



# HIC Annual Report 2014

Global network for habitat rights and social justice



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Social Production of Habitat



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## Message from the President

2014 was a very intense year for our Coalition. From local actions to international activism, HIC Members and Allies have been mobilizing to denounce setbacks and consolidate advances in defending and realizing Human Rights related to Habitat in different regions of the world.

Training workshops, peer-to-peer exchanges and the definition of joint strategies; systematization and dissemination of cases; support of local struggles in urban and rural communities; development of tools to prevent evictions and displacements, quantify losses, accompanying victims and drafting requests for adequate reparation and resettlement; definition of extraterritorial obligations, strategic litigation, legal action frameworks for judges and networking for advocacy and monitoring of public policies and budgets are some of the many activities that you will find reported here.

Given our integral approach to habitat issues, it is evident that our work covers a thematic range that is becoming wider and more complex every year. Being so, you will find multiple references not just to Land and Housing Rights and the social production of habitat, but also to the relevant processes that we have been promoting around the Right to Water, the Right to Food and food sovereignty, and the Right to the City.

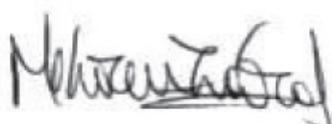
Working groups and international projects were established since the first months of the year, allowing for a closer and more permanent coordination between HIC offices, Members and Allies from social movements, community based organizations, professional's associations, academics, students and activists to move forward on common goals and shared agendas.

That way, even before national governments and UN agencies had started to talk about Habitat III (UN's 3rd Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, to be held in Quito, Ecuador, in October 2016), civil society and local authorities global networks were making their messages and central demands heard for this process which will eventually produce a "New Urban Agenda".

In that framework, HIC's concerns and proposals revolve around three issues that we consider to be fundamental: a) the need to maintain a holistic approach to the territory, and not just limited to urban areas, evaluating the implementation of the commitments made by different actors as part of the Habitat Agenda (Istanbul, 1996); b) the mandate to incorporate an imperative and transversal Human Rights approach, in compliance with international standards and the advances in different cities and countries during the past twenty years; and, c) the strong demand for a wide and substantive participation of the non-state actors at the debates and the decision-making spaces, giving particular relevance to the voices of the communities traditionally excluded.

We trust that you will find your commitment and support reflected in the following pages; and we count on you for the multiple and challenging tasks that we have ahead of us.

Sincerely,



Lorena Zárate

HIC President



## The Coalition

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

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

### The Association aims to attain these objectives by means of:

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

## HIC in the World

The Coalition has 396 Members (of which 145 have the right to vote) and 61 Friends. In addition 2,120 organizations and individuals form the HIC social base. The table below presents the geographic distribution of HIC Members, Friends and the Social Base:

Region	Members	Members with right to vote	Friends	Social Base
Africa	70	1	7	319
Asia	37	1	11	234
Europe	56	9	16	456
Latin America and the Caribbean	128	55	11	733
Middle East/North Africa	76	71	4	219
North America	29	3	12	159
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2,120</b>

All figures shown are as of December 31, 2014.

## HIC's faces

The **HIC General Assembly** is composed of all Members who are eligible to attend General Assembly meetings and participate in elections. The General Assembly meeting in 2014 was held in Medellin, Colombia.

### HIC Wisdom Keepers



**Enrique Ortiz**  
Mexico



**Diana Lee**  
Kenya



**Barry Pinsky**  
Canada



**Davinder Lamba**  
Kenya



**Tabitha Siwale**  
Tanzania



**Eike Schuetz**  
Germany



**Han van Putten**  
(1922-2009)  
The Netherlands

### HIC Board Members



**Lorena Zárate**  
President  
FOSovi - Mexico



**Pauline Yao**  
Africa  
FCIEX - Ivory Coast



**Vanesa Valiño**  
Europe  
Observatori-DESC  
Spain



**Ramiro García**  
Latin America  
DESCO - Peru



**Rajaa' Kassab**  
Middle East/ North  
Africa  
RWFAR - Morocco



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Wellesley Institute -  
Canada



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Associated Member  
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**Maria Silvia Emanuelli**  
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Mexico



**Norma Aguilar**  
Latin America  
Mexico



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Africa  
Cairo



**Shivani Chaudry**  
South Asia  
Delhi

### HIC General Secretariat in Cairo - Egypt



**Álvaro Puertas**



**Isabel Pascual**



**Marie Bailloux**

## Welcome to our new Members 2014!

During 2014, HIC received 43 new applications for membership (from 22 organizations and 21 individuals), and 103 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 14 new organizations as Members and 7 new individuals as Friends.

Logo	Name Member	Acronym	Country
	Fundación Servivienda	Servivienda	Colombia
	Corporación Región para el Desarrollo y la Democracia	Corporación Región	Colombia
	Egyptian Center for Civil and Legislative Reform	ECCLR	Egypt
	Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights	EIPR	Egypt
	Together Association for Development and Environment	Together	Egypt
	Habitat en Mouvement	HEM	France
	Instituto para la Cooperación y Autodesarrollo	ICADE	Honduras
	Pamoja Trust	Muongano	Kenya
	Korea Research Institute of Housing Management	KRIHM	Korea (South)
	OCUPA Tu Ciudad A.C.	OTC	Mexico
	Network of International Diplomacy of International Law and Human Rights	NDLH	Norway
	Al-Maqdese for Society Development	MSD	Palestine
	Arab Center for Agricultural Development	ACAD	Palestine
	Asociación de Amistad con el Pueblo Saharaui de Sevilla	AAPSS	Spain

## 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

Advancing the Coalition's strategic objectives has become prominent within the framework of preparations for the third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), which will take place in Quito, Ecuador, in October 2016. In this sense, the activities of the Presidency during 2014 sought to contribute significantly to: 1) building a stronger Coalition; 2) strengthening processes and social actors linked to Habitat Rights; and 3) advocacy on public policy at local, national and international levels.

Regarding the first point, some of the most important contributions were our President's active involvement in the preparation and coordination of the General Assembly (which turned out to be the most prolific of the last decade), the Board meeting and the diverse activities performed in Medellín, Colombia, within the framework of the VIII World Urban Forum and the II Urban Social Forum and, in coordination with the new Secretary-General and his team, the Board, and a number of HIC members and allies. Among these activities, the following deserve further recognition: [the civil society round table](#) (approximately 1,000 people in attendance); the sessions on the expectations of civil society towards Habitat III and the training event on the Right to the City; the "nightlight talks", co-organized with the Habitat School of the *Universidad Nacional de Colombia* in the Theater Pablo Tobón; the exhibition and experience exchange at the museum *Casa de la Memoria* (House of Memory); and the visits to local communities (districts 8 y 13).

Additionally, along with other representatives of HIC, the President was interviewed by international and local media channels and participated in the presentation [Take Back the Land! The Social Function of Land and Housing, Resistances & Alternatives](#), published by Citego and Ritimo. Among the institutional events, a particularly relevant one was the exchange and coordination meeting with foundations that currently support the work of HIC and other linked networks

(Charles Leopold Mayer Foundation/FPH, Ford Foundation, Misereor and We Effect - formerly Swedish Cooperative Center) in relation to the Social Production of Habitat, the Right to Housing and the Right to the City. In general terms, the activities revealed a strong and active Coalition, capable of integrating new members (such as the *Coordinadora Centroamericana Autogestionaria de la Vivienda Solidaria* or the Medellín based *Corporación Región*), reformulating relationships with former allies or establishing new strategic alliances (such as Shack/slum Dwellers International). HIC's proposed critical position regarding the conceptual and policy document of WUF VII was announced through a [joint Declaration with the UCLG's Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights, Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities and Mercociudades](#).

In parallel, and throughout the whole year, the President promoted and organized meetings and training events, fostered coordination and interaction activities (face-to-face and virtual) with HIC's members and allies, as well as with local communities in Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, South Korea, United States, Mexico, Peru, and Sweden, among others. During many of these visits, she made presentations about HIC's work and how the Coalition collaborates with social movements, students, academia and local and national authorities in relevant events such as the Social Function of Land and Property Forum organized by UrbaMonde in Geneva (March); the IV World Forum of Cities for Human Rights, and the experts' workshop on local authorities and Human Rights in Gwangju; the exchange meetings and a training workshop on the Right to City for civil servants in Seoul (May); the National Alliance of HUD Tenants (NAHT) annual conference in Washington, D.C.; the Planners Network International Forum and the 2nd International Forum of Urban Studies and Planning organized by the *Universidad Autónoma* and the *Colegio de la Frontera Norte* in Ciudad Juárez (June); the 8th internship of social organizations in Mexico and Latin America (August); and the 11th

Urban Planning and Environment Association (UPE) Forum in La Plata, Argentina (September).

Among the articles published on the Right to the City, Habitat III and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) during this period, we can highlight the following: magazine [Desde la Región](#); [web portal of ONU-NGLS](#); [web portal of The Nature of the Cities](#) and [Defensor magazine](#).

Regarding advocacy, her participation in the 25th session of the UN Council on Human Rights deserves special mention; on this occasion she presented a [declaration in support of the work of the former Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing](#), Raquel Rolnik, specifically about the guidelines for tenant security in precarious urban settings. On this occasion, the President of HIC was also invited to make presentations and comments along with the Special Rapporteur in two parallel events: one about [women and tenant security](#), organized by the permanent missions of Germany and Finland; and the other one about [poverty, exclusion and the Right to Housing in Latin America](#), promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile and *Techo*, a civil society organization.

Her [intervention](#) in the first Integration Thematic Segment assembled by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in New York (May) also deserves mention. During this event, government representatives, UN-Habitat officials and other experts were called to revise critically the three pillars of the so-called sustainable urbanization - economic, social and environmental - , from the need of deep change in paradigm and beginning with

the concept of Good Living and the Right to the City.

At the same time, the President was actively involved in the coordination of HIC's support to the [candidacy](#) of Ana Sugranyes and Leilani Farha, being the later the one finally selected to occupy the position of Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing for the 2014-2017 term.

Finally, in her role as President and during the whole year, she followed very closely the creation and implementation of some regional and international projects, in coordination with diverse HIC Reference Centers and members. Among them, we can highlight a proposal for a Social Production of Habitat Platform sponsored by UrbaMonde (member of HIC in Switzerland) and the international project "Right to the City for All", whose contents were discussed during the Coalition's annual meetings in *Medellín* and were approved and funded by the Ford Foundation in September. Within this framework, she worked actively with POLIS Institute (member of HIC in Brazil) to organize and coordinate the International Meeting in Sao Paulo in November. The [Global Platform for the Right to the City](#) was established during this event. The general objective of both initiatives is to globally boost interactions and alliances based in this Right among networks of civil society organizations, social movements and local authorities, with the ultimate goal of highlighting experiences, advances and challenges, as well as deepening discussions and content proposals for the urban agenda and habitat for the next 20 years.

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## HIC in Latin America

During 2014, in coordination with Members of the region and other Partners, HIC-AL supported numerous territorial processes -both urban and rural-, and developed training, research and advocacy work aiming to deepen the progress in the field of the Right to Housing and against evictions, Social Production of Habitat (SPH), Right to the City (R2C) and the Right to Water and Sanitation.

A regional Working Group on Social Production and Management of Habitat was created in order to foster further regional interaction and to fulfil the agreement made during the HIC parallel meetings at the VII World Urban Forum (*Medellín*, Colombia). The regional office has facilitated the participation

of the Latin American Members in the international Working Group towards Habitat III coordinated by the Secretariat, and participated in presenting a petition before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) for a regional hearing on human informal settlements and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR) to be held next year. More than 30 Members and Partners supported this initiative and participated in this effort. As a follow-up to the project "Moving Towards the Implementation of the Right to the City in Latin America and Internationally", in 2013 HIC-AL and numerous Members participated in the International Meeting on the Right to the City (Sao Paulo, Brazil) which

focused on the creation of an Global Platform on R2C towards Habitat III. In addition, the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the Latin American and Mexican social organizations Internships was organized, which focused on contributing to strengthen the processes of promotion, defence and realization of the Right to the City. A total of 29 participants from 22 social organizations from Mexico, Colombia, Bolivia and Chile attended this exchange. Ms Evaniza Rodríguez and Mr. Edilson Mineiro from the *União Nacional for Moradia Popular* of Brazil supported the training activities. Finally, HIC-LA continued encouraging Members and Friends' production of articles published in the bi-monthly bulletin.

In May, a call was launched for setting up the Election Committee responsible to coordinate the elections for a Representative and an Alternate for Latin America within the HIC Board for the next 4 years. The Committee, comprised of Ms. Paola Bagnera (*Vivienda Social y Ciudad*, Santa Fe, Argentina); Mrs. Carmen Gonzalez (*FUPROVI*, San Jose, Costa Rica); Mr. Carlos Estrada (*Ocupa tu Ciudad*, Guadalajara, Mexico) and Ms. Jancarla Loayza Medina (HIC's friend, Cochabamba, Bolivia), in coordination with the Office, did an excellent job facilitating membership participation. Four persons applied for the position. From a total of 32 organizations with a right to vote in the regional roster at the time of the election, 28 organizations from 13 countries participated: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay. Finally, Mr. Ramiro Garcia of *Centro de Estudios y Promoción del Desarrollo* (DESCO) of Peru was elected and Ms. Alicia Sanchez from *Federación Tierra y Vivienda* (FTV) of Argentina was appointed as alternate Board Member.

At the national level in Mexico, HIC-AL coordinated workshops aiming to review the World Charter for the Right to the City in which HIC Members and Partners, such as

*Movimiento Urbano Popular de la Convención Nacional Democrática*, MUP-CND, participated. The office continued to support the *Movimiento Mexicano de Afectados por las Presas y en Defensa de los Ríos* (MAPDER) in its fight against evictions. Within this framework, HIC-AL assumed the drafting of the ESCR section of the Protocol for Action for those who impart justice in the cases that involve development and infrastructure projects coordinated by the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (SCJN).



This document is currently the most comprehensive one that has been produced on this matter. The team continued participating in multiple meetings and consultations aiming to influence public policy on Housing and to achieve the progress reached in the field of SPH during the previous six years. From the participation in the Right to Water and Sanitation workshops and events, a follow-up was made to the litigation that was initiated 6 years ago in order to provide clean water to 100 low-income families. On November 26, for the first time in the history of the country, a favourable decision was taken by the SCJN.

At the international level, HIC-AL maintained a constant dialogue and collaboration with the United Nations Special Rapporteurs on Adequate Housing and on the Right to Water and Sanitation, and with the UN-Habitat Representatives, while actively participated in the Habitat III Prepcom1.

## Working Group on the Social Production and Management of Habitat in LA<sup>1</sup>

Based on debates on the SPH conducted with HIC Members in Latin America and Europe that emerged from the VII World Urban Forum parallel meetings, HIC-AL went further facilitating the formation of this Working Group and resuming the experiences of previous meetings and discussions. Numerous Members of Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Mexico and Uruguay, in addition to a number of Allies, responded positively to the call. It was collectively decided that the group's medium-term objective (2015-2016) is to document, visualize, defend and strengthen the contributions and the transforming experiences conducted by both urban and rural organizations and communities in Latin America, in the field of Social Production and Management of Habitat, as a tool dedicated to fulfill the Human Right to Housing for low-income inhabitants, to influence the laws, regulations, projects, programmes, public policies and budgets at a local and national level, as well as to advocate at regional (MINURVI, etc.) and international (Habitat III, etc.) levels. Among the specific objectives, the SPH WG focus on (1) the creation of a regional space of interaction, analysis, exchange of knowledge and experiences for the theoretical and/or practice development of the Social Production and Management of Habitat field; (2) the promotion of spaces for dialogue that allow for the needed evaluation of the accomplishments (projects, programmes, policies, budgets), the obstacles met and the Social Production and Management of Habitat sustainability in Latin America within the current sociopolitical context; (3) to register, through a form drawn up on Mr. Enrique Ortiz's initiative, and spread out complex and transforming experiences in the Social Production and Management of Habitat field in Latin America; (4) to develop collectively an advocacy strategy to position the systematization results and the theoretical proposals that may have arisen from the group, at the national, regional and international level; (5) to compare and coordinate findings and results of the Working Group with similar experiences that have been developed at an international level and in other continents, such as Urbamonde's, initiative, a Switzerland based HIC Member. The Group, which has an initial schedule, is open to include more organizations wishing to join this communal effort.

<sup>1</sup> Social production is understood as all those processes which generate adequate living spaces, urban components, and housing, carried out under the control of self-producers and other social agents acting without lucrative purposes. These Social Production and Management of Habitat processes may originate in urban and rural areas, and can be started by family units acting as individual actors, informal organized groups, social enterprises such as housing cooperatives and associations, or NGOs, among others. Self-management modalities range from spontaneous individual self-production, to collective production implying a high organizational level of participants, and in many cases complex processes of production and management of other habitat components. Enrique Ortiz Flores, *Producción social de la vivienda y el hábitat* / Social production of housing and habitat, HIC-LA, Mexico 2012, p. 73, available in Spanish on: <http://www.hic-al.org/publicaciones.cfm?pag=publicpsh>



Solidarity days in Montevideo. FUCVAM/B. Nahoum, 2007

## HIC in South Asia

In 2014, HIC Housing and Land Rights Network South Asia (HLRN-SA), based in New Delhi, completed fifteen years of working in the region. Over the years, HLRN-SA has focused on strengthening networks, creating new forums, building alliances, and engaging with actors at multiple levels, to advance the promotion of Human Rights. HLRN-SA is grateful to all its members, partners, and donors for their contributions and support.

Over the last year, HLRN-SA continued to work on issues of homelessness, forced evictions and displacement, resettlement and rehabilitation, Land, and the Right to the City, through a combination of approaches and strategies at several levels: community, national Human Rights institutions, state and central government, and the United Nations.

The HLRN-SA executive director continues to be an Executive Committee member of *Shahri Adhikar Manch: Begharon Ke Saath* (SAM:BKS – Urban Rights Forum for the Homeless) and co-convenor of the National Forum for Housing Rights (NFHR) in India, in which HLRN-SA plays an active role.

On behalf of SAM:BKS, HLRN-SA assisted with the documentation of the history and evolution of the homeless movement in Delhi, with a particular focus on the experience of SAM:BKS and the lessons it could provide for those working on similar issues in other cities. The report titled, *Shahri Adhikar Manch: Begharon Ke Saath* (Urban Rights Forum: With the Homeless) – The Trajectory of a Struggle, was launched by the homeless at a press conference in Delhi.



HLRN-SA worked on promoting the use of its unique tool on 'Eviction Impact Assessment' (EvIA) through training workshops and surveys. In collaboration with *Apne Aap Worldwide*, HLRN-SA worked on a detailed EvIA to assess the impacts of the forced eviction and displacement of an extremely poor and marginalised community in Topsisia,

Kolkata. The study documents the impacts of the eviction on the Human Rights of the community, and demonstrates how the eviction has resulted in their further impoverishment.

As part of its commitment to develop better mechanisms for response to and prevention of forced evictions, HLRN-SA, in collaboration with partners, has created a "Housing Rights Task Force" in Delhi. The organization also has been involved in several initiatives aimed at preventing forced evictions and in the struggle for justice and adequate rehabilitation for families who have been forcibly evicted. Over the last year, specific work has been developed in this area including assisting with housing surveys; advocacy with the government; workshops with affected communities; and, public interest litigation in the High Court of Delhi to prevent specific evictions.

The South Asia office of HIC-HLRN has always believed in promoting Human Rights education at various levels. Since 2012, we have engaged in different initiatives to improve strategies to promote Housing Rights across the 'housing continuum.' During 2014, HLRN-SA organised inter-city exchange visits between homeless activists in Chennai, Delhi, Indore and Mumbai to enable them to understand similarities and differences in their struggles as well as learn about positive strategies that could be replicated.

One of HLRN-SA's focus areas is the development of tools for community awareness and action. In April 2014, HLRN-SA produced a publication titled, 'How to Respond to Forced Evictions: A Handbook for India.' The launch event consisted of Justice A.P. Shah, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Delhi and Chairperson, Law Commission of India releasing the publication and a panel discussion with experts on, 'Evictions in India: Rule of Law and Role of the State.' The Handbook provides information on relevant laws, tools and strategies to prevent forced evictions and seek restitution, and details of actors to engage with. The Handbook has been adapted for use in different states and translated into regional languages, including Gujarati, Marathi, and Hindi. It has helped displaced communities and those threatened with evictions to assert their Rights and lead their own struggles.

Given continuous reports of the inadequacies of resettlement across India, HLRN-SA, in collaboration with partners, conducted a

detailed Human Rights assessment of three large resettlement sites in Delhi, Chennai, and Mumbai, over a period of three years. The final publication titled: 'Forced to the Fringes: Disasters of 'Resettlement' in India' presents the findings of the studies and proposes recommendations to the government. HLRN-SA has been widely disseminating the report and using it for advocacy purposes with different government and Human Rights institutions. The Tamil Nadu government, based on the report, has promised improved facilities for the affected residents.

In addition to speaking at different events, over the last year, HLRN-SA organised and supported several meetings, workshops, and expert consultations on the following themes: urban poverty and housing; homelessness; rehabilitation and resettlement standards; housing schemes of the government; the Human Right to adequate Housing; the Right to the City; the Eviction Impact Assessment tool; and UN mechanisms.

At the international level, HLRN-SA was involved in several initiatives, including working with the UN Special Rapporteur on adequate housing on the guiding principles on security of tenure for the urban poor.

In 2014, HLRN-SA released the following publications (available at: [www.hlrn.org.in/](http://www.hlrn.org.in/)):

- The Human Rights to Adequate Housing and Land: Status Update 2013
- How to Respond to Forced Evictions: A Handbook for India (English, Gujarati, Marathi, Hindi)
- Report of a Public Hearing on Violence against Homeless Women (English and Hindi)
- Shahri Adhikar Manch: Begharon Ke Saath (Urban Rights Forum with the Homeless): The Trajectory of a Struggle (English and Hindi)
- Handbook on the UN Basic Principles and Guidelines on Development-based Evictions and Displacement (Kannada)

#### Articles and Papers

- 'Social Function of Land and Security of Tenure in India' in *Take Back the Land: The Social Function of Land and Housing, Resistances and Alternatives*, AITEC and Passarelle, France.<sup>1</sup>
- Violence and Violations: The Reality of Homeless Women in India.

<sup>1</sup> The publication is available at: [http://aitec.reseau-ipam.org/IMG/pdf/Pass10\\_Pages-EN-OKweb.pdf](http://aitec.reseau-ipam.org/IMG/pdf/Pass10_Pages-EN-OKweb.pdf)

## HIC in Middle East and North Africa

2014 was a tumultuous year for the Middle East/North Africa (MENA) region, and no less for HIC-MENA. Under the long shadow and crushing disappointments of the so-called Arab Spring, the region's land and peoples also suffered the consequences of various old and new forms of conflict, occupation and war. However, the period also held some bright lights, valuable lessons, golden opportunities and moments of truth for the awakening social movements, including the region's HIC Members.

HLRN started the year promoting Extraterritorial Human Rights obligations (ETOs), with allies FIAN International and the Arab Network for NGO Development (ANND), in a training event for MENA CSOs in Beirut. HIC's continued work in MENA pursued outcomes of five ongoing Housing, Land and Natural Resource Rights cases involving ETOs of other states affecting people under occupation in [Palestine](#), Cyprus and [Western Sahara](#). By the end of 2014, the UN General Assembly both recognized and quantified the

ETOs of one state toward the another in the [case of Israel's environmental destruction](#) in its 2006 War on Lebanon. HIC-HLRN's quantification tools also helped advance reparation claims of local communities in Egypt, championed by local Member organizations in local action research in cases of [urban forced displacement](#) and environmental consequences caused by [World Bank-supported infrastructure development](#).



2014 also saw the ten-year anniversary of International Court of Justice's (ICJ) Advisory Opinion on the "Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory." HIC-HLRN partners, including the Stop the Wall Campaign (Palestine), launched an appeal that 88 global legal experts joined, calling for the implementation of the ICJ rulings, including detailed recommendations for the implementation of states' ETOs to apply peremptory norms in that illegal situation, in order to uphold international law and world order in the ongoing persecution of the Palestinian people and violation of their inalienable Human Rights to Habitat.

With the support of the United States Institute for Peace, HLRN engaged partners in Yemen to apply HLRN's quantification tools and international law standards toward the reparations promised in Yemen's recent National Dialogue Conference. The HLRN and local partners' contribution to Yemen's foreseen transitional justice processes toward the remedy of past land deprivation was delayed by the civil war that emerged in August 2014.

Throughout the year, HIC-MENA monitoring and advocacy in the specialized subject of Economic, Social and Cultural Human Rights in protracted crises continued to inform deliberations among the Rome-based UN agencies and representative governments in the Committee on Global Food Security (CFS) to develop a new Framework for Action for

Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises. HIC-MENA inputs, along with the region's other Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) members, such as the Arab Group for the Preservation of Nature and Palestine's Land Research Center, ultimately preserved the Human Rights norms in the new standard setting process that achieved, for the first time, the recognition of a needed tripartite methodology for international interventions that synergizes Humanitarian, Development and Human Rights approaches.

With the support of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), HIC-HLRN convened the fifth edition of the [MENA Land Forum](#). That fifth Land Forum session sought to transcend the diagnosis of regional problems and local struggles by sharing strategies and experiences to bring these issues to international forums and ongoing global processes. That December 2014 session particularly focused on CSO cooperation with FAO and influencing the World Bank's current safeguard policy review. With the background of its previous four sessions, HIC-MENA's Land Forum and its participants continued promoting people-based solutions to the land- and natural resource-administration issues across the region, and is compiled in the groundbreaking publication "The Land and Its People" ([Arabic](#) [2014] and [English](#) [2015]).

For more information on the 2014 activities of HIC and HLRN in the MENA region, see <http://www.hic-mena.org/activity.php>.

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## Housing and Land Rights Network (HIC-HLRN)

Dedicated to operationalizing the Human Rights to adequate Housing and Land, HIC's Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN) continued its work in 2014, connecting HIC Members, local movements, academic centers and organizations to global Human Rights and standard-setting processes. HLRN provides representation, capacity building, monitoring and reporting methods and advocacy opportunities. HLRN and partners have served diverse constituencies from rural and urban areas, including slum dwellers, small-scale farmers and food producers, and people under occupation, among others.

In doing so, HLRN consistently supports Member activities and maintains strategic alliances, promoting opportunities for Members to participate in forums, other networks and

processes, while creating and disseminating relevant knowledge. Pursuant to global Land-Rights advocacy, for example, HLRN has developed legal arguments to operationalize individual, collective, domestic and extraterritorial Human Rights obligations of states ([ETOs](#)) for Members to develop the common ground to promote international law-based policy reform—both locally and globally—to respect, protect and fulfill Housing and Land Rights.

Throughout 2014, HLRN delivered civil society concerns through its engagement in Rome-based processes of the UN, in particular the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and other FAO regional initiatives. At the CFS, HIC-HLRN participated in the annual Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) Forum, convening

the urban food and nutrition insecure constituency, consolidating ten years of lessons in applying the global Guidelines to support the progressive realization of the Right to adequate Food in the context of national food security (2004) and implementing the global Guidelines for Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land Fisheries and Forests (2012). This Rome-based standard setting continued efforts since 2012 toward the adoption of an Agenda for Action for Food Insecurity in Protracted Crises (now the Framework for Action), which seek to uphold Land Rights as a component of food security (sovereignty). The Framework negotiated through calls for an innovative approach harmonizing humanitarian assistance, development and Human Rights (adopted at CFS 42 in 2015). During the 2014 CSM Forum, organizations selected HIC-HLRN to co-facilitate the next years' Working Group on [Water](#).

HLRN coordinated with HIC to assert knowledge-based positions in the 7<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum (*Medellín*), participating in events conceptualizing the "Right to the City," city region food systems and food sovereignty, improving informal-sector livelihoods and developing a productive alliance with local government organizations. HLRN developed [position papers](#) and coordinated the [CSO consultation](#) to develop the civil society platform and substantive inputs and expectations for Habitat III. The outcomes at *Medellín* framed the advocacy strategy and [message of HIC and HLRN](#) in the first Habitat

III Preparatory Committee, held at New York in September 2014.

HLRN also has been active in reporting processes in the UN Human Rights System throughout the year. Under the second phase of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), HLRN collaborated with Members to develop and submit stakeholder reports for the Human Rights Council's reviews of [Turkey](#), [Italy](#) and [Spain](#), focusing on the Human Rights fulfilment and violations within austerity measures and neoliberal urban development policies. Toward the development of Human Rights norms at the global level, HLRN also [contributed](#) to the Council's Advisory Committee study on Human Rights and Local Government.

In its global monitoring of Housing and Land Rights violations, HLRN has maintained its on-line [Violations Database](#) (VDB) tool, developed for Members and the public to record cases and monitor patterns of Human Rights violations resulting from eviction, dispossession, demolition and privatization. Based on the VDB data, including 25 new entries in 2014, HLRN's annual review of VDB cases for World Habitat Day addressed the shortcomings in Habitat III process and the ongoing preparations for the 2016 world conference. The report, "[Bearing Witness to Forced Evictions: Habitat II's Broken Promise, Habitat III's Missing Link](#)," focused on the unrelenting practice of forced eviction despite the 20-year-old Habitat II commitment to "prevent and remedy" that gross violation of Human Rights.

See HLRN South Asia and HIC MENA for regionally specific 2014 reports.



## MENA Land Forum V

At HIC-HLRN's fifth Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Land Forum in Tunis, 22 researchers and activist representatives of organizations and social movements gathered for a new phase of knowledge sharing and capacity building. With support of FAO, that Land Forum focused participants on the major global standard-setting processes affecting land and natural resources across the region.



Convened under the theme “Taking It to the Next Level: Relating Local Issues to Global Processes,” the 2014 Land Forum culminated efforts begun in 2009 to build capacity of MENA civil society to contribute effectively to those processes and developments, as well as at country level. The ongoing World Bank safeguard policy reviews, the upcoming Habitat III conference (2016) and the post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda. The Forum especially explored opportunities posed by recent and emerging norms of the

Rome-based agencies (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)). These included the 2012 Tenure Guidelines and the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises that, when finalized in 2015, promise particular relevance for the region.

The full report for the Land Forum V is available in [English](#) and [Arabic](#).

## Humanitarian, Development and Human Right Policy Coherence

Building on years of monitoring, research, advocacy and field experience, HIC-HLRN advocates operationalizing combined Humanitarian, Development and Human Rights approaches needed to sustain well-being and human dignity over time, often punctuated by crisis of all kinds. This long-overdue approach seeks policy coherence and coordination to ensure that immediate relief intervention (humanitarian aid) aligns with longer-term development (institutional and human capacity building) objectives, while ensuring the consistent preventive and remedial strategies enshrined in Human Rights norms and corresponding methods. HIC's traditional specialization in social-justice in the housing and land sphere has positioned its collective expertise to articulate this policy synergy in context. HIC and its HLRN are jointly committed to developing this timely approach in practice with Members and all development partners. One example in 2014 has been the negotiation over the Committee on Global Food Security (CFS) Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises.

## The Land and Its People



Reflecting the efforts of four successive MENA Land Forum sessions, HIC-HLRN published the compilation of papers and presentations in the Arabic edition of [الأرض ومن عليها](#) (The Land and Those upon It). The volume represents scholarly and popular accounts that form a historic continuum of land struggles that range from the Persian Gulf to the Atlantic, probing root causes and Rights-based solutions to enduring policy dilemmas, conflicts, occupations and competing tenure claims. The diagnostic exercise represented in this volume prepares the ground for adapting strategic responses and modern tools for a more-sustainable future.

## HIC General Secretariat

The new General Secretariat (GS) team started 2014 in a spirit of continuity in the work and tasks carried out during the last decade in the Coalition. From its new location in Cairo, the GS started a new phase of collaboration sharing resources with the Housing and Land Rights Network (HIC-HLRN) and the Middle East and North Africa (HIC-MENA) regional office teams.

The role of the GS as a hinge of the Coalition puts it firstly in a foremost place, as the team coordinates the work with the Membership, strengthening its processes related to Habitat; secondly, it supports the Reference Centers; and thirdly, it coordinates the presence of the Coalition before international bodies and in different events influencing public policies at the local, national and international level.

### Consolidating the Coalition

During 2014, an intense work of coordination with the Members was done, which included the implementation of the [By-Law](#) reviewed and approved by the [General Assembly](#) in Medellin. This By-Law has been implemented in the two elections held in the Latin America and in the MENA regions.

At the same time, in 2014, ten Board meetings were held (from which one was face-to-face) and the General Assembly at Medellin which counted with the participation of an important number of attendants. Moreover, the GS maintained a permanent communication and coordination with the President and the HIC Reference Centers, including new initiatives such as the regular meetings of HIC teams that have strengthened the coordination among different Offices.



The GS has also supported the Reference Centers and Board Members in drafting projects and in specific regional activities, such as the participation in the Social Production of Habitat Working Group meetings. During 2014, communication issues have also been decisive: 11 newsletters have been redacted, many documents and statements translated to 4 languages, and 21 statements from other networks have been supported or disseminated. At the same time, a continuous communication with the Members through the HIC web and Social Networks was maintained. New tools, such as the [photo](#) and [video](#) channels and feeds, and the specific [blog about Habitat III](#) were launched. This was the year of the consolidation of the [Member Space](#). Besides, progress was made in implementing the [Portal](#) and improving the [Violations Database](#). Finally, a special mention should be made to the widely known role of HIC during [WUF7](#) in *Medellín* and [Prep Com 1](#) in New York, thanks to the good performance of the corresponding visibility working groups.

### Strengthening Members and Allies in their struggle for a place where to live in peace and dignity

The GS has promoted and participated in numerous coordination and information

meetings with Members and Allies in order to support projects and initiatives.

Specific cases of supporting Members are those of Polis (Brazil) and the Project on the Right to the City, *Habitat et Participation* (Belgium) and its World Map (Mapamundi) of Urban Habitat, *UrbaMonde* (Switzerland) and the Platform on Social Production of Habitat, *Femmes Côte d'Ivoire Expérience* (Ivory Coast) and the Regional Workshop on Habitat Rights for African Peoples and the Habitat Agenda and finally Habitat en Mouvement (France) and its publication on Social Production of Habitat Initiatives, Urban and Social Struggles and the Right to the City.

The GS has also participated in local and international events, such as the meeting of the World Social Forum International Council, the International Forum on Democracy and Cooperation or the International event on the Right to the City, as well as other regional and local activities, especially in Latin America and the MENA region.

2014 saw the consolidation of [HIC's Working Group on Habitat III](#), which proposed several initiatives, such as a [research](#) by the Development Planning Unit (DPU) or the

drafting of various Parallel Reports, alternative to the National Reports. This group was also involved in the preparations for HIC's PrepCom1.

### Advocacy for the recognition, defence and implementation of Habitat Rights

The year started with a very active participation in and around WUF7 in *Medellín*. HIC was not only attending the official event, but also organized other activities with local organizations. The GS also coordinated the strategy for Prep Com 1 in New York and participated in the international Working Group on Habitat III together with other Networks and Partners supporting the participation of HIC representatives in the above mentioned event. Communication played an important role in these activities; thanks to the coordination of the Working Group on Visibility, various press releases and documents were launched and distributed, disseminating HIC's position. In relation with the Right to the City For All project, the Secretariat has been deeply involved in the preparation of the international event on the Right to the City and in redacting the documents that emerged from this activity



New HIC Portal ([www.hic-net.org](http://www.hic-net.org))

## Trip to promote HIC Global Tools

Santiago, Lima, La Paz, Buenos Aires and Montevideo - April / May 2014



Right after the WUF7, HIC Belgium Member *Habitat et Participation ASBL* (HeP) represented by Pascale Thys, and HIC-GS Membership Coordinator Marie, convened a series of meetings with HIC Members and Friends in Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Uruguay. The trip intended to promote three instruments that has been implemented for Members, local social movements and CSOs such as the [Member Space](#) (HIC), the [Violations Database](#) (HLRN) and the [World Map of Urban Habitat](#) (HeP); additionally it aimed to encourage Members' participation in HIC regional and global projects; and finally to present a documentary on the "[Community Land Trust](#)" (CLT), an experience of collective ownership of land currently implemented in Belgium and England; it also was an opportunity to report on the election process for the HIC-AL

representatives at the Board and on the HIC By-Law amendments.

In each of the stops, local HIC Members contributed to convene and organize the meetings and training workshops, allowing the promotion of the above mentioned methodological tools that HIC has built to facilitate the diffusion of local struggles and strengthen campaigns and advocacy at global scale. In order to complete and validate all the contents of the presented tools in a democratic and participatory process, the participants were invited to contribute in updating the data on their national context and provide information on the local organizations that struggle for the Right to adequate Housing. The trainings concluded with a debate on the national / local, historical, demographic and political background, on the main problems and demands of civil society, on the evolution of local urbanization and its problems, and on the legal framework for the Right to Housing (evictions, rights to land, security of tenure, basic services, etc.). In each session, a debate was launched on the issues of the housing market, the obstacles met by the most vulnerable populations and the role, if any, of states, governments and municipalities in the implementation of current housing policies and urban development. Silvia Emmanuelli, HIC-AL Coordinator and Lorena Zárate, HIC President actively participated in many of the meetings through Skype and answered the questions of the participants.

In every city, the local Members arranged meetings and field visits with representatives of social movements and organizations in order to witness urban and peri-urban conflicts and violations of the Rights to Housing and Land: Santiago represented an opportunity to learn about the situation of homeless and the lack of progress of the post-earthquake reconstruction national policy. In Lima, land desertification, drinkable water decrease and pollution, and lack of rain were the main issues affecting the local living conditions. In La Paz, intense rains, poor access to clean water, basic services and public transport were identified as the main challenges for the most vulnerable inhabitants, especially those affected by the 2011 mega-landslip. In Buenos Aires, the housing credit policy and land speculation by land mafias were the most relevant issue impeding access to decent housing for the most vulnerable. Montevideo showed an example of SPH, a popular solution organized democratically and with State support, to solve the lack of housing stock.

The overall trip lasted 14 days and Pascale and Marie had the opportunity to meet 13 representatives of 7 organizations in Santiago, 124 persons representing 13 organizations in Lima and its surroundings, 43 persons of 12 organizations in La Paz, and a total of 57 persons between Friends, Members and Allies who participated in the workshop in Buenos Aires as well as the founders of a national cooperative network in Montevideo.

# Global Activities

## For the Integrity of the Habitat Promise



Nearly 40 years ago, HIC was formed to uphold and further advance the Habitat Agenda. HIC Members, Allies and officers dedicated to that purpose are seeking continuity of the spirit and commitments of the global Habitat Processes, which began in preparations for the 1<sup>st</sup> UN Habitat Forum at Vancouver back in 1976, and developed further at Istanbul in 1996. In 2014, efforts at preparing for Habitat III in 2016.

At the Civil Society Roundtable in the 7<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum (Medellín), April 2014, HIC entered the Habitat III debate with HIC President Lorena Zárate laying out three pivotal HIC concerns, demanding that Habitat III:

1. Maintain the holistic and balanced-rural-and-urban-development promise; therefore, a truly “Habitat” Agenda, rather than an exclusive new “Urban” Agenda;
2. Uphold the Human Rights core, in particular “the full and progressive realization of the Human Right to adequate Housing”;
3. Keep the process participatory at least as much as Habitat II, engaging all 14 Habitat Agenda Partner constituency groups.

Channeling popular voices into the unfolding Habitat III process, HIC also organized the “Habitat III Expectations” workshop as a special CSO consultation in the context of WUF. The 50 participating civil organizations and social movements expressed their demands and expectations of the Habitat III process. They echoed Zárate’s call, also insisting that the Habitat III Agenda:

- ☞ Commit governments to “serve and protect” inhabitants as primary duties and functions;

- ☞ Emphasize the Social Function of Habitat;
- ☞ Acknowledge cities are for all, a locus of cultural diversity and expression;
- ☞ Dedicate public spaces (commons) for arts, culture and recreation;
- ☞ Pursue government accountability in remedying all forms of material discrimination, and practice affirmative action for marginalized groups;
- ☞ Address root causes of hazards, problems and violations in the economic system;
- ☞ Recognize the commodifying distortions of “green market”/“green economy,” (as witnessed in Rio+20, converting nature into capital);
- ☞ Specify Human Rights obligations implemented in their human settlement contexts: Right to the City/Human Rights Habitat/Human Rights Cities/Human Rights in the City/Collective Rights of Cities; Social Function of Land, Housing, Property and the City; meaningful participation and full exercise of citizenship that yields greater dignity and responsibility for all; urban-planning support for Social Production of Habitat; freedom of movement (i.e., safe, reliable and affordable transport); a Right to Energy as element of Rights to Housing, Food, Health);
- ☞ Ban forced evictions and negative habitat effects of mega-events and mega-projects;
- ☞ Promote empowered and democratic local government, as distinct from executive-dominated “local administration” and authoritarianism;
- ☞ Recognize informal-sector contributions and needs, without stigmatization;
- ☞ Recognize the full range of tenure options;
- ☞ Recognize that growth (as an economic indicator) does not bring equity, but prioritize investment to generate decent work (i.e., no jobless growth);
- ☞ Correct PPP (public-popular partnership) approaches that exclude the popular sector, promoting PPPP (public-private-popular partnership) options;
- ☞ Rationalize urban production and consumption;
- ☞ Redefine resilience to reduce the onus on victims, instead emphasizing both accountability and liability for crises and causal factors necessitating “resilience”;
- ☞ Desist from depathologizing the real problems of urbanization;
- ☞ Acknowledge that MDGs and targets missed the point on popular-settlement conditions;

- 🏡 Guarantee integrated habitat planning and management with generational perspectives, be youth and elderly responsive;
- 🏡 Ensure that cities have more green spaces, also supporting city/region food systems.

HIC [conveyed](#) these messages at PrepCom1 and the CSOs orientation event to the Habitat III Process in September 2014 at New York. Meanwhile, the parameters of participation in the process also remained undecided even as the year drew to a close.

However, both UN-Habitat Executive Director [Joan Clos](#)' and UN Secretary-General [Ban Ki-moon](#)' Habitat Day 2014 statements were encouraging, although with unfortunate terminology, inviting the "voices of the slums." This suggested high-level support for inclusive deliberations toward Habitat III.

The HIC-HLRN's [VDB report](#) on that October day also emphasized the need to embrace an assessment of Habitat II performance leading up to Habitat III. In particular, it addressed the broken promise to "protect from, and redress forced evictions."<sup>1</sup>

An October "[Urban Thinkers Forum](#)" convened UN-Habitat's "world urban campaign" followers who called for a "city-we-need" [consensus vision](#) toward Habitat III that promotes "the **Right to the City** for all" and "respects,

protects and promotes international **Human Rights** principles." A parallel session also formally proposed the formation of a Habitat III General Assembly of Partners (GAP), not limited to any predetermined set of stakeholders among the [Habitat Agenda Partners](#).

While a core group of HIC actors upholds the concept of habitat, proposes an evaluation of previous Habitat II implementation and insists on maintaining Human Rights commitments, not all HIC Members share a passion to engage in the current Habitat Process. Some cite the failure of states and UN partners to uphold—or even review—their Habitat commitments from 1996 and UN-Habitat's exclusive "urban" messaging that has alienated some indispensable constituent groups (e.g., farmers and indigenous peoples). While some new and looming challenges face the New Habitat Agenda in 2016, calling for innovations and new thinking, HIC remains steadfast in demanding that the solemn Habitat promises not be broken further in 2016.

<sup>1</sup>The Habitat Agenda, paras. 40n, 61b, and 98b.

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## Towards a Global Platform for the Right to the City

### for influencing the Urban Agenda & more!

During 2014, HIC was focused in promoting the creation of a "Global Platform for the Right to the City". The purpose of this Platform, that builds upon the international process developed inside the World Social Forum that led to the elaboration of the World Charter for the Right to the City (2005), is to make visible and link different urban struggles, as well as to strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations and social movements to influence habitat policies at local, national and international level.

In order to be an inclusive open space and to advance debates on the definition, content, legal recognition, and implementation of the Right to the City, it seeks to ensure: i) regular exchange of information, analysis and experiences; ii) capacity building of relevant actors; iii) development of common positions to

influence policy decision-making processes at different levels; and iv) promotion of national, regional and international networking and advocacy events.

This initiative was previously discussed in the International Workshop and Forum "Advancing the Implementation of the Right to the City in Latin America and in the International Arena", held in Mexico City in October 2013. There, more than 100 representatives from 16 countries evaluated the initial results of the international research carried out in several countries and cities of Latin America (Brazil and Colombia; São Paulo and Bogotá), Europe (Italy and Spain; London, Hamburg and Istanbul), and Africa (South Africa, Kenya, Jerusalem and Cairo). Few months later, meetings were also organized during the VII World Urban Forum (*Medellín*, Colombia, April

2014) to continue the debate around the creation of a Global Platform for the Right to the City and to organize training activities on legal, planning and participatory tools to advance the implementation of the Right to City at national and local level.

Among the current members and partners of the Platform are: ActionAid, *Associação Brasileira dos Municípios*, Cities Alliance, Ford Foundation, *Fórum Nacional de Reforma Urbana* (FNRU) and *Frente Nacional de Prefeitos*, Brazil, Habitat for Humanity, Habitat International Coalition (HIC), *Instituto Brasileiro de Direito Urbanístico*, International Alliance of Inhabitants (IAI), *Instituto Polis de Estudos, Formação e Assessoria em Políticas Sociais*, Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI), Committee on Social, Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), and Women in Informal Employment, Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) among others.



The International Meeting on Right to the City ([www.righttothecityplatform.org.br](http://www.righttothecityplatform.org.br)) was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in November 2014, in order to advance a common action plan. This meeting gathered 158 participants from several Latin American, African, Asian and European countries representing non-governmental organizations, networks and forums, academic institutions, public sector, social movements, foundations and

international organizations, totaling 104 institutions working at the local, regional, national and international level.

The meeting encouraged the creation of the Global Platform for the Right to the City, including its principles, goals and commitments for the construction of fair, democratic and sustainable cities. During the International Meeting several workshops and panels were held to promote discussions around four structuring axes: I. Human Rights in the Cities; II. Participatory and Democratic Governance in the Cities; III. Urbanization and Sustainable Use of the Territory; and IV. Economic Development and Social Inclusion in the Cities.

Participants at the International Meeting also outlined an initial Action Plan for the Global Platform around the following components: I. Advocacy strategy; II. Research, Training and Capacity Building activities; III. Communication and sensibilization, tools and materials; and IV. Networking/alliances roadmap.

The construction of a Global Platform on the Right to the City at this moment is of utmost importance to strengthen local and national urban social struggles and to promote international mobilization and articulation in the framework of the World Social Forum (Tunis, March 2015) and Urban Social Forum (Quito, October 2016), especially to influence the processes of definition of the new Sustainable Development Goals (Post-2015 Agenda) as well as the III UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III).

At the same time, it will be essential to organize regional and national meetings that contribute to strengthening movements, forums and networks that are promoting local and national actions related to the Right to the City, such as the II Latin American and Caribbean Forum on Adequate Housing and City (Monterrey, Mexico, May) and the V World Forum of Human Rights Cities (Gwangju, South Korea, May 2015).

### **Together, advancing the Right to the City for All!**



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

## HIC's By-Law

HIC's By Law had to be redrafted following the new Constitution contents approved in 2013. The General Secretariat produced a first draft of proposed amendments of HIC's By-Law which was presented to the members of the Board in March 2014. A second version, containing the amendments proposed by the Board members, was presented during the Board Meeting in Medellin in April 2014. After this, a third version was drafted to be approved by the General Assembly through electronic means on 28th July 2014.

Among others, the proposed amendments to the previous By Law (2008) have the following objectives:

-Update the contents of the former By Law according to HIC's 2013 Constitution.

-Offering Members the possibility of choosing the type of contribution they want to make. Contributions now comprise (i) research and documentation, (ii) formation, (iii) networking, (iv) fundraising and management and (v) dues. Contributions (i) to (iv) are in line with HIC's strategy and contribute to strengthen the Coalition; (v) dues are annual financial contributions. The evaluation of the

membership status will be based on these contributions.

-Strengthen HIC democratic procedures and transparency, formalizing changes that appeared in HIC practice during the last decade.

-Facilitate the participation of HIC members in the construction of a stronger and more active Coalition.

-Giving the members the opportunity to share their activities and their daily work.

-Implement the main agreements that were made during the evaluation process (2012).

HIC's General Assembly approved the amendments of part 1 with 24 votes in favor, 2 against and 2 abstentions. The percentage of votes received was 26% considering the total number of members with the right to vote. Parts 2 and 3 will be reviewed and voted in a later process.

To have a look and download HIC's By-Law, visit:

<http://www.hic-gs.org/document.php?pid=5725>

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## HIC's regional Elections

During 2014, two regional elections were successfully held. The Latin American and the Middle East / North Africa regions elected their representatives and alternative representatives to the Board for the period 2014-2018.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, 28 organizations out of 32 HIC Members with the right to vote from 13 countries participated in the process: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Peru and Uruguay.

Finally, Mr. Ramiro García, of the *Centro de Estudios y Promoción del Desarrollo* (DESCO), based in Peru was elected as

Representative at the Board and Mrs. Alicia Sánchez, of the *Federación Tierra y Vivienda* (FTV), Argentina, was elected as Alternate Representative.

In the Middle East/North Africa region, from the 71 HIC Members with right to at the opening of the voting process, 10 organizations participated in the process.

Finally, Mrs. Rajaa Kassab, of the Right to Water Forum in the Arab Region, Morocco was elected as Representative at the Board and Mr. Aref Al-Maqrami, of the Center of International Humanitarian Law & Human Rights – Yemen, was elected as Alternate Representative.

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## HIC's International Working Groups

As the new HIC Constitution establishes, Working Groups are made up of those HIC Members and friends interested in participating in programs of strategic action focused on specific themes.

During 2014, the following Working Groups (WG) were functioning:

- **Visibility WG**, whose main objectives were: (1) making HIC's activities visible during the

WUF7; (2) creating a slogan and a banner to be displayed in the rally and during different events; (3) a brochure about HIC to be shared with other participants; and (4) drafting daily press releases. This group of 9 people was composed by HIC Board Members, staff, HIC's Members and young journalists; the information was shared through HIC's Member Space, social media and local and international media.

Visit:

<http://www.hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=5425>

- **Habitat III WG** was established in September 2014, weeks before Habitat 3 First Preparatory Committee. Its main purpose is the coordination of HIC's strategy towards Habitat III. This working group is formed by 34 HIC's

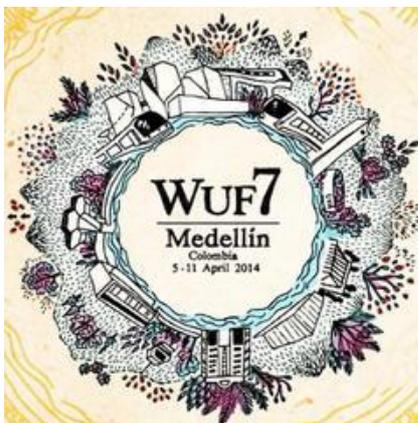
Members, Wisdom Keepers and friends and HIC's staff who actively participated in a number of online meetings. HIC's roadmap to Habitat III, relevant materials and the minutes of the online meetings are hosted in a specific blog called HIC's Expectations for HIII. One of the outputs of this WG was a research carried out by HIC's member Development Planning Unit (DPU), in collaboration with HIC on: (1) the status of National Reports of a selected number of countries; (2) the participation of Civil Society in the Habitat III process; and (3) an analysis of National Reports' content based in the Right to City Framework.

Visit:

<https://habitat3hic.wordpress.com/category/working-group/>

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## The VII World Urban Forum in Medellin



The World Urban Forum was an important milestone on the road to the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Development in 2016. The collapse of private housing markets with the global recession of 2008 has underlined the urgent need to realize a Rights-based agenda for human settlements. The work of HIC in Medellin helped ensure that the voices of people who are leading this struggle are heard, and that good practices and strategies were adapted.

HIC had a strong presence in *Medellín*, Colombia, and at the VII United Nation's World Urban Forum (WUF), with the participation of activists and experts from more than 20 nations in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and North America.

At the General Assembly of the Habitat International Coalition (HIC), **76** delegates from Housing and Land Rights organizations in more than 20 countries issued a joint

declaration challenging the central theme of WUF VII, which equates economic growth with increased equity. This [statement](#) was prepared jointly by HIC, the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights of UCLG, the Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities and *Mercociudades*, representing local governments worldwide.

"We do not share UN Habitat's view that the greater the growth, the greater the equity for billions of impoverished people worldwide," commented Lorena Zárate, President of HIC. "Instead, urban inequality reflects the systematic denial of the basic Human Rights of Housing, Land and the City caused by destructive market forces and speculative investment in both rural and urban areas." The statement calls for the full realization of Habitat Rights, along with participatory democracy, redistributive justice and social inclusion.

HIC participated in different activities inside the WUF to foster debate with Members and Allies about civil society's main expectations for Habitat III. Among them we can list the following: i) Processes must uphold the Habitat II-established principle to be as inclusive as possible; ii) Maintain the Habitat Agenda, not pose a narrower and more-divisive urban agenda; iii) The Human Rights and good governance approaches must continue to anchor and guide global human settlement policy and corresponding commitments.

HIC also participated in a number of activities outside the WUF along with local organizations such as visits to local communities, a huge

popular demonstration with thousands of participants, different discussions during the Alternative and Popular Social Urban Forum, and different debates on the Right to the City in several events organized with *Corporación Región* and the *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*.

More information:

<http://www.hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=5188>



## World Habitat Day 2014

Within the framework of the World Habitat Day 2014, a number of initiatives in different cities around the world were organized and shared in HIC's websites. More than 100 organizations from over 30 countries signed the [Joint Statement](#) on the preparations for the third United Nations Conference on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development (Habitat III).

In this Statement, civil society organizations demanded that HIII's discussions, proposals and resolutions focus primarily on the following issues:

- Human Rights and their corresponding state obligations;
- The evaluation of the implementation of the Habitat II Agenda and its corresponding Global Plan of Action;
- The promotion of measures to overcome inequalities, discrimination, segregation and lack of opportunities in urban and rural areas;

- The development of tools for participatory planning and budgeting;
- Institutional support for the social production of habitat;
- Democratization of territorial management;
- The recognition of the social function of property.

It was noted that these demands have been already developed in the framework of the Right to the City that endorses struggles, experiences and expectations of urban residents as subjects of law.

The declaration stressed the need of a new Habitat Agenda that counts with the participation of social movements and civil society organizations and recognizes the progresses, achievements and innovations made by popular and social sectors.

Visit:

<http://www.hic-gs.org/news.php?pid=5852>



# Financial Statement

## HIC Financial Statements 2014: AL, MENA, SA, HLRN and GS <sup>(1)</sup>

Year 2014	Expressed in US Dollars						Income expressed in percentage
	HIC-AL <sup>(2)</sup>	HIC-MENA	HIC-SA	HIC-HLRN	HIC-GS	Total	
<b>Income</b>	<b>226,736</b>	<b>116,453</b>	<b>304,213</b>	<b>66,305</b>	<b>354,057</b>	<b>1,067,764</b>	
Beginning Balance 2014	34,879	15,820	160,591	9,198	12,536	233,024	21.8%
Donor Agencies <sup>(3 a, b, c, d, e)</sup>	191,857	100,633	143,622	57,107	338,350	831,569	77.9%
HIC Membership fees	--	--	--	--	3,171	3,171	0.3%
Solidarity, special contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
							100.0%
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>170,878</b>	<b>79,071</b>	<b>155,452</b>	<b>65,126</b>	<b>258,735</b>	<b>729,262</b>	<b>Expenditure expressed in percentage</b>
Staff Costs <sup>(4)</sup>	106,040	44,382	15,942	47,046	166,624	380,034	52.1%
Projects, activities <sup>(5)</sup>	44,146	26,113	119,148	5,645	37,710	232,762	31.9%
Administration Costs <sup>(6)</sup>	17,927	2,798	18,958	8,982	54,401	103,066	14.1%
Audit <sup>(7)</sup>	2,765	5,778	1,404	3,453	0	13,400	1.8%
							100.0%
<b>Restricted cash on hand <sup>(8)</sup></b>	<b>55,858</b>	<b>37,382</b>	<b>148,761</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>95,322</b>	<b>338,502</b>	

### Notes:

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

HIC-AL office in Mexico works in three dimensions: (i) HIC networking and advocacy in Latin American, (ii) Support to HIC Presidency, and (2) (iii) Mexican advocacy and networking. The HIC-AL accounting includes the three dimensions. 30% of the reported amounts corresponds to the national Mexican activities.

Main contributions to HIC-AL: Misereor USD 106,250\*; Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung USD 37,000; UUSC USD 8,000; HIC-Ford Foundation-Polis (3a) USD 24,000\* (received from the GS as part of the joint project "R2C for all"); WeEffect USD10,000. (\*) includes funds received in advance to be spent in 2015.

(3b) Main contribution to HIC-MENA: ICCO USD 54,633; USIP USD 46,000

(3c) Main contributions to HIC-SA: Ford Foundation USD 70,736; Misereor USD 67,151

(3d) Main contribution to HIC-HLRN: ILO USD 31,819; other contributions USD 25,288

Main contributions to HIC-GS: Misereor USD 244,100 for the joint operation of the Secretariat and HIC-HLRN; Ford Foundation USD (3e) 118,250\* for the joint project "R2C for all" with HIC-AL\*\* (\*)GS' share is 40,96%, HIC-AL's share is 59,04% (\*\*)USD 24,000 has been transferred to HIC-AL, please see note 3a.

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

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

## HIC's Members

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

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

#### **HIC Members in Asia and Oceania**

#### **Country**

Ahmedabad Study Action Group	India
Alternative Planning Initiatives Inc.	Philippines
Asian Bridge	South Korea
Asian Coalition for Housing Rights	Thailand
Association for Voluntary Action and Services	India
Australian Council of Social Service	Australia
Azerbaijan Women and Development Centre	Azerbaijan
Billerbeck Architekten	Philippines
Center for Housing and Human Ecology Development Foundation, Inc.	Philippines
Center of Housing and Human Settlements, Dep. of Architecture, Petra Christian University	Indonesia
Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society	India
Community Development Information and Action Group	India
Dedicated Involvement of Women for Housing Actions	Philippines
Development Alternatives	India
Dustha Shasthya Kendra	Bangladesh
Eaford - Pam Centre	Malaysia

Freedom to Build Inc	Philippines
Grameena Empowerment Mission Society	India
Human Development Centre	Thailand
Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia	Indonesia
Institute for Development Education & Action	India
Karnataka Kolageri Nivasigala Samyuktha	India
Kongress NG Pagkakaisa NG MGA	Philippines
Korea Research Institute of Housing Management	South Korea
Leaders and Organizers of Community Organisation in Asia	Philippines
Marian Housing Foundation	Philippines
National Committee for Urban Shelter - Department of Architecture	New Guinea
Orangi Pilot Project, Research and Training Institute	Pakistan
Pagtambayayong Foundation for Mutual Aid	Philippines
Punjab Action Group for Rural Development	India
Sathi All for Partnerships	India
Shelter for the Poor	Bangladesh
Society for Community Organization	Hong Kong
Urban Poor Associates	Philippines
Urban Poor Consortium	Indonesia
Women's Voice	India
Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action	India

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

Habitat Netz	Germany
Habitat Norway	Norway
Habitat Norway, Subsidiary Group within Norwegian Society of Chartered Engineers	Norway
Homeless International	England
Housing Development and Management	Sweden
Housing Policy and Practice Unit	England
Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies	Netherlands
Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies	England
Intermediate Technology Development Group Schumacher Centre for Technology and Development	England
International Affairs Officer, Board of The Royal Town Planning Institute	England
International Association	Russia
International Council for Building Research Studies & Documentation	Netherlands
International Institute for Environment and Development	England
International Movement of Rights and Humanity	England
International Network for Urban Research and Action	Switzerland
International Society of City and Regional Planners	Netherlands
International Union of Tenants	Sweden
Laboratoire de Sociologie Urbaine	Switzerland
Observatori DESC	Spain
Periferia	Belgium
Plataforma Habitat España	Spain
Post Graduate Centre	Belgium
Russian Housing Federation	Russia
School of Public Policy - Institute of Local Government Studies	England
Sean Devereux Human Rights Organization	Netherlands
Soroptimist International	England
The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Dept. of Human Settlements	Denmark
Town and Country Planning Association	England
TRIALOG e.V. – Verein zur Erforschung des Planens und Bauens in EL	Germany
UrbaMonde	Switzerland
Urbanisme et Democratie	France
Vlaams Overleg Bewonersbelangen	Belgium

HIC Members in Latin America and the Caribbean	Country
Alternativa, Centro de Investigación Social y Educación Popular	Peru
Asociación Cristiana de Jóvenes del Ecuador	Ecuador
Asociación Ciudades De Costa Rica	Costa Rica
Asociación Civil Canoa	Argentina
Asociación Civil Madre Tierra	Argentina
Asociación Civil Nueva Democracia por la Vivienda, Salud y Educación de los Humildes	Argentina
Asociación de la Vivienda Económica - Centro Experimental de la Vivienda Económica	Argentina
Asociación de Vivienda AVP	Colombia
Asociación Latinoamericana para el Hábitat, el Urbanismo y la Arquitectura	Argentina
Asociación Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo	Colombia
Asociación Servicios a Programas de Desarrollo e Investigación	Guatemala

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

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

Programa de Fortalecimiento Institucional y Capacitación de Org. No-Gubernamentales	Argentina
Programa Hábitat	Argentina
Proyecto Habitar	Argentina
Red Mexicana de Estudios Interdisciplinarios para la Prevención de Desastres	Mexico
Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos	Bolivia
Region, Estudios e Investigaciones	El Salvador
Secretariado de Enlace de Comunidades Autogestionarios	Argentina
Servicio en Promoción Humana	Argentina
Servicio Habitacional y de Acción Social	Argentina
Servicio Latinoamericano y Asiático de Vivienda Popular	Chile
Sindicato de Arquitectos do R.J.	Brazil
Sociedad Civil para el Desarrollo de la Vivienda Popular en Guatemala	Guatemala
Sociedad para la Vivienda y el Urbanismo	Cuba
Soluciones Prácticas ITDG	Peru
Somos Ecuador	Ecuador
Sou-Sou Land Co-Operative Society Limited	Trinidad & Tobago
Sur Centro de Estudios Sociales y Educación	Chile
Taller de Arquitectura Popular	Mexico
Taller de Proyectos e Investigación del Hábitat Urbano-Rural	Bolivia
Tu Techo Mexicano de Occidente A.C.	Mexico
Un Techo Para Mi Hermano	Argentina
União Dos Movimentos de Moradia de Sao Paulo	Brazil
União Nacional Por Moradia Popular	Brazil
Unidad Permanente de Vivienda, Facultad de Arquitectura, Universidad de la Republica	Uruguay
Unión Popular Valle Gómez	Mexico

<b>HIC Members in the Middle East and North Africa</b>	<b>Country</b>
Adalah: Legal Centre for Arab Minority Rights in Israel	Israel
Agency of Consultancy for Training	Afghanistan
Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights	Palestine
All Youth Network for Society Development	Yemen
Al-Maqdese for Society Development	Palestine
al-Shihab Center for Inclusive Development	Egypt
Al-Urdn al-Jadid Research Centre	Jordan
Amman Center for Human Rights Studies	Jordan
Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem	Palestine
Arab Association for Human Rights	Israel
Arab Center for Agricultural Development	Palestine
Association Aït Iktel de Développement	Morocco
Association des Habitants d'el Mourouj 2 et le Programme de Gestion Urbaine des Pays Amapes	Tunisia
Association Marocaine des Droits de l'Homme	Morocco
Association Mauritanienne pour le Bien Etre et le Secours de l'Enfant et de la Mère	Mauritania
Awlad al-Ardh Human Rights Organization (Sons of the Land)	Egypt
Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights	Palestine

Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society	Bahrain
Bahrain Youth Society For Human Rights	Bahrain
Better Life Association for Comprehensive Development	Egypt
Building and Construction Research Center	Palestine
Cairo Center Development	Egypt
Center of International Humanitarian Law & Human Rights	Yemen
Child Rights Institute	Sudan
Cihan Uzuncarsili Baysal	Turkey
Civic Coalition for Defending Palestinian Right in Jerusalem	Palestine
Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services	Egypt
Dana and Qadisiyah Local Community Cooperative	Jordan
Darwish Consulting Engineers Ltd.	Egypt
Democracy and Workers' Rights Center in Palestine	Palestine
Dept. of Geography and Environmental Development, Ben Gurion University	Israel
Egyptian Association for Collective Rights	Egypt
Egyptian Center for Civil and Legislative Reform	Egypt
Egyptian Centre for Housing Rights	Egypt
Egyptian Foundation for Advancement of Childhood Condition	Egypt
Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights	Egypt
EL-HAYAT Association	Egypt
Enda Inter-Arabe	Tunisia
Entishar Charity Society	Sudan
Environnement Développement et Action au Maghreb	Morocco
Espace Associatif	Morocco
Habi Center for Environmental Rights	Egypt
Hisham Mubarak Law Center	Egypt
Housing Cooperatives of Central Union of Turkey (Türkiye S.S. Yapi Kooperatifleri Merkez Birliği)	Turkey
Huda Humanitarian Society for the Care of Orphans and Displaced Persons	Iraq
Human Rights Information and Training Center	Yemen
Human Settlements Association	Turkey
Iraq University Civil Community Foundation	Iraq
Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions	Israel
Land Center for Human Rights	Egypt
Land Research Center	Palestine
Mediterranean Network for Training	Jordan
Mossawa Center - The Advocacy for the Arab Palestinian Citizens of Israel	Israel
National Institution for Social Care and Vocational Training (Bait Atfal al-Sumud)	Lebanon
Nubian Egyptian Society for Human Rights and the Earth	Egypt
Office of Human Rights & Forced Migration	Iraq
Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees	Palestine
Palestinian Commission for the Protection of Refugee Rights	Palestine
Regional Council for the Unrecognized Villages	Israel
Réseau Marocain de Défense des Biens Publics	Morocco
Right to Water Forum in Arab Region	Morocco
Sisters Arabic Forum for Human Rights (Muntada al-Shaq`iq al-Arabi li Huquq al-Insan)	Yemen

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

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

# HIC's Allies

## HIC advocated before international institutions in 2014

 <b>BID</b>	Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo (IDB)		Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)		Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)		Committee on Global Food Security (CFS)
	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)		Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)		Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)		UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)		United Nations Department of Public Information – NGO Branch (UN DPI NGO)		United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)		United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
	United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat)						

## HIC's Funders

	Ford Foundation		Inter Church Organisation for Development Cooperatio		Misereor		Missionszentrale der Franziskaner
	Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung		The Fund for Global Human Rights		Unitarian Universalist Service Committee		We Effect (Swedish Cooperative Centre) Latin America
	Wellspring Advisors						

## HIC's International Allies

	Amnesty International		Andalusia Municipalities Fund for International Solidarity		Association of International Dalit Solidarity		Bank Information Center
	Center for Economic and Social Rights		Communitas		Congrès Mondial Amazigh		Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH
	Displacement Research and Action Network, Massachusetts Institute of Technology		Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Network		Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance		European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine
	Extraterritorial Obligations Consortium		Fédération Internationale des Droits de l'Homme		Food First Information and Action Network		Fórum Mundial de Autoridades Locais de Periferia
	Foro de Autoridades Locales		France Libertés - Fondation Danielle Mitterrand		Friends of the Earth		Habitat for Humanity

	Huairou Commission		International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives		Internal Displacement Monitoring Center		International Accountability Project
	International Alliance of Inhabitants		International Budget Partnership		International Commission of Jurists		International Food Security & Nutrition Civil Society Mechanism No-Vox
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	Overseas development Institute		Oxfam International		People's Health Movement		Right to Food and Nutrition Watch
	RIPESS - Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy		Russell Tribunal on Palestine		Shack / Slum Dwellers International		Transnational Institute
	United Cities and Local Governments		WIEGO: Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing		WITNESS		World Bank Inspection Panel
	World Social Forum						

## HIC's Regional and National partners

	Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance		American University in Cairo		ADAPT		Arab Group for the Protection of Nature
	Arab NGO Network for Development		Asian Commission for Human Rights		Asociación Latinoamericana a de Organizaciones de Promoción		Association Tunisienne des Femmes Démocrates
	Cairo Lab for Urban Studies, Training and Environmental Research		Center of Arab Woman for Training and Research		Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University in Cairo		Center for Minority Rights and Development
	Coalición de Organizaciones Mexicanas por el Derecho al Agua		Coordinadora Latinoamericana de Organizaciones del Campo		Corporación Región		Dignity Danish Institute against Torture
	Egyptian Center for Economic and Social Rights		Egypt's Urban Research Collective		Espacio de Coordinación de Organizaciones Civiles sobre DESC		Fórum Nacional de Reforma Urbana do Brasil



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Kenya Human  
Rights Commission



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Afectados por  
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Defensa de  
Ríos



Movimiento  
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Nairobi People  
Settlements  
Network



National IDPs  
Network



New Woman  
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Center (Egypt)



Palestinian  
National  
Committee For  
the Register of  
Damage



Plataforma de  
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[www.hic-gs.org](http://www.hic-gs.org)

HIC-Housing and Land Rights Network  
[www.hlrn.org](http://www.hlrn.org)

HIC-Middle East and North Africa  
[www.hic-mena.org](http://www.hic-mena.org)

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