



Habitat International Coalition

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Global network for habitat rights and social justice



Housing and Land Rights



Gender Equality



Right to the City



Social Production of Habitat



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Message from the President



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:



{ 410 Members,
 61 friends
 65 member with right to vote
 1830 social base in the world



The Coalition

Habitat International Coalition (HIC) is the global network of: 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

- 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;
- Organizing forums, seminars and conferences, lectures, public hearings, and exchange visits;
- Publishing statements, reports, newsletters, and other studies and informative materials;
- Conducting research and fact-finding missions to document human rights related to Habitat violations and positive experiences;
- Supporting and strengthening networks and promoting information exchanges among its members and other civil society entities;
- Conducting training, human rights education and other activities to build capabilities of constituent members and affiliates; and
- Any other activities compatible with these objectives.

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Angola

Associação Juvenil Angolana de Habitação / Development Workshop - Angola

Benin

ONG BETHESDA/Département Développement Communautaire et Assainissement du Milieu

Botswana

Cooperation for Research, Development and Education

Burkina Faso

Centre Regional pour l'Eau Potable et l'Assainissement / Coalition Nationale pour l'Habitat

Cameroon

Coalition des ONG et OCB du Cameroun Oeuvrant dans le Domaine des Etablissements Humains / Collectif Interafricain des Habitants / Comité de Développement Intégré de Kouabang - Gamougoum / Fondation des Femmes Actives Pour la Promotion de L'Education de la Femme et de l'Enfant

D.R.Congo

Association d'appui aux conducteurs de chariots du Congo / Coalition des Organisations de la Société Civile pour le Suivi des Réformes et de l'Action Publique

R.Congo

Groupe d'Action pour le Droit

Ethiopia

Integrated Holistic Approach Urban Development Programme

Guinee

Acteurs Pour Habitat

Ivory Coast

Action Internationale de Développement Intégral / Femmes Côte d'Ivoire Expérience

Kenia

Association for the Physically Disable of Kenya / Cohort for Research on Environment, Urban Management and Human Settlements / Council for Human Ecology-Kenya / Eastern Africa Coalition on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights / Kituo Cha Sheria (Legal Advice Centre) / Mazingira Institute / National Cooperative Housing Union Ltd / Young Muslim Association

Mali

Association Action Solidarité Couches Défavorisées / Association Féminine des Femmes de Magnambougou / Association pour le Progrès et la Défense des Droits des Femmes/Filles / Coopérative Féminine pour la Protection de l'Environnement / Cooperative Multifonctionnelle des Femmes de Badialam III / Coopérative Multifonctionnelle des Femmes de Magranbogon / Fonds de Garantie Hypothécaire / GIE Foulani-Service / Groupement d'Intérêt Economique GIE SANIYA

Mauritius

Development Indian Ocean Network

Namibia

Namibia Housing Action Group

Niger

Contribution au Développement Rural / Réseau des Femmes Habitantes

Nigeria

Center for Advancement of Development Rights / Centre for African Settlements Studies and Development / Community Conservation & Development Initiatives / Development Initiatives Network / Female Architects of Nigeria / Lagos Group for the Study of Human Settlements / Nigerian Environmental Study/Action Team / Social and Economic Rights Initiative / Women Environmental Programme / Women Protection Organization

Senegal

Association d'aide sanitaire aux plus démunis / Association de Développement de Jeunes d'Ousouge / Environnement et Développement du Tiers-Monde / Habitants et Travailleurs Baraka / Initiative pour le développement communautaire intégré / Solidarité Internationale pour la Promotion de l'Habitat Social / Strategies Alternatives pour un Habitat et un Environment Elargis

South Africa

Built Environment Support Group / Centre for Urbanism and Built Environment Studies / Development Action Group / PLANACT / The New Housing Company-S.A

Tanzania

Habitat for Humanity of Tanzania / Women Advancement Trust

Togo

Centre de Recherches Concertées sur le Développement

Uganda

Grassroots Women Development Organisation / Shelter and Settlements Alternatives: Uganda Human Settlements Network

Zambia

Human Settlements of Zambia

Zimbabwe

Housing People of Zimbabwe / Zimbabwe People's Land Rights Movement

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Australia

Australian Council of Social Service

Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan Women and Development Centre

Bangladesh

Dustha Shasthya Kendra / Nagorik Uddyog (Citizen's Initiative) / Shelter for the Poor

Hong Kong

Society for Community Organization

India

ActionAid India/Citizens' Rights Collective / Ahmedabad Study Action Group / Association for Voluntary Action and Services / Christian Institute for the Study

of Religion and Society / Community Development Information and Action Group / Development Alternatives / Grameena Empowerment Mission Society / Institute for Development Education & Action / Karnataka Kolageri Nivasigala Samyuktha / Punjab Action Group for Rural Development / Sathi All for Partnerships / Women's Voice / Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action

Indonesia

Center of Housing and Human Settlements, Dep. of Architecture, Petra Christian University / Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia / Urban Poor Consortium

Malaysia

Eafof - Pam Centre

New Guinea

National Committee for Urban Shelter - Department or Architecture

Pakistan

Orangi Pilot Project, Research and Training Institute / Sewa Development Trust Sindh

Philippines

Alternative Planning Initiatives Inc. / Billerbeck Architekten / Center for Housing and Human Ecology Development Foundation, Inc. / Dedicated Involvement of Women for Housing Actions / Freedom to Build Inc / Kongress NG Pagkakaisa NG MGA / Leaders and Organizers of Community Organisation in Asia / Marian Housing Foundation / Pagtambayong Foundation for Mutual Aid / Urban Poor Associates

South Korea

Asian Bridge

Thailand

Asian Coalition for Housing Rights / Human Development Centre

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Afghanistan

Agency of Consultancy for Training

Algeria

Saharawi Association for Victims of Mines

Baharain

Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society / Bahrain Youth Society For Human Rights

Egypt

Al-Shihab Center for Inclusive Development / Awlad al-Ardh Human Rights Organization (Sons of the Land) / Better Life Association for Comprehensive Development / Cairo Center Development / Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services / Darwish Consulting Engineers Ltd. / Egyptian Association for Collective Rights - EACR / Egyptian Center for Civil and Legislative Reform / Egyptian Center for Public Policy Studies / Egyptian Centre for Housing Rights / Egyptian Foundation for Advancement of Childhood Condition / Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights / EL-HAYAT Association / Habi Center for Environmental Rights / Hisham Mubarak Law Center / Land Center

for Human Rights / Nuba Mountains International Association / Nubian Egyptian Society for Human Rights and the Earth / Social Peace Initiative for Sudan / The Development Support Centre for Consultancy and Training / The Egyptian Organization Development Right / The International Permanent Forum For The Nuba Mountains Indigenous Peoples / Together Association for Development and Environment

Iraq

Huda Humanitarian Society for the Care of Orphans and Displaced Persons / Iraq University Civil Community Foundation / Office of Human Rights & Forced / Together to Protect Human & the Environment Association

Israel

Adalah: Legal Centre for Arab Minority Rights in Israel / Arab Association for Human Rights / Dept. of Geography and Environmental Development, Ben Gurion University / Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions / Mossawa Center - The Advocacy for the Arab Palestinian Citizens of Israel / Regional Council for the Unrecognized Villages / The Association of Forty

Jordan

Al-Urdn al-Jadid Research Centre / Amman Center for Human Rights Studies / Dana and Qadisayah Local Community Cooperative / Mediterranean Network for Training

Lebanon

National Institution for Social Care and Vocational Training

Mauritania

Association Mauritanienne pour le Bien Etre et le Secours de l'Enfant et de la Mère

Morocco

Association Ait Iktel de Développement / Association Marocaine des Droits de l'Homme / Environnement Développement et Action au Maghreb / Espace Associatif / Réseau Marocain de Défense des Biens Publics / Right to Water Forum in Arab Region

Palestine

Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights / Al-Haq Law in the Service of Man / Al-Maqdese for Society Development / Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem / Arab Center for Agricultural Development / Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights / Building and Construction Research Center / Civic Coalition for Defending Palestinian Right in Jerusalem / Democracy and Workers' Rights Center in Palestine / Land Research Center / Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees / Palestinian Commission for the Protection of Refugee Rights / The Wall Committee

Sudan

Child Rights Institute / Entishar Charity Society / Sudanese Group for Assessment of Human Settlements / The Economic,

Social and Cultural Rights Group

Tunisia

Association des Habitants d'el Mourouj 2 et le Programme de Gestion Urbaine des Pays Amapes / Association pour la Sauvegarde du Patrimoine Archéologique et Ethnographique de Boughrara / Enda Inter-Arabe / Tunisian Observatory for Union Rights and Freedoms

Turkey

Housing Cooperatives of Central Union of Turkey (Türkiye S.S. Yapi Kooperatifleri Merkez Birliği) / Human Settlements Association / Urban Movements-Istanbul (Kent hareketleri)

Yemen

All Youth Network for Society Development / Center of International Humanitarian Law & Human Rights / Human Rights Information and Training Center / Sisters Arabic Forum for Human Rights (Muntada al-Shaqa'iq al-Arabi li Huquq al-Insan) / Social Democratic Forum / Women Development Organization / Yemeni Youth Development Organization

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Argentina

Asociación Civil Canoa / Asociación Civil Madre Tierra / Asociación Civil Nueva Democracia por la Vivienda, Salud y Educación de los Humilde / Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia / Asociación de la Vivienda Económica-Centro Experimental de la Vivienda Económica / Asociación Latinoamericana para el Hábitat, el Urbanismo y la Arquitectura / Cátedra Políticas de Vivienda Programa Planificación Urbana y Regional / Centro Cultural y Social "Amauta" / Centro de Comunicación Popular y Asesoramiento Legal / Centro de Estudios del Desarrollo Urbano / Centro de Estudios sobre Territorio y Hábitat Popular / Centro de Estudios Sociales y Ambientales / Centro de Estudios Urbanos y Regionales (Centro de Estudios Avanzados de la Universidad de Buenos Aires) / Centro de Estudios y Acción por la Igualdad / Centro de Intercambio Subregional Cono Sur - Argentina / Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios Territoriales / El Ceibo T.B (Red Hábitat Argentina) / Federación de Villas, Nucleos y Barrios de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires / Federación Tierra y Vivienda / Fundación Hábitat / Fundación Vivienda y Comunidad / Fundación Vivienda y Comunidad Programa Hábitat / Grupo de Investigación Vivienda Social y Ciudad - FADU UNL / Instituto de Investigación y Desarrollo en Vivienda-Instituto para la Comunidad y el Hábitat / Instituto Internacional de Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo / Movimiento de Ocupantes e Inquilinos / Programa de Fortalecimiento Institucional y Capacitación de ONG /

Programa Hábitat / Red Mujer y Hábitat / Secretariado de Enlace de Comunidades Autogestionarios / Servicio en Promoción Humana / Servicio Habitacional y de Acción Social / Taller 36 Arquitectura Ciudad / Un Techo Para Mi Hermano / Vecinos Sin Techo y por una Vivienda Digna Asociación Civil

Bolivia

Centro de Estudios de la Realidad Económica y Social / Fundación Pro Hábitat / Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos / Taller de Proyectos e Investigación del Hábitat Urbano-Rural

Brazil

Brazilian Movement in Defense of Life / CEARAH Periferia / Centro de Assessoria a Autogestao Popular / Centro Gaspar Garcia de Direitos Humanos / Ciudadania e Direitos Humanos / Confederación Nacional de Associaçoes de Moradores / Escola Politécnica da Universidade de Sao Paulo / Federação dos Orgaos para Assistencia Social e Educacional / Fundação Centro De Defesa Dos Direitos Humanos Rubião / Instituto de Estudos Socio-Económicos / Instituto Pólis / Movimento Nacional de Luta Pela Moradia / Movimento de Defesa Do Favelado / Pastoral da Moradia Arquidiocese de Sao Paulo / Sindicato de Arquitetos do R.J. / União Dos Movimentos de Moradia de Sao Paulo / União Nacional Por Moradia Popular

Chile

Corporacion de Desarrollo Social JUNDEP / Observatorio de la Reconstrucción / Servicio Latinoamericano y Asiático de Vivienda Popular / Sur Centro de Estudios Sociales y Educación

Colombia

Asociación de Vivienda AVP / Asociación Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo / Corporación Región para el Desarrollo y la Democracia / Escuela del Hábitat / Foro Nacional por Colombia / Fundación Servivienda

Costa Rica

Asociación Ciudades De Costa Rica / Fundación Promotora de Vivienda

Cuba

Centro de Intercambio y Referencia de Iniciativas Comunitarias / Centro Memorial Martin Luther King Jr. / Sociedad para la Vivienda y el Urbanismo - HABITAT CUBA

Dominican Republic

Centro Dominicano de Asesoría e Investigaciones Legales / Ciudad Alternativa / Club Hábitat / Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos / Comité de Desarrollo del Tamarindo / Comité para la Defensa de los Derechos Barriales / Consejo de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Caleta / Consejo de Unidad Popular

Ecuador

Asociación Cristiana de Jóvenes del Ecuador / Centro de Estudios y Tecnología para Asentamientos Andinos / Centro de Investigaciones CIUDAD / Corporación de Estudios Regionales - Guayaquil / Foro Urbano / Fundación Ecuatoriana del Hábitat / Somos Ecuador

El Salvador

Coordinadora Centroamericana autogestionaria de la Vivienda Solidaria-COCEAVIS / Fundación Salvadoreña de Desarrollo y Vivienda Mínima / Movimiento Comunal Salvadoreño / 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

Mexico

Casa y Ciudad A.C. / Centro de Servicios Municipales "Heriberto Jara", A.C. / Centro Operacional de Vivienda y Poblamiento A.C. / Centro Periferia de Estudios de la Vivienda / Cooperación Comunitaria CC ONG México A.C. / Fomento Solidario de la Vivienda A.C. / Fundación Mexicana para la Investigación Integral sobre Desarrollo, Vivienda, Población y Medio Ambiente / Grupo Ciudad y Patrimonio A.C. / OCUPA TU CIUDAD A.C. / Red Mexicana de Estudios Interdisciplinarios para la Prevención de Desastres / Taller de Arquitectura Popular / Tu Techo Mexicano de Occidente A.C. / Unión Popular Valle Gómez

Nicaragua

Centro de Investigación y Promoción del Hábitat / Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Municipales / Centro de Promoción del Desarrollo Local - CEPRODEL / Movimiento Comunal Nicaraguense

Panamá

Centro de Capacitación Social de Panamá / Instituto de Estudios

Paraguay

Comité de Iglesias para Ayudas de Emergencia

Peru

Alternativa, Centro de Investigación Social y Educación Popular / Caritas Chosica / 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 Uruguaya 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

Action Nord Sud / Association Droit Au Logement / Association International de Techniciens, Experts et Chercheurs / Atelier Temenos Sanghatane / Centre de Recherche et d'Application Terre - América Latina / Confederation Generale du Logement Union Parisienne / Development Workshop France / Droit à la (Belle) Ville / Fondation Abbe Pierre pour le logement des Defavorises / Groupe de Recherche et d'Echanges Technologiques / Habitat en Mouvement / Urbanisme et Democratie

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 Devereux 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 AI-Gea / Asociación de Amistad con el Pueblo Saharaui de Sevilla / Club de Amigos de la UNESCO de Madrid / Ingeniería Sense Fronteras Catalunya / Instituto de Estudios Políticos para América Latina y África / Observatori DESC / Plataforma Hábitat España

Sweden

ARC Peace International, Architects,

Designers, Planners for Social Responsibility KTH / Housing Development and Management / International Union of Tenants

Switzerland

International Network for Urban / Research and Action / Laboratoire de Sociologie Urbaine / UrbaMonde

United Kingdom

Homeless International / Housing Policy and Practice Unit / Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies / Intermediate Technology Development Group Schumacher Centre for Technology and Development / International Affairs Officer, Board of The Royal Town Planning Institute / International Institute for Environment and Development / International Movement of Rights and Humanity / School of Public Policy - Institute of Local Government Studies / Soroptimist International / The Bartlett Development Planning Unit - DPU / Town and Country Planning Association

North America / 29

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 / Mouvement Action Chômage de Longueuil / National Housing and Homelessness Network / Rooftops Canada / Abri International / Tenants' Rights Action Coalition / Wellesley Institute

United States

Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now / Bahai' International Community / Global Communities / Henry Street Settlement House / Institute for Transportation and Development Policy / International Real Estate Institute / International Rivers Network / Metro 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 Boughrara
/ **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

HIC Board Members



Lorena Zárate
President
FOSOFI - Mexico



Pauline Yao
Africa
FCIEX - Ivory Coast



Alexandre Apsan
Europe
The Bartlett DPU - UK



Ramiro García
Latin America
DESCO - Peru



Raja Kassab
Middle East
/ North Africa
RWFAR - Morocco



Michael Shapcott
North America
Wellesley Institute -
Canada



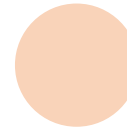
HIC Board Alternates



Maartje van Eerd
Europe
IHS - Netherlands



Alicia Sánchez
Latin America
FTV - Argentina



Aref Al-Maqrani
Middle East
/ North Africa
CIHLHR - Yemen

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Africa Focal Point
Nairobi



Yves Joël Zoffoun
Africa Focal Point
Cotonou



Ahmed Mansour
HIC-HLRN
Cairo



Joana Ricart
HIC-HLRN
Cairo



Joseph Schechla
HIC-HLRN
Cairo



Yasser Abdel Qader
HIC-HLRN /
Cairo



Blanca Hernández
Latin America
Mexico



Claudia Hernández
Latin America
Mexico



Dennis Jiménez
Latin America
Mexico



Jerónimo Díaz
Latin America
Mexico



**Maria Silvia
Emanuelli**
Latin America
Mexico



Norma Aguilar
Latin America
Mexico



Shivani Chaudhry
South Asia
Delhi



Peter Slits
HIC Liaison
Officer in the
Netherlands

HIC General Secretariat



Álvaro Puertas



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://resistenciapopularhabitat3.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:

- i) Opinion column in El Pais on social function of property and land (https://elpais.com/elpais/2016/09/14/planeta_futuro/1473875627_310126.html)
- 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>);

The geopolitics of cities http://www.ipea.gov.br/portal/index.php?option=com_content&id=28689&Itemid=406; Unveiling the Right to the City <http://www.hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6928> and the institutional magazine of the Buenos Aires Ombudsman office <https://www.mpdefensa.gob.ar/biblioteca/pdf/Revista-Institucional-del-MPD-Nro.10-Derecho-a-la-Ciudad.pdf>

- iii) Opinion piece and HIII roundtable on TNOC blog <https://www.thenatureofcities.com/2016/04/26/they-are-not-informal-settlements-they-are-habitats-made-by-people> and <https://www.thenatureofcities.com/2016/10/11/habitat-iii-is-finally-a-reality-from-your-perspective-what-would-be-the-single-most-important-tangible-outcome-not-output-of-the-event-short-or-long-term-and-what-will-it-take-to>
- iv) Interviews by Citiscope, Pressenza, TNOC and Urbanet about the relevance and challenges of the NUA and the HIII Conference <http://citiscope.org/habitatIII/commentary/2016/10/question-day-what-key-issue-missing-new-urban-agenda>; Pressenza <https://www.pressenza.com/es/2016/10/lorena-zarate-realiza-balance-los-habitat-iii>

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.escri-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>)

HIC in Latin America and the Caribbean

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, na-

tional 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 protocol¹ 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)². All these agreements are already being implemented³. 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 Medellín, 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 III⁴.

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 Quito⁵. 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 area⁶.

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 level⁷. 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 FLACSO⁸ Seminar, and the Habitat III Resistance⁹ 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>):

- 5 February 2016: HLRN Releases Report for the United Nations Habitat III Conference, Independent Experts Question India's Implementation of International Commitments.
- 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 vivienda califican 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
- 'Forced eviction in Kolkata for bridge construction left nearly 400 families shelterless, jobless: Ngo report,' NGO News World, 14 April 2016
- '[Government should treat housing as a human right, not a marketable commodity](#),'¹⁰ The Wire, 9 February 2016.
- '[Housing, living in India fraught with accessibility, other challenges: Report](#),'¹¹ Mint, 8 February 2016.
- '[Public discussion on slum evictions in Bengaluru sees few govt officials](#),'¹² Citizen Matters, 2 February 2016.
- '[Slum-dwellers' relocation falls flat](#),'¹³ The Times of India, 28 January 2016.

HIC Housing and Land Rights Network and HIC in Middle East and North Africa

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.

jointly with FIAN International, HIC-HLRN presented a joint report http://www.hlrn.org/img/documents/Syria_UPR_HIC+FIAN-2016.pdf to the 2016 UPR of Syria, focusing on the Human Rights consequences of displacement and the use of food as a weapon of the ongoing war in that country. That report in the UPR's second round followed HLRN's report in the first round of Syria's review in 2009, which analyzed <http://www.hlrn.org/img/documents/kurds%20status%20in%20Syria.pdf> the institutionalized material discrimination against Kurdish Syrians through land and property dispossession.

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>.

[org/news.php?pid=6681](http://www.hlrn.org/news.php?pid=6681), as well as the side event “Human Rights and the Right to the City: Toward Inclusive and Equitable Cities,” which took place in conjunction with the Habitat III PrepCom III at Surabaya, in July.

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.

HIC-HLRN welcomed in a public statement <http://www.hlrn.org/activitydetails.php?id=pWxlaA==>, the European Court of Justice decision <http://www.hlrn.org/activitydetails.php?id=pWttaw=> blocking EU-Morocco trade and natural resource extraction in the occupied Western Sahara.

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 Diyarbakır, 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:

- Sierra Leone: TNC Land Grab (http://www.hlrn.org/img/cases/letter_malen_final_20160616.pdf), 16 June 2016
- Turkey-23,000 people displaced, 27,000 facing forced eviction, 1,100 buildings demolished in Diyarbakır http://www.hlrn.org/img/cases/UA_TUR_26052016.pdf, 12 June 2016
- Thousands of people risk eviction in Nkondo I, Douala (http://www.hlrn.org/img/cases/AU_CAM-FED-30032016%20v2.pdf), 07 April 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 in 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 workshopsⁱ 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 workshopsⁱⁱ to introduce cooperatives and their importance as a foundation for economic empowerment.

HIC-HLRN co-organized in Beirut the “Civil Society Consultation”ⁱⁱⁱ with FAO Issued and joint CSO declaration^{iv}. 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.

ⁱ <http://www.hlrn.org/activitydetails.php?id=pWlrZA==#.WFpmkVi7qP0>

ⁱⁱ <http://landtimes.landpedia.org/newsdes.php?id=pXBI&catid=ow==&edition=o20=>

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://landtimes.landpedia.org/newsdes.php?id=pmhm&catid=ow==&edition=o20=>

^{iv} http://www.hlrn.org/img/documents/Declaration of Civil Society Organisations at the 33rd NERC_JS AD Final.pdf

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 Europe 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.wm-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 Rafaella 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 Bartlet, 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 through 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.



Global Projects

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/manifiesto_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.

HIC also produced several publications on Habitat III. Among the most relevant are: the Publication on HI, HII and HIII and HIC's 40th anniversary (Available at <http://www.hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6966>); Bas HICs document: Restoring Human Rights and Habitat to the Habitat III Process and New Habitat Agenda (July 2016) (<http://www.hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6851>); the Statement: Make social regulation of real estate markets an issue at Habitat III!' (January 2016) (<http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6625>); the Statement from HIC/GPR2C at the intergovernmental negotiations on the New Urban Agenda (New York, June 2016) (<http://www.hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=6839>); the joint statement

on the 'Zero Draft of the New Urban Agenda' for the informal hearings of stakeholders (New York, June 2016) (<http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6798>); the letter "Social and Solidarity Economy must be a key component of the New Agenda (June 2016) (<http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6820>); HIC Statement at the PrepCom 3 (Surabaya, July 2016) (<http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6855>) and the HIC Statement at Quito: Toward a Human Rights Habitat (Quito, October 2016) (<http://hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=6938>).

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.



HIC's General Assembly (Quito)



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**



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

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

in EN and FR, containing Membership Form as well as procedure to activate or reactivate Membership for election. Few other messages sent and posted on the web page and social networks, aimed at mobilizing the Members to participate in regional activities toward Habitat III, incentivizing the Membership reactivation and informing about the rules of the election process. This will be followed by the organization of a regional workshop in Africa in 2017, for which a fundraising request was submitted during 2016.

Following a decision of HIC's Board and approved by the active African Members, Mrs. Yao remained as a Board Member until December 31 2016, in order to participate in the Board meetings as the representative of African Membership.

HIC Membership

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 figures are 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

HIC Financial Statements 2016: AL, MENA, SA, HLRN and GS ⁽¹⁾

Expressed in US Dollars

Year 2016	HIC-AL ⁽²⁾	HIC-MENA	HIC-SA	HIC-HLRN	HIC-GS	Total	%
Income	192.501	110.593	167.477	100.611	309.425	880.607	100%
Beginning Balance 2016	20.362	-22.397	96.209	1.974	175.901	272.049	30,9%
Donor Agencies ^(3 a, b, c, d, e)	172.139	119.087	71.268	84.733	128.368	575.595	65,4%
HIC Membership fees	-	-	-	-	5.156	5.156	0,6%
Solidarity, special contributions	0	13.903	0	13.904	0	27.807	3,2%
Expenditure	161.323	159.011	118.664	110.521	205.216	754.736	100%
Staff Costs ⁽⁴⁾	95.665	94.449	62.434	77.695	77.796	408.039	54,1%
Projects, activities ⁽⁵⁾	52.993	51.207	39.795	14.711	116.534	275.241	36,5%
Administration Costs ⁽⁶⁾	10.892	11.333	14.744	14.387	9.038	60.394	8,0%
Audit ⁽⁷⁾	1.773	2.023	1.691	3.728	1.848	11.063	1,5%
Restricted cash on hand ⁽⁸⁾	31.178	-48.418	48.813	-9.910	104.209	125.871	

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 progrès 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)



Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)



Committee on Global Food Security (CFS)



Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)



Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)



Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)



UN Development Programme (UNDP)



UN Environment Programme (UNEP)



UN Department of Public Information - NGO Branch (UN DPI NGO)



UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)



UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)



UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

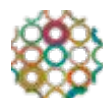


Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

HIC Funders



Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer pour le Progrès de l'Homme (fph)



Ford Foundation



Inter Church Organisation for Development Cooperatio



Missionszentrale der Franziskaner



Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung



The Fund for Global Human Rights



United States Institute for Peace



We Effect (Swedish Cooperative Centre) Latin America



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HIC International Allies

	Action Aid		Advisory Committee of the UN Human Rights Council		Amnesty International
	Association of International Dalit Solidarity		Bank Information Center		Center for Economic and Social Rights
	Communitas Coalition		Congrès Mondial Amazigh		Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH
	Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Network		Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance		European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine
	Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO)		Fédération Internationale des Droit de l'Homme		Food First Information and Action Network
	Fórum Mundial de Autoridades Locais de Periphéria		France Libertés - Fondation Danielle Mitterrand		Friends of the Earth
	Global Land Tool Network (civil society constituency, Land & Conflict Working Group)		Andalusia Municipalities Fund for International Solidarity		Habitat for Humanity
	Global Rights, Rules and Responsibilities		Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP)		Displacement Research and Action Network, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
	Extraterritorial Obligations (ETO) Consortium		Foro de Autoridades Locales		Global Convergence of Land and Water Struggles
	Huairou Commission		Internal Displacement Monitoring Center		International Accountability Project
	International Alliance of Inhabitants		International Commission of Jurists		International Food Security & Nutrition Civil Society Mechanism



UN
Environment
Programme
(UNEP)



UN
Department of
Public Information
– NGO Branch
(UN DPI NGO)



UN
Human
Rights Council
(UNHRC)



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No-Vox



Office of the High
Commissioner
for Human Rights
(OHCHR)



OXFAM
International



People's Health
Movement



Right to Food
and Nutrition
Watch



Russell Tribunal
on Palestine



Shack / Slum
Dwellers
International



Transnational
Institute



UN Division
for Palestinian
Rights
(UNDP)



UN
Human Rights
Council



University of
Oxford - Refugee
Studies Centre



WIEGO: Women
in Informal
Employment:
Globalizing
and Organizing



WITNESS



World Bank
Inspection Panel



Overseas
development
Institute



RIPES
-Intercontinental
Network for the
Promotion of Social
Solidarity Economy



World Social
Forum International
Council Urban
Social Forum



United Cities
and Local
Governments



URGENCI The
International
Network for
Community-
supported Agriculture

HIC Regional and National partners



American University in Cairo

ADAPT

Appropriate Development, Architectural and Planning Technologies



Arab Group for the Protection of Nature



Arab NGO Network for Development



Àrea metropolitana de Barcelona



Asian Commission for Human Rights



Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University in Cairo



Center for Minority Rights and Development



Center of Arab Woman for Training and Research



Coordinadora Latinoamericana de Organizaciones del Campo



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