIC-AL</th>
<th>HIC-MENA</th>
<th>HIC-SA</th>
<th>HIC-HLRN</th>
<th>HIC-GS</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>%</th>
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<tr>
<td>Income</td>
<td>192,501</td>
<td>110,593</td>
<td>167,477</td>
<td>100,611</td>
<td>309,425</td>
<td>880,607</td>
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<td>Beginning Balance 2016</td>
<td>20,362</td>
<td>-22,397</td>
<td>96,209</td>
<td>1,974</td>
<td>175,901</td>
<td>272,049</td>
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<td>Donor Agencies</td>
<td>(3a, b, c, d)</td>
<td>172,139</td>
<td>119,087</td>
<td>71,268</td>
<td>84,733</td>
<td>128,368</td>
<td>575,595</td>
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<td>HIC Membership fees</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>5,156</td>
<td>5,156</td>
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<td>Solidarity, special contributions</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>13,903</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>13,904</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>161,323</td>
<td>159,011</td>
<td>118,664</td>
<td>110,521</td>
<td>205,216</td>
<td>754,736</td>
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<td>Staff Costs</td>
<td>95,665</td>
<td>94,449</td>
<td>62,434</td>
<td>77,695</td>
<td>77,796</td>
<td>408,039</td>
<td>54,1%</td>
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<td>Projects, activities</td>
<td>52,993</td>
<td>51,207</td>
<td>39,795</td>
<td>14,711</td>
<td>116,534</td>
<td>275,241</td>
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<td>11,333</td>
<td>14,744</td>
<td>14,387</td>
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<td>60,394</td>
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<td>2,023</td>
<td>1,691</td>
<td>3,728</td>
<td>1,848</td>
<td>11,063</td>
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<td>Restricted cash on hand</td>
<td>31,178</td>
<td>-48,418</td>
<td>48,813</td>
<td>-9,910</td>
<td>104,209</td>
<td>125,871</td>
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**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).
2. XHIC-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. 37% of the reported amounts corresponds to the national Mexican activities.
3a. Main contributions to HIC-AL: Misereor (2016-2018) USD 93,125; Misereor (settlement of period 2013-2015) USD 9,187; Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung USD 50,000; UUSC USD 20,000; Ford Foundation (HIC-Polis) USD 28,000 (received from the GS as part of the joint project "R2C for all"); WeEffect USD 10,000; MZF USD 10,000; and FPH USD 1,875
3b. Main contributions to HIC-MENA: FGHR USD 15,500; ILO USD 17,587; Cities Alliance USD 40,000; USIP USD 46,000; and General Fund USD 13,903
3c. Main contributions to HIC-SA: Misereor USD 64,781
3d. Main contributions to HIC-HLRN: Misereor USD 89,287 (see point 3e); and HIC-HLRN General Fund USD 13,904
3e. Main contributions to HIC-GS: Misereor USD 167,486 for the joint operation of the Secretariat and HIC-HLRN”; Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer pour le progrés de l’Homme USD 45,805; and Ritimo USD 4,362 (*) GS’ share is 46,69% (USD 78,199); HIC-HLRN’s share is 53,31% (USD 89,287)
4. 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.
5. The costs of projects and activities include fees, travels, associated events, per diem, publication and promotion (web sites)
6. 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)
7. Audit: (i) HIC-AL, the auditor is Díaz y Velasco, Consultores en negocios, SC, 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.
8. In the five cases, the restricted cash on hand represents funds committed to ongoing operations, projects and contracts.
HIC Allies

HIC advocated before international institutions in 2016

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
UN Development Programme (UNDP)
UN Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat)
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
Committee on Global Food Security (CFS)
Inter-American Convention on Human Rights (IACHR)
UN Department of Public Information – NGO Branch (UN DPI NGO)
UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

HIC Funders

Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer pour le Progrés de l’Homme (fph)
Missionszentrale der Franziskaner
United States Institute for Peace
Misereor
Ford Foundation
Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung
Inter Church Organisation for Development Cooperation
The Fund for Global Human Rights
Wellspring Advisors
We Effect (Swedish Cooperative Centre) Latin America
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
HIC Regional and National partners

American University in Cairo

Arab NGO Network for Development

Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University in Cairo

Coordinadora LatinoAmericana de Organizaciones del Campo

Espacio de Coordinación de Organizaciones Civiles sobre DESC

Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

Movimiento mexicano de Afectados por las Presas y en Defensa de Ríos

Arab Network for Food Sovereignty

Egyptian Center for Economic and Social Rights

National IDPs Network

ADAPT

Appropriate Development, Architectural and Planning Technologies

Arab Group for the Protection of Nature

Área metropolitana de Barcelona

Asian Commission for Human Rights

Center for Minority Rights and Development

Center of Arab Woman for Training and Research

Dignity Danish Institute against Torture

EURC

Egypt’s Urban Research Collective

European Action Coalition for the Right to Housing and to the City

Fórum Nacional de Reforma Urbana do Brasil

Hebron Rehabilitation Committee

Kenya Human Rights Commission

Movimiento Urbano Popular de la Convención Nacional Democrática, México

Nairobi People Settlements Network

Association Tunisienne des Femmes Démocrates

Coalición de Organizaciones Mexicanas por el Derecho al Agua

Forum tunisien pour les droits économiques et sociaux

Latin American Association of Promotion (ALOP)

Palestinian National Committee For the Register of Damage

Plataforma de Afectados por la Hipoteca
References

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1 The document is available at: www.hic-al.org/ftp/protocolo2016.pdf

2 The activity’s first draft is available at: http://hic-al.org/eventos.cfm?evento=1979&id_categoria=1

3 The Argentinean People’s Committee towards Habitat III was launched the day after the sub-regional workshop. It consisted in a broad range of activities and counted with the participation of Maria Silvia Emanuelli and over 150 people from different states of the Argentine Republic who in turn made up committees at a local level.


5 Further information at: http://arquitectura.unam.mx/caacutetedra-extraordinaria.html

6 http://www.hic-al.org/eventos.cfm?evento=2195&id_categoria=1

7 Further information at: http://www.hic-al.org/noticias.cfm?noticia=2208&id_categoria=16

8 https://www.flacso.edu.ec/habitat/inicio/seminario_agenda.flacso

9 https://resistenciapopularhabitat3.org/

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10 https://thewire.in/?s=Government+should+treat+housing+as+a+human+right%2C+not+a+marketable+commodity

11 http://www.livemint.com/Politics/wtNYTeH7UBLxt8TbNdWKUP/Housing-living-in-India-fraught-with-accessibility-other-c.html

12 http://bangalore.citizenmatters.in/articles/govt-officials-fail-to-turn-up-for-public-hearing-bangalore

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HIC photo gallery
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Habitat International Coalition

For more information on HIC and its centers of reference, please refer to the following websites

Habitat International Coalition
www.hic-net.org

HIC-Latin America
www.hic-al.org

HIC-South Asia
www.hlrn.org.in

HIC-Middle East and North Africa
www.hic-mena.org

HIC-Housing and Land Rights Network
www.hlrn.org

HIC Secretariat
www.hic-gs.org