



HIC Annual Report 2012

Global network for habitat rights and social justice



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Social Production of Habitat



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Message from the President

The 2012 HIC Annual Report sheds light on the renewed commitment of HIC members, friends, and offices in the promotion, defense and realization of the right of all people to live in a place in peace and with dignity. Through our actions, from local to international spheres, we face increasing challenges and we must face them through coordinated efforts while reviewing the relevance of our strategies and practices.

Struggles for the right to land, housing and the city continue to be at the heart of conflicts in all corners of the world. Organizations and citizens around the world resist and mobilize themselves against commodification and in defense of their territories, common goods, public spaces, and the right to participate in the decisions that affect their surroundings.

We know that, from a human rights perspective, housing is much more than four walls and a roof. From this perspective, we denounce public policies that simply focus on constructing houses and handing out individual private property titles. Central elements that must be included to effectively realize the right to adequate housing include: land tenure (in its multiple forms); access to services, materials, facilities and infrastructure; affordability; access; location; and cultural adequacy.

At the same time, we are fully aware that integral housing and habitat policies must be conceived of from the territorial scale and take into account the following fundamental strategies: the right to the city; full exercise of citizenship (guaranteeing all human rights for all people in the city); the social function of land, property and the city (against speculation, evictions and displacement); the democratic management of territory (for direct, participatory and community-oriented democracy); the right to produce the city and a productive habitat (social production and management of habitat); the responsible and sustainable management of the city's common goods including natural resources, energy sources, heritage and cultural goods; the equal and democratic enjoyment of the city (in particular in and from public spaces and facilities).

To these ends, it is necessary to strengthen our organizations and coordinated efforts by training professionals and technicians to understand and support popular processes, as well as to propose analysis and flexible solutions that respect diversity and non-academic knowledge and wisdom through an integral and multidisciplinary focus. At the same time, we must continue to advocate for long term state public policies - not only for pilot projects and sporadic and isolated best practices - that support the state's responsibility to respect, protect and guarantee human rights under the principles of universality, progressiveness and non-regression. These policies must designate a maximum of available resources and prioritize at-risk and vulnerable communities by attacking inequalities and injustices. They must also give special attention to methodologies that recognize the contributions from diverse social actors and permit their full participation.

Let us continue to share the indignation, struggles and accomplishments that keep us united.

Sincerely,

Lorena Zárate
HIC President



From left to right: Davinder Lamba, Enrique Ortiz, Lorena Zárate

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 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 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 340 members (of which 37 have the right to vote) and 62 friends. In addition 1,382 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
Anglophone Africa	34	4	4	125
Francophone Africa	31	5	3	83
Asia	36	0	11	160
Europe	56	4	15	296
Latin America and the Caribbean	122	19	12	475
Middle East/North Africa	33	3	5	148
North America	28	2	12	95
Subtotal	340	37	62	1,382

All figures shown are as of December 31, 2012

The Coalition'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 2012 was held in 2 parts, the first part in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and the second part in Naples, Italy.

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Charlotte Mathivet

Welcome to our new Members 2012!

During 2012, HIC received 28 new applications for membership (from 19 organizations and 9 individuals), and 80 new subscribers to HIC News. Of the applications received for membership, HIC approved 16 organizations as members (and 4 individuals as friends):

Logo	Member name	Acronym	Country
	Saharawi Association for Victims of Mines	ASAVIM	Algeria
	Fondation des Femmes Actives Pour la Promotion de L'Education de la Femme et de l'Enfant	FAPEFE	Cameroon
	Egyptian Association for Collective Rights	EACR	Egypt
	EL-HAYAT Association	HS	Egypt
	The Development Support Centre for Consultancy and Training	DSC	Egypt
	The International Permanent Forum For The Nuba Mountains for the Indigenous People's	IPFNMIP	Egypt
	Iraqi National Organization for Human Rights	INAHR	Iraq
	Mediterranean Network for Training	MNT	Jordan
	Instance Nationale de Défense des Biens Publics	INDBP	Morocco
	Ligue Marocaine pour la Citoyenneté et les Droits Humains	LMCDH	Morocco
	Child Rights Institute	CRI	Sudan
	UrbaMonde	UrbaMonde	Switzerland
	Tunisian Observatory for Union Rights and Freedoms	OTDLS	Tunisia
	Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless	Task Force	U.S.A.
	Center of International Humanitarian Law & Human Rights	CIHLHR	Yemen
	All Youth Network for Society Development	AYN	Yemen

Structures' Reports

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

HIC President Report

During 2012, the President, Lorena Zárate, worked to carry out her mandate by addressing to our three main strategic objectives: to build a strong Coalition; strengthen social actors and processes, and influence public policies.

To this end, she actively participated in the institutional evaluation, the recommendations of which are published further in this report. She participated in the workshops in La Paz, Rio de Janeiro, Naples, and Mexico City with members, HIC staff, and representatives from allied social movements. The Board and General Assembly meetings in Rio de Janeiro and Naples were important spaces to further discussions on the challenges that we face and to make proposals for the future of the Coalition (including changes to the Constitution and to the Coalition's governing bodies).

She actively collaborated with the HIC-AL office and HIC members from Europe and Africa on the launch of the regional competition on experiences of the right to the city, sustainability and *buen vivir* in Latin America. They gathered written materials and short radio and video programs and included them into a publication presented during the People's Summit in Rio de Janeiro; the publication is downloadable on HIC-AL website."

HIC maintains a double strategy at official UN events, on one hand maintaining a critical voice in governmental forums, and on the other hand collaborating in the organization of meetings between actors from civil society. In this context, the Civil Society Roundtable for the Right to Land and the City that HIC coordinated for the WUF VI highlighted the perspectives that social movements and networks share, as well as where they differentiate with UN-Habitat in their focus and work. Throughout the year she participated in several meetings with HIC members and friends as well as representatives from various networks and platforms from around the world to share analysis and proposals to help

make our actions more comprehensive and coherent.

A central part of our advocacy work at the international scale has been the close collaboration with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing as well as with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. This collaboration has been focused on land tenure with active participation in consultations in Naples (September) and Geneva (October), as well as the revision and contribution to the first report on land tenure (work which continues into 2013).

Upon the invitation from the United Cities and Local Governments' Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights, she represented HIC at the 1st World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City. Speakers from 16 countries shared information on the programs and public policies that are being implemented to advance agreements and plans of action included in the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City and in other local, regional and international documents.

In general terms, an important part of her activities included attending conferences, workshops and courses for participants from social organizations, activists, students and teachers, professors, legislators and public servants in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, France, Italy, Mexico, Peru (through videoconference), Spain and Switzerland.

Finally, along with the HIC-AL team and HIC members in Mexico, Lorena continues to be involved in diverse activities such as the organization of exchanges visits between popular organizations from Mexico and Central America that are carried out annually (in August). She also continues actions around the Mexico City Charter for the Right to the City, housing policies and national and local commitments to human rights.

HIC in Latin America

Throughout the year, HIC-AL continued to strengthen its work on the right to housing and against evictions, the social production of habitat (SPH), the right to the city and the right to water.

In January 2012, a meeting was held in Bolivia for strategic thinking, evaluation and planning in which 20

people participated from 14 member organizations from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Peru and Spain. The meeting's objectives were to: share a critical analysis of key concepts that allow us to strengthen and reorient themes and areas of work; conduct an internal and external strategic analysis; make proposals for key aspects needing adjustment; and make advancements in the exercise of strategic planning. As

a follow up to this meeting, members from the region who were attending the IV World Urban Forum in Naples, Italy agreed to form a regional working group on the right to the city and the social function of property. The group decided to develop two regional projects on these themes, along with HIC-AL, one of which has a very high chance of being approved. A mailing list was also created composed of members and friends from Latin America in order to facilitate better communication.

One of the most important activities in which Iberoamerican authorities and HIC members participated was the “XV Iberoamerican Congress on Urbanism: Cities for Habitat and Dignity”, held in Medellín. Enrique Ortiz presented a paper titled “Land and housing at the social and urban crossroads” at this event.

Various members from AL participated in the parallel activities of the People’s Summit as well as some of the official events at Rio+20 with the purpose of critiquing the development model implemented to date, as well as to present alternative proposals. HIC-AL presented the publication “Building other possible worlds: The right to the city, sustainability, and *buen vivir* in Latin America” which compiled cases from Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador and Mexico, which also competed in a regional contest of the same name.

HIC-AL and the Popular Urban Movement of the Democratic National Convention in Mexico organized the 6th annual exchange between urban and rural movements from Mexico and Central America. This exchange was held around the theme “Educating Cities”, which is one of the central themes in the Mexico City Charter for the Right to the City. Participants were from social organizations from various Mexican states and from Costa Rica.

One of the central elements of our work over the last 3 decades has been on SPH. At the end of 2012, evaluations were conducted on the development of SPH in Mexico during the last 6 years. On one hand, subsidies have increased from 350 million pesos in 2011 to 1 billion

in 2012. On the other hand, improvements have yet to be made in financing and access to legal, adequate and affordable land. The change in government at the national and local levels presents important challenges in relation to the consolidation of policy in this area. The book “A possible way forward: Social production of habitat in Latin America” (*“El camino posible: producción social del hábitat en América Latina”*), coordinated by the Swedish Cooperative Centre, provided a regional reflection on the subject, with contributions made by various HIC members from 10 different countries.

HIC-AL contributed to the development of a publication on the “Actual status of housing in Mexico”, published by the *Centro de Investigación y Documentación de la Casa y Sociedad Hipotecaria Federal*.

HIC-AL continues to present papers and disseminate material



on the right to the city in national and regional events, and continue pressuring Mexico City’s boroughs to sign the Mexico City Charter. An international forum on “Justice and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Constitutional Reform and Human Rights” was organized by the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation, the Mexican Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and various academic institutions. María Silvia Emanuelli presented a paper at this forum on “Justice and ESCR: Challenges Ahead and Progress Made”. After litigating and securing the right to water in Mexico last year, we continue working on the development of a law on this right.

HIC-AL also collaborated in the events of other networks and allies from various countries, such as the Public Hearing on the status of human rights in Lower Aguán (Honduras), organized by FIAN International, the Via Campesina and 7 other organizations.

Pre-hearing “Dams, Peoples’ Rights and Impunity”

The Permanent Peoples’ Tribunal (PPT) is an international non-governmental body whose purpose is to provide a space for people to speak and carry out tribunals on massive human rights violations which are ignored at the national level. In 2011, the PPT agreed to set up a Mexican Chapter which is composed of seven thematic audiences, of which one is focused on “Environmental Devastation and Peoples’ Rights”. Pre-hearings are carried out as part of the deliberations of each thematic audience. The Mexican Movement of People Affected by Dams and for the Defense of Rivers organized the pre-hearing “Dams, Peoples’ Rights, and Impunity” which took place in November in Temacapulín, a community threatened by the construction of the dam ‘El Zapotillo’.

This pre-hearing was held in light of the denouncement of systemic violations concerning dams that have forcibly evicted over 185,000 people throughout Mexico. Eleven cases from five states in Mexico were presented. Among those in the interdisciplinary jury was Miloon Kothari, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing and the coordinator of the HIC-Housing and Land Rights Network, South Asia. The jury issued a final judgment with three types of recommendations: 1) concerning the energy and water model and policies; 2) concerning human rights; and 3) concerning each of the cases presented. HIC-AL participated in the Promotions Committee which is widely disseminating the pre-hearing’s verdict.

“Housing in Europe: Time to evict the crisis!” - AITEC

This special issue of Passerelle coordinated by AITEC was originally imagined as a revised edition of the 2008 issue, entitled “Europe pas sans toit” (“Actions against a Homeless Europe”), which presented an overview of the situation of housing in Europe. In 2008, the crisis and its impact on housing were yet a topic discussed in the issue, given that the subprime crisis had just taken place.

Four years later, AITEC believes it was important to call upon some of the authors in the previous issue as well as to contact others, to show the devastating impact of this «crisis» on inhabitants and their living environment.

By providing a critical analysis of the crisis, viewed through the perspective of housing and from a European angle, we hope we were able to successfully avoid the pitfall of cliché – even though the term is omnipresent in the media and in political discourse –, and that we have succeeded in taking up the twofold challenge we had defined: to place the question of housing at the center of the analysis of the crisis, and to deconstruct the dominant narrative on the reasons for the crisis.

Charlotte Mathivet, a French political scientist and a Right to Housing and Right to the City activist, coordinated this issue of Passerelle. She works at AITEC and at Habitat International Coalition (HIC).

World Map of Urban Habitat as Seen by Civil Society - Habitat et Participation

The World Map of Urban Habitat is a project implemented through the collection of information on habitat issues in all the countries of the world. This project is built in partnership with HIC and other networks that deal with the right to habitat. Habitat et Participation’s goal is to help both locally and internationally stakeholders to better understand the specific realities of each country, in order to act more locally, according to each context. It is therefore intended as a portal site for creating relay to other sources of information.

The website offers a better understanding of how the synthetic housing situation in all countries of the world (it is still under construction, so all the country pages are not yet filled) and a list of keywords to better understand the various realities. Each country profile includes an area of contextualization, a space on the legal issues, legislation, a space on the socio-economic characteristics of sustainable living and habitat in this country, but also a space to identify the demands and proposals of civil society as well as civil society key actors.

HIC Members are invited to contribute to this tool filling the information on the World Map, redacting their country case study or sending HeP documents or links that would allow to redact the case study.

HIC in Europe

A motivated Coalition networking in a region in crisis

2012 has been a tough year in Europe for the right to housing. While in France, more than 60,000 tenants were evicted, Spain was witnessing more than 500 evictions daily for non-payment of the mortgage: this resulted in a large amount of homeless families that were forced to repay drafts of a home that does not belong to them anymore.

In the context of a region unable to ensure the fundamental rights, such as employment, social protection and housing, the social movements and organizations that struggle for the right to housing are getting organized in order to bring together the common interests of different European countries and to give a structure to the regional claims.

This networking work was actively conducted by HIC members: AITEC (Paris), Observatori DESC (Barcelona), Plataforma de Afectados por la Hipoteca (Spain), Habitat Netz (Wupperthal), Urban Movements (Istanbul),

Habitat et Participation (Louvain), Urbamonde (Geneva), Arquitectura y Compromiso Social (Seville), Colectivo Habita (Lisbon), as well as with partners, particularly with the No Vox International Network. Meetings were held at the Urban Social Forum in Naples in September 2012; this meeting represented a decisive element in the building of a European Coordination Action for the right to housing that will be launched in 2013. This coordination is intended to inform on the situation of different countries and to articulate coordinated action against the real estate industry and land speculation, both moving back the right to housing in Europe and resulting in evictions and destruction of neighborhoods. The purpose of this coordination is also to implement concrete actions to show solidarity for the union movement in Europe and for the common struggle for the right to housing and to the city, as the solidarity demonstrations that took place in front of the embassies.

The Mortgage-Affected Citizens Platform (PAH), Spain

The *Plataforma de Afectados por la Hipoteca* (PAH) emerged in 2009, when the disastrous effects of the housing bubble burst became apparent. Today, it is recognized by a vast majority of Spanish citizens as the most valued grass-root organization in Spain. Its specifics, the defense of the right to adequate housing, and its revolt against the unfolding foreclosures drama generated by mortgage defaults and the laws that make it possible, have placed under the spotlight a huge social problem which governments can hardly elude. Since 2012, the PAH's energetic militant campaign and the radical flavor of its direct-action methods, have multiplied its media relevance. The PAH is now center-stage and evictions motivate a heated national debate.

Catalan-born Ada Colau, co-founder and spokesperson for the PAH, also member of the Observatori DESC, has recently published a book with Adrià Alemany: *"Vidas Hipotecadas, de la burbuja inmobiliaria al derecho a la vivienda"* ("Mortgaged Lives, from the housing bubble toward the housing right"), a useful material to learn about the drama of foreclosures and evictions in Spain and about the citizen struggles for the housing right, campaign led by the PAH. The book goes further and explains the causes of the current crisis, points

those responsible and analyzes the role that public administrations have had. "Lives mortgaged" also gives helpful tips and resources to defend the right to housing and to prevent abuses of power of banks.

The PAH denounces the financial system responsible for this human and social catastrophe, and the Spanish government's refusal to respond to the claims made through the ILP (law project made by the citizens) by 1 million 500 000 people who are mobilized every day to prevent evictions in villages and cities across the country, occupying the headquarters of banks and in the streets.

The PAH demands:

The freezing of foreclosures affecting families who have obtained bank loans to buy their homes.

- The cancellation of debts against delivery of housing or "dation in payment", an agreement between the bank and the buyer to allow the final cancellation of the debt on the mortgaged property.
- Keeping the property, against a social rent adapted to income.
- The massive construction of public and social housing to meet the needs of the population.

HIC in Africa

Country level

The Young Muslim Association (YMA) is a HIC member from Kenya. Abdul Hamid Slatch is the Executive Director and is the HIC Board member for Anglophone Africa. Some of YMA's human settlements activities in 2012 included working in solidarity with Save Lamu Group, responding to the ethno-political clashes in the Tana River County and providing education for children in the Dadaab Refugee Camp.

Save Lamu Group

The Save Lamu Group is a coalition that campaigns to save the Lamu archipelago, which is recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. Lamu Town is described as the oldest and best served Swahili settlement in East Africa. The government initiated the Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) Project. The group does not oppose the development of Lamu but it is concerned about the environmental and social risks, how the indigenous community will benefit, and enforcing land reforms as a prerequisite to development. YMA has contributed to raising awareness and campaigning by conducting forums for the county community, political leadership, the Muslim community and leadership elsewhere.

Dadaab Refugee Camp

This is one of the largest refugee camps in the region with a population of 750,000 refugees — men, women and children. YMA erected a tented school and provided instructors to impart basic education to about 200 children.

HIC in South Asia

HIC-South Asia (HIC-SA) works to: promote the realization of the human rights to adequate housing and land; strengthen and expand the network on housing and land rights in India; engage in policy research, fact-finding, writing and advocacy; develop and disseminate monitoring and assessment tools; contribute to standard setting at the national and international levels; and, promote human rights education.

In 2012, HIC-SA continued to play a critical role in a number of key housing and land rights issues such as homelessness and forced evictions. HIC-SA continued to either initiate or play a central role in the creation of national alliances on housing rights. The year 2012 saw the reformation of the *National Forum for Housing Rights*

Tana River community

Incidence of ethno-political clashes in the agrarian and pastoralist community caused 150 deaths and displacement of 1,000 people. YMA organized emergency food relief for the displaced families, raised funds to avail livestock so that the families could restart their livelihood, organized the provision of food for 200 children, and provided a teacher for instruction. YMA also rehabilitated water wells and pumps destroyed during the clashes.

Regional Level

Pro-poor urban development: China and Africa workshop

The workshop was organized by Mazingira Institute, Development Workshop, a HIC member based in Angola, and the Centre for African Studies at the University of Peking. It was supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. A select group of participants were organized from Chinese and African institutions, based on their experience in Chinese urban development, assistance in African urban development through Chinese aid and trade, and issues of urban poverty in the region. The workshop addressed the themes of China's involvement in urban development in Africa; financing and social housing; urban land services and infrastructure; and participatory urban development. An outcome of the project was a set of actionable ideas for collaborative projects.

Settlements Information Network Africa (SINA)

SINA is a platform and network seeking better ways to develop, govern and manage habitat and environment. SINA advances the HIC mission and membership in the region through its activities

(NFHR), a coalition of key housing rights organizations across several cities and towns in India. HIC South Asia is a founding member and one of the conveners of this campaign. We also continue to be a major force behind the successful platform working on homeless issues in Delhi — *Shahri Adhikar Manch: Begharon Ke Saath* (SAM:BKS – Urban Rights Forum for the Homeless). We organized a successful exchange programme between grassroots activists working on homelessness in Delhi and Mumbai.

In 2012, a senior staff member of HIC-SA was appointed as a member of the Government of India Task Force on Land Reforms to draft a national policy on land reforms and a law to provide homestead rights for all landless people across the country. This involvement also signals a determination within HIC-SA to work more on the

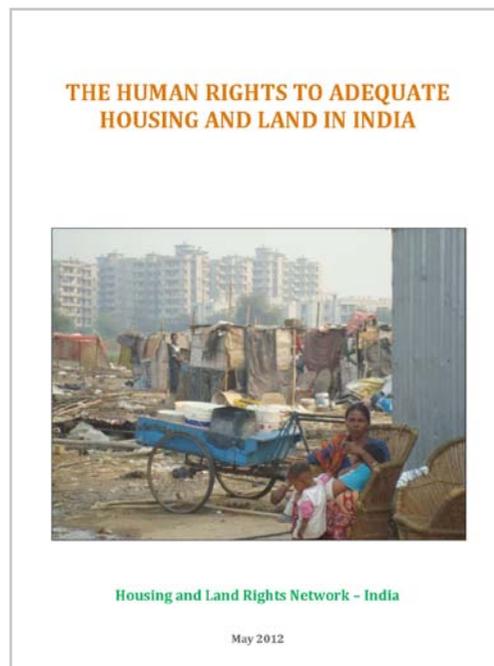
question of land rights in India, with a specific focus on women's land rights.

HIC-SA has been consistently advocating, at both the state and central government levels, for the adoption of a human rights approach to housing and land in India, at all levels of law and policy implementation.

Over the course of the year, HIC-SA led the global effort to refine and field-test the HLRN 'Eviction Impact Assessment' (EVI) tool. We collaborated with organizations in New Delhi, Bhubaneswar and Mumbai to carry out impact assessments to determine the actual and potential costs of forced evictions and prepared studies based on the findings. Evidence from these studies, on the amount of damage incurred as a result of evictions, is being used in the High Court of Delhi in a current case of forced evictions.

HIC-SA worked on a study to assess and analyze housing and living conditions in large resettlement sites in New Delhi, Chennai and Mumbai. One of the intentions of this cross-city comparative study is to enhance the argument that India needs a human rights-based national policy on resettlement and rehabilitation in the absence of which thousands of people continue to live in inadequate and insecure conditions.

In 2012, HIC-SA continued to promote human rights education, including through publications and training workshops and seminars on human rights laws and standards, and international human rights mechanisms.



HLRN also contributed to the process related to India's second Universal Periodic Review (UPR) at the Human Rights Council.

In 2012, HIC-SA published the Gujarati translation of the *Handbook on the UN Basic Principles and Guidelines on Development-based Evictions and Displacement*, and *Human Rights to Adequate Housing and Land in India: Status Update 2012*. Both publications are available on HIC-SARP website.

HIC in North America

Throughout 2012, HIC members working with affordable housing advocate agencies across Canada have continually supported and advocated with the Federal Government to improve Canada's affordable housing problems as listed by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing.

Various international housing as a human right meetings took place across Canada during 2012 where Members continually used HIC to advocate for improvements. Some Members also took part in the Toronto International Micro-Finance Conference with demonstrations of several successful micro-finance reports.

Miloon Kothari, Coordinator of HIC-South Asia Reference Centre gave a public talk at the Goldcorp Centre for the Arts, Vancouver on July 7th. Five years ago, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing had recommended in the conclusion of his UN fact finding mission to Canada (October 2007) that the country undertake development of a National Housing Strategy. During his public talk, he mentioned the need to come

up with more creative solutions to the problems of the lack of greater recognition for housing rights that Canada faces, the need to change the way housing rights are thought of, how best implemented and the need to be open to changing perspectives. He encouraged Canada to think of housing rights more holistically, in connection to "the right to the city".

At the Amnesty International Toronto Annual General Meeting in November HIC's human rights, defense and improvements around the world were presented. Nick Volk, HIC's Board Member also participated and presented HIC's actions during the events of the UN World Habitat Day October 7 and the UN Rights Day in December.

In the US, HIC Member the National Alliance of HUD Tenants (NAHT) continued to mobilize poor and working class tenants in US government subsidized housing to fight budget cuts to housing and other vital social programs. The Alliance and its local affiliates formed alliances with labor, peace and other constituencies affected by the federal budget cuts

to demand: “No More Cuts”, “Tax the 1%”, “Reduce Pentagon Spending” and “Invest in Jobs”—a four part “anti-austerity” platform against the “cuts only” agenda of right wing and neoliberal forces in Washington. In Massachusetts, NAHT’s local affiliate, the Mass Alliance of HUD Tenants (MAHT) initiated a non-binding Budget for All referendum, with labor, peace and community allies. On the ballot in 1/3 of the state, the referendum drew a million votes and passed 3 to 1 in each of 91 cities and towns, with the four part “anti-austerity” platform, including the end to the war in Afghanistan. In 2012 MAHT won the first ever Resident Organizing Award from the National Low Income Housing Coalition, the leading affordable housing advocacy organization in the US, for its campaign to move a Massachusetts Republican Senator to support full funding for HUD rental housing and to pass amendments to the US housing legislation that will help 80,000 families save their homes. NAHT’s Chicago affiliate, the Chicago Housing Initiative and other members in Texas and Washington State also played key roles. NAHT also successfully lobbied the US housing agency to strengthen regulations implementing these amendments.

The National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH), USA’s oldest and largest national homeless advocacy organization and HIC member for more than 20 years has sponsored many educational and organizing projects, special campaigns and annual events. NCH is working strongly to empower homeless people, whose voices are essential to the public policy debate. NCH mainly acted in nationwide advocacy around homelessness. In a campaign launched by Western Regional Advocacy Project (WRAP) and USA-Canada Alliance of Inhabitants (USACAI) calling for a bi-national day of action on April 1st aiming to gather community groups in 15 cities throughout the US and in Canada to participate in simultaneous demonstrations, street theater, music, dance performances, direct action and public education in defense of poor peoples’ Right to Exist in public spaces: as National crime statistics include millions of homeless people whose “offenses” are to be sitting, sharing food, lying down, hanging out, and - perhaps worst of all - sleeping in public spaces. These coordinated actions aim to struggle for the establishment of a right to exist at the state government level.

HIC in Middle East and North Africa

HIC’s Middle East/North Africa (MENA) Program has developed a strategic approach to what has been called the “Arab Spring” of popular uprisings across the region, to be focusing more on the ESC rights conditions that, unfortunately, deteriorated in the two years since the so-called “Arab Spring.”

It also has evolved during 2012 to link local struggles with the technical input of architects and planners who are seeking ways to uphold human rights in their professional work. Some of these new partners have been trained with HLRN to focus their designs on the people’s right to adequate housing. Meanwhile, new conditions and social formations, including local popular committees, have created opportunities for HIC-HLRN to innovate techniques of converging inhabitants, technicians and local administration toward self-determined development.

HIC-MENA also has focused more on the process of constitutional reform compatible with the human rights of impoverished, deprived and disempowered groups in the society both in Egypt and Tunisia, in particular, but also throughout the region, through research, analysis, public information and activities such as the regional Land Forum.

The goal is to assure the people’s right to self-determination and empowerment, so that they can claim their rights and achieve them through exercising the people’s sovereignty within the state. HLRN, with the partners, Members and constituents in MENA, has played a prominent role in shedding practical light on “operationalizing” human rights amid the different currents that now aim to redefine authority and power formerly organized on ideological or religious bases. The path to transitional justice also has formed one of the underlying themes that HLRN has emphasized in activities and interventions for asserting the gains people made through the continuous uprising that is still inspiring the peoples of the region.

This situation and developments on the ground have increased the need—and opportunity—for civil agency in the form of HLRN’s capacity-building and advocacy. HLRN unique relates its program to peoples under occupation/alien domination, in particular, Palestine and Western Sahara. In those countries, conditions have not changed for the better in 2012, particularly in the sphere of housing and land rights. However, the networking, capacity-building/knowledge creation and advocacy work of HLRN, in cooperation with its Members, has improved awareness and contributed indispensable

legal arguments to the international jurisprudence on institutional discrimination affecting housing and land rights of peoples under occupation. Over the past year, efforts have converged also to develop arguments and related monitoring-and-documentation techniques that support eventual prosecution of gross violations that constitute criminal offenses.

Among the networking and collaboration with regional and international organizations, HLRN's MENA Program achieved new development of some central organizations in the region, such as the Arab Organization for Human Rights to include more focus on ESC rights, particularly HRAH and the right to water. Also with FIAN, HLRN continued cooperation and advice on MENA regional aspects, such as in the development and monitoring of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Forests and Fisheries. A manual for monitoring these guidelines will emerge in 2013, along with an Arabic version including the contributions of HIC Members and constituents, as well as with input based on HLRN research and advocacy efforts over the last two years on the subject.

HIC's contributions to the Extraterritorial Obligations (ETO) Consortium have been based on HLRN studies of five cases in MENA. HIC's contribution on ETOs in

the context of conflict, occupation and war, as well as cases emerging from corruption and cross-border asset recovery, derive from its work in MENA.

The HIC-HLRN staff monitoring work in MENA has maintained a constant flow of current information in English and Arabic about housing and land rights issues to Members and the general public. That also has made possible the maintenance of the unique Violation Database (VDB), which registered 32 cases from the MENA region in 2012.

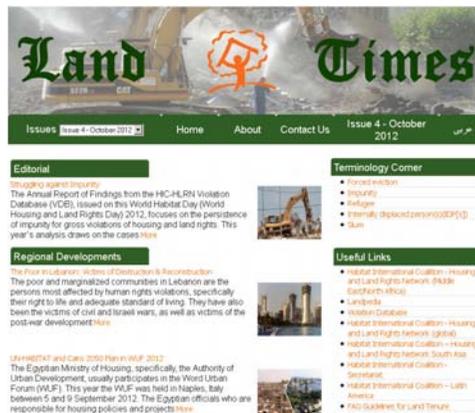
The foregoing activities also served the advocacy efforts of HIC Members (and vice versa). Advocacy at the international level saw the MENA Program engage with two UN treaty bodies: the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, reviewing treaty compliance of Egypt, and the Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination, reviewing the state party Israel. HLRN also contributed to the UN Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review mechanism in preparation for its upcoming review of Yemen and Sudan.

In 2012, HIC-HLRN formed a partnership with emergency relief medical expert Dr. Saad al-Nounou to build a program of advocacy on human rights and the environmental crisis in Palestine and the region, based in the HIC-HLRN office in Geneva.

Land Times / ضرائل ل اوح

Another promise to HIC Members was fulfilled this year with HIC-HLRN developing and publishing the first issue of *Land Times* (ضرائل ل اوح [Ahwāl al-Ardh], in Arabic). This quarterly bulletin was planned to appear at the same time as the Land Forum III, originally scheduled for 2011. However, due to disruptions arising from the street violence and the government assault on civil society organizations in Egypt, that event in Cairo was postponed, as was the first issue of *Land Times*, until January 2012.

Land Times / ضرائل ل اوح, the only bilingual (Arabic/English) publication of its kind, contains regular features, reflecting the current developments related to land and its human rights dimensions. HIC-HLRN produces *Land Times* / ضرائل ل اوح electronically in the form of brief, readable articles and analysis. Each issue features a theme-setting editorial introduction, MENA *Regional Developments*, *International Developments* and a "Terminology Corner." That last didactic feature provides explanations and definitions, especially legal definitions, of habitat-related terms of art,



with references to their sources and origins, to help readers follow the new subjects and themes carried in each issue.

In 2012, HIC-HLRN produced four quarterly issues of *Land Times* / ضرائل ل اوح, each with a timely focus. Issue No. 1 introduced the series, establishing the gamut of issues and format for the subsequent issues. Issue No. 2 coincided in time and content with the commemoration of Palestinian Land Day (30 March).

Issue No. 3 focused on the phenomenon of wall and barriers dividing lands and afflicting the region, with reference to the anniversary of ICJ opinion on the separation wall across the West Bank. Issue No. 4 carried the theme of impunity for violations of land rights, despite the abundance of prohibitive norms and rights to reparations. That last issue also coincided with World Habitat Day (International Housing and Land Rights Day) and the annual HIC-HLRN report on trends arising from the Violation Database. (All Land Time issues are available on HLRN Website)

HIC - Housing and Land Rights Network

HIC's Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN) programming and implementation functions apply and develop the international law norms on the human right to adequate housing. HLRN serves HIC by supporting Member activities and maintaining strategic alliances, while creating knowledge and building capacity of its constituents to carry out advocacy in various forms and at all levels, especially in the UN Human Rights System.

Recent HLRN networking and alliance building focused on the phenomenon of global land grabbing and real-estate fraud that dominate the civil society and human rights agendas. The year also marked a 20-year anniversary of the pivotal 1992 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the commemoration of which highlighted the corporatization of the sustainable development agenda and the marginalization of civil society in the process. That was symbolized in the Rio+20 Conference, which physically and programmatically marginalized civil society. Thus, 2012 was a challenging year for alliance building on matters related to housing, urban development, environment, natural resources and the primacy of human rights.

While these developments demanded much attention and resources of HLRN, its Members and officers, the international alliances built in 2012 also demonstrated strategic and practical advances. HLRN's contribution to civil society cooperation and inputs within the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) bore fruit in 2012 with the adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance in the Tenure of Land, Forests and Fisheries, and further development toward a FAO Agenda for Action on Food Security in protracted crises. Alliances at the local level involved more application and adaptation of HLRN methodologies, especially the quantification of losses, costs and damages from housing and land rights violations, involving greater partnership with academics.

HLRN knowledge creation, empowerment and capacity building have seen its officers frequently called upon to contribute to conferences and seminars throughout 2012. HLRN also continued to advise and provide technical support to NGOs, especially to nascent groups and organizations facing housing and land rights violations. This is in addition to formal training events that have benefitted 105 trainees over 75 hours in 2012, including specialized modules that emphasized training-of-training techniques.

The monitoring work of the HLRN staff team has maintained a constant flow of current information about the most-timely housing and land rights issues to Members and the general public. That also has involved the maintenance of HLRN's unique on-line Violation Database (VDB), which registered 60 cases in 2012.

HLRN monitoring functions also have led to a series of HLRN products, papers and articles. In particular, HLRN's World Habitat Day report from the VDB in 2012 focused on the ongoing impunity of forced eviction.

The material and, especially, economic consequences of forced eviction and displacement were the subject of the innovative *Counting Costs* project throughout 2012. This has provided the techniques for HLRN offices and Members in Cameroon, Kenya and India to carry out original research that documented the actual deepening of poverty that evictions cause through the development of an Eviction Impact Assessment (EvIA) tool. In 2012, the findings of these investigations were admitted as evidence in litigation of eviction cases in Indian and Kenyan courts, resulting in rulings to stop evictions and eventually leading to remedy.

Part of HLRN's advocacy program, its Urgent Action system contained 101 open cases by the end of 2012. The new cases in 2012 involved forced evictions in Nepal, Japan, Cambodia, Nigeria and Angola. Several cases have seen developments in 2012, including interventions by UN Special Rapporteurs.

HLRN advocacy often relates to initiatives with HIC Members and other alliances, as well as its research, monitoring and training functions. HLRN has continued its work with partners FIAN, Brot für die Welt, and ICCO, among others, in the production of the 2012 edition of the *Right to Food and Nutrition Watch*. This volume focused on the strategies for regaining control of food systems across the globe. HLRN's contribution (Joseph Schechla, "Land Grabs of the Arab Spring: Chronicle of Corruption as Statecraft" *The Right to Food and Nutrition Watch 2012: Who Decides about Global Food and Nutrition? Strategies to Regain Control* (2012), pp. 57–61) discussed the land grabs across the MENA region in light of the Arab Spring, and the deep problems of state-level corruption that facilitates them. Involvement in this important publication provides an opportunity to contribute to the ever-growing understanding of practitioners, researchers, and policy makers can better realize the human right to food, equitable land access and other related issues.

HLRN has maintained HIC's active involvement in the Extraterritorial Obligations Consortium (ETO), in which HLRN is a charter member. This joint effort of NGOs and academics seeks to clarify and apply the human rights obligations of states, government agencies, multilateral organizations and international corporations to respect, protect and fulfill economic, social and cultural rights across borders. In 2012, HLRN provided the strategy papers for the ETO Consortium's future work in two thematic focal groups: ETOs and Transnational Corruption and ETOs in Situations of Conflict, Occupation and War (COW), as well as a strategy for building the MENA regional focal group.

Land Forum in Middle East/North Africa

HIC-HLRN's emblematic Land Forum saw its third round take place in Cairo, on 15–17 January 2012. HIC networked, conducted research, prepared extensive documentation and managed logistics to bring Members and others together for the Forum from 15 countries and territories. As usual, the agenda of the Forum was driven by participant contributions and priority recommendations.

HIC-HLRN's periodic Land Forum in the Middle East/North Africa is intended to provide an opportunity for civil society participants to:

- Engage in comparative analysis of land struggles in diverse cases,
- Set a regional research and advocacy agenda on land and human rights,
- Deepen the specialization required in the field of housing and land rights,
- Develop human rights dimensions of land, natural resources and tenure,
- Cooperate/coordinate actions among CSOs and across MENA countries,
- Exchange with participants across the region to address common challenges,
- Address regional issues of land management with human rights methodology,
- Explore networking and advocacy opportunities at local and international levels,
- Explore the human rights issues related to women and workers in diverse cases,

- Devise alternative solutions to problems associated with land use and administration.

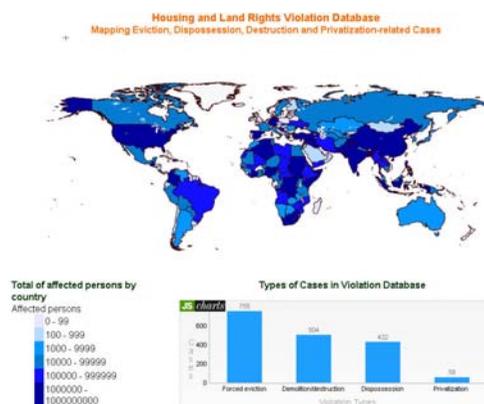
HIC-HLRN convened this third round of the MENA Land Forum under the theme: "Land, People's Sovereignty and Self-determination." The content and participation of the 2012 Land Forum were unprecedented in the region. Besides its specialized focus on the human rights dimensions of land and natural resources, the MENA Land Forum III convened participants representing Algeria, Arab Ahwaz (southern Iran), Bahrain, Egypt (rural, urban and Nubian land), Iraq (water rights and transboundary water courses), Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Sudan (Darfur and Nuba Mountains), Syria (Kurdish lands), Tunisia (land fraud and official corruption) and Western Sahara.

The outcome is the subject of a separate report currently available in English and Arabic on HLRN website.

Planning for the fourth round of the regional Land Forum also took place throughout 2012. Land Forum IV was planned so as to convene it in the context of the forthcoming World Social Forum (2013). By doing so, HLRN sought to engage a broader audience for the Land Forum, as well as to involve the participation of cases and experiences beyond the MENA region, comparatively including struggles and experiences from Mali, Ivory Coast, Chile, Mexico and Brazil.

Struggling against Impunity – Summary of the Annual Report of Findings from the HIC-HLRN Violation Database, 2012

This report, available on HLRN website, focuses on the persistence of impunity in the face of gross violations of the rights to housing and land between 2009 and 2012. HIC-HLRN reports on a range of violations including forced evictions, dispossession, and destruction, as well as violations caused by privatization of public housing and other goods and services. The reports of these violations indicate that at least 51,486,712 people have been affected by these practices. Of these, at least 18,488,825 persons were subjected to direct forced evictions. In the 289 reported cases, none of the responsible parties have been held accountable



for their gross violations.

In addition, this report documents and quantifies the losses, costs and damages caused by the violations. This documentation provides the basis necessary to initiate lawsuits for reparation and compensation. While these cases serve to show how forced evictions augment poverty and poor living conditions of victims,

much is left to be done to bring responsible parties to justice for these grave violations and crimes committed against impoverished, invaded and vulnerable inhabitants. Deterring responsible parties from continuing these practices is becoming a long term goal of our struggles.

HIC General Secretariat

During this period, the main HIC-GS activities were centered on the preparation, realization and reporting of (i) HIC at Rio+20, including internal HIC meetings, workshops with the evaluators, participation in the Peoples' Summit and in the official Conference; (ii) HIC in Naples, including internal HIC meetings –the Board and General Assembly meetings–, workshops with the evaluators, participation in activities at the World Urban Forum and the Urban Social Forum; (iii) elaboration of the flagship HIC annual report 2011; (iv) renewal of the Board; (v) preparation of HIC at WSF 2013 (March 2013); (vi) the HIC-GS succession plan; (vii) activities supporting the Human Right to Adequate Housing in Chile.

Proposal for a global project on women's housing and land rights

The HIC General Secretariat lead the preparation of a proposal for a global project on women's habitat rights along with 6 other partners (HIC members and structures) and presented it to the European Commission. However, it was ultimately rejected, mostly due to the lack of relevance to the priorities of the Call for Proposals. We also sought support for the same project from Mama Cash, but they also declined to fund the project as they only fund projects for organizations whose main focus is on women. Despite this result, the proposal was discussed during Board and General Assembly meetings in Rio de Janeiro and Naples, and dialogue was initiated with a representative from the UN Habitat Latin American and Caribbean Office (ROLAC) on the possibilities of collaborating in a joint project on similar themes.

Art-HIC-ulation follow-up

A follow up meeting of the Art-HIC-ulation workshop was held on June 19, which included a debate on the four HIC offices' operations to organize the future of the Coalition. A special focus was given to strengthening

communication tools, as well as towards drafting succession plans given the upcoming transition as the General Secretariat prepares to move locations at the end of 2013. Two working groups were established to deal with these major concerns.

Structure Space

The Structure Space was designed and created in the first quarter of 2012 in an effort to simplify, centralize, and make annual reporting more transparent. It is a slightly adapted version of the Member Space – which was launched as a new online platform for members in August 2011. HIC structures staff and board members received training on how to use the online tool, which will allow them to share their work with all members, and is intended to greatly increase the visibility of their work. Also, it provides a historical record-keeping of all structures' activities in one centralized database, instead of between several websites. Ideally, the online tool should be used by structures year-round, reporting their activities on an on-going basis instead of reporting a whole year's worth of activities at one time for the sole purpose of the Annual Report. This should hopefully make annual reporting less burdensome for HIC structures



Raquel Rolnik, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Right to Adequate Housing with Ana Sugranyes during her visit in Chile, May 2012

and also aid in the Coalition's communication with membership. Lastly, in light of the HIC evaluation in 2012, members' access to information about HIC structures' activities through the Member Space allowed for a more transparent evaluation.

HIC-GS anchored in Chile

During 2012, the HIC General Secretariat supported various struggles for the rights to housing and land in Chile. The main activity it supported was organizing a visit from the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing for a week in May, who was invited to Chile by a group of social movements and organizations. The purpose of the visit was twofold: on one hand, to respond to denouncements of human rights violations that stemmed from the earthquake/tsunami (2010); on the other hand, to explain the social

and territorial impacts of implementing one single social housing policy over thirty years. While this policy served to put a roof over the heads of the poorest households, it also created new problems related to socio-spatial segregation and the production of housing units that were of such poor urban and physical quality that they did not comply with basic rights. The Secretariat also supported the Certificate in Social Movements of the *Pobladores en Lucha* Movement (MPL), by contributing to the segments on housing policies with a focus on human rights (from July to November). The third dimension of this work was focused on the Biennale of Architecture, where we supported the College of Architects' Habitat Committee with the installation of a citizens' kiosk and a public debate on "the city in the constituent". In addition, the Secretariat team participated in various mobilizations for inhabitants' rights (during which one of the team members was temporarily detained).

Global Activities

People's Summit: The right to the city and to land, mega-events and mega- projects

(Rio de Janeiro, June 18, 2012)

A call for convergence was made to all international networks and organizations focused on urban reform and habitat to participate in the People's Summit. The call was made to consolidate dialogue and alliances to reach a consensus on a platform and program for common action between urban and rural inhabitant movements and all those organizations that fight for just, democratic and sustainable territories. An event on "The right to the city and to land, mega-events and mega-projects" organized by the Brazil-based National Forum on Urban Reform (FNUR), HIC, and the International Alliance of Inhabitants (IAI) was held on Monday June 18, with over 300 participants. Speakers during the event critiqued the impact of mega-events and mega-projects on communities and the environment.

The right to fair, democratic and sustainable cities

(Rio de Janeiro, June 21, 2012)

This activity was held on June 21 and was organized by FNUR, HIC and IAI to discuss the articulation between social actors to organize a convergence platform for the right to the city: Urban reform and paradigm shift toward just, democratic and sustainable cities. Organizations from various networks met to agree on common commitments to be presented to local and national governments as well as to social organizations. The event included presentations by the networks as well as a public debate.

Tribunal on Evictions

(Naples, September 3, 2012)



A Tribunal on Evictions was held on September 3 opposite the exhibition grounds where the World Urban Forum (WUF 6) took place, to demand that governments and UN-Habitat address and halt forced evictions and land grabbing.



The Urban Social Forum (USF) Tribunal demanded governments and UN-Habitat to “Stop evictions all over the world” and stop ignoring this highly dramatic issue which has been aggravated by the crisis not only in Europe but all over the world. Facing the doors of WUF 6, participants held up banners which documented 19 case studies of an unprecedented global crisis that has affected between 60 and 70 million people around the world.

Some of these same cases were presented again on September 28 in Geneva, during an opinion Tribunal based on the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other international legal instruments related to the enforcement of the right to housing and land.

WUF 6 – Civil Society Organizations Roundtable on the Right to Land and the City (Naples, September, 2012)

HIC was the main partner to organize the Civil Society Organizations Roundtable at WUF 6 under the theme “The Right to Land and the Right to the City”. This CSO Roundtable is a follow up of WUF 5, as part of a global strategy coordinated by HIC, FNRU, and IAI and was attended by 75 representatives from civil society organizations and four representatives from international bodies (the World Bank and UN-Habitat).

The greatest challenge is to stop placing the acquisition of financial assets and individual ownership as the primary issue in the design of land and housing policies. Another paradigm must be built in order to ensure secure land ownership and the social function of land. A strengthening process for open dialogue among CSOs provide a way toward stronger advocacy with local and national governments, and international bodies such as UN-Habitat to recognize the right to land.

The Urban Social Forum opened in Naples with a field visit from the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing (Naples, September 3-7, 2012)

Naples gave a warm welcome to the second Urban Social Forum (USF). While UN-Habitat neglected to include such vital issues as eviction from their WUF 6 agenda, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing (who has an independent mandate which is much more aligned to the reality of the people than that of UN-Habitat) accompanied a USF delegation to the popular neighborhood of Scampia. The visit included a meeting with local social organizations and with inhabitants from the Giugliano Roma settlement camp, who were threatened with an eviction order scheduled for September 7.

HIC Evaluation (Global, May-October 2012)

HIC and Misereor called for an external evaluation to be conducted to assess the appropriateness and relevance of the Coalition’s strategies, structures and actions, results produced and impacts on international, regional, national, and local levels in accordance with the needs and expectation of its members, as well as to the advocacy and networking capacities of the Coalition. It was planned as an evaluation with a prospective and participatory approach with the main purpose of identifying recommendations for the future at strategic and operational levels.



This report was carried out by a team of three consultants between May and October 2012 on behalf of Misereor. Through a number of interlinked participatory methods including a series of workshops, interviews, and an online survey, the evaluation systematically addressed all the themes and questions raised by the Terms of Reference. Below are the recommendations:

1. Simplify organizational structure to present a more coherent image towards outside
2. Simplify policy structures
3. Improve the relevance and effectiveness of the Board and the General Assembly
4. Abolish compulsory membership contributions in cash
5. Abolish contributions in kind as an alternative to the payment of membership fees
6. Mainstream a right based approach
7. Undertake a participatory evaluation of the effectiveness of the tools developed by HLRN
8. Develop a more visible and inclusive strategy to interact with the UN system
9. Improve communication strategy
10. Enhance the importance of transnational projects
11. Give upmost importance to the Succession Plan of the General Secretariat

HIC Financial Statement

HIC-AL, HIC-MENA, SA, HIC-HLRN and HIC-GS ⁽¹⁾

Year 2012	Expressed in US Dollars						Balance expressed in percentage
	HIC-AL ⁽²⁾	MENA	HIC-SA	HLRN	HIC-GS	Total	
Income	257,471	196,653	284,617	175,113	185,115	1,098,969	
Cash on hand 01.01. 2012	29,383	63,164	64,448	55,904	26,204	239,103	
Donor Agencies ^(3 a, b, c, d, e)	228,088	74,141	217,202	105,462	136,240	761,133	
HIC Membership fees	---	---	---	---	1,428	1,428	
Solidarity, special contributions	---	59,348	2,967	13,747	21,243	97,305	
Expenditure	247,832	156,825	160,617	190,252	162,193	917,719	
Staff Costs ⁽⁴⁾	93,390	81,926	97,681	76,733	85,075	434,805	39.6%
Projects, activities ⁽⁵⁾	129,532	70,477	62,936	110,715	69,514	443,174	40.3%
Administration Costs ⁽⁶⁾	21,700	---	---	---	7,604	29,304	2.7%
Audit ⁽⁷⁾	3,210	4,422	---	2,804	---	10,436	1.0%
Restricted cash on hand ⁽⁸⁾	9,639	39,828	124,000	(15,139)	22,922	181,250	16.4%
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Notes:

- (1) Financial Statements are reported from five structures that have infrastructure dedicated to the Coalition purpose: Latin America (HIC-AL), Middle East (MENA); South-Asian (SA); Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN) and the General Secretariat (HIC-GS).
- (2) HIC-AL office in Mexico works in three dimensions: (i) HIC networking and advocacy in Latin American, (ii) Support to HIC Presidency, and (iii) Mexican advocacy and networking. The HIC-AL accounting includes the three dimensions. 40% of the reported amounts correspond to the national Mexican activities.
- (3a) Contributions to HIC-AL in USD: Misereor \$69,819; Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) \$43,800; MZF \$12,600; RLS \$28,658
- (3b) Main contributions to HIC-MENA in USD: ICCO \$52,000, Fund for Global Human Rights, \$12,500.
- (3c) Main contributions to HIC-SA in USD: Tata Foundation \$217,202
- (3d) Main contribution to HIC-HLRN in USD: Misereor \$105,462
- (3e) Main contribution to HIC-GS in Euros: Misereor € 104,000 for the operation of the Secretariat.
- (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 (websites).
- (6) Administrative costs related to rent and office supplies (including telephone, ASDL and security), bank charges and fixed assets for the office (e.g. hardware and software).
- (7) Audit: (i) HIC-AL, the auditor is SPC, Contadores y Abogados, S.C., México DF; (ii) MENA, SA and HLRN, the auditor is Waleed al-Batawy & Assoc., Cairo, Egypt; (iii) HIC-GS, the auditor is Canales Asociados Limitada, Santiago, Chile.
- (8) In all five cases, the balance corresponds to cash subject to ongoing contracts for projects to be executed during 2013.

Our partners

HIC advocated before the following international institutions in 2012

 Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)	 Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)	 Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)	 Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
 Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	 United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)	 United Nations Department of Information – NGO Branch (UNDPI)	 United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
 UN-Habitat - Global Land Tools Network (GLTN)	 Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	 UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

HIC's funders during 2012

 Brot für die Welt/EED/Diakonia	 Inter Church Organisation for Development Cooperation	 Misereor	 Missionszentrale der Franziskaner
 Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung	 The Fund for Global Human Rights	 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	 Wellspring Advisors

HIC's international partners during 2012

 Amnesty International	 Association Internationale de Techniciens, Experts et Chercheurs	 Association of International Dalit Solidarity	 Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Network
 Food First Information and Action Network	 Campaign for the Ratification and Implementation of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	 Center for Economic and Social Rights	 Congrès Mondial Amazigh
 Extraterritorial Obligations Consortium	 Fédération Internationale des Droit de l'Homme	 Ford Foundation	 Friends of the Earth
 Foro de Autoridades Locales por la Inclusión Social y la Democracia Participativa	 Habitat for Humanity	 Global Call for Action Against Poverty	 Internal Displacement Monitoring Center
 Institute for Palestine Studies	 International Budget Partnership	 International Rivers	 International Alliance of Inhabitants
 International Commission of Jurists	 International Food Security & Nutrition Civil Society Mechanism	 International Union of Tenants	 La Vía Campesina
 Lutheran World Federation	 No-Vox	 Overseas development Institute	 OXFAM International
 People's Health Movement	 Right to Food and Nutrition Watch	 Rooftops Canada - Abri International	 Russell Tribunal on Palestine
 Servicio Latinoamericano, Africano y Asiático de Vivienda Popular	 Slum Dwellers International	 Transnational Institute	 United Cities and Local Governments - Ciudades y Gobiernos Locales Unidos - Cités et Gouvernements Locaux Unis
 WITNESS	 World Bank Inspection Panel	 World Social Forum (WSF) • International Council (IC) • Urban Social Forum (USF) • World Social Forum – Free Palestine	

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Our partners (continuation)

HIC's regional and national partners during 2012

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