



# HIC Annual Report 2010

Global network for the right to habitat and social justice



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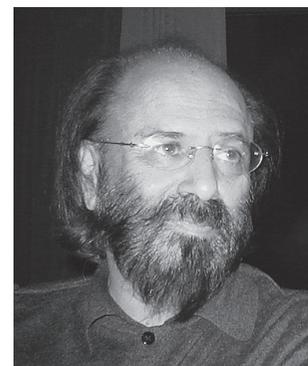
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## Foreword – Message from the President



HIC acts on matters of governance of habitats—cities, towns and villages, such as human rights, gender, social production and environment, at the local, national, regional and global levels. In doing so, HIC confronts, as other civil society groups and movements do, the severe crises that characterize the prevailing global state of affairs: social, political, economic, cultural, and environmental and climate change.

There were HIC member organizations among those who faced the violent response of the authorities to the pro-democracy uprising that has been sweeping the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, and sparked the revolution called the ‘Arab Spring’, in contrast to the winter of oppression that countries in this region have been experiencing. HIC is behind the spring of social change and against the winter of oppression everywhere.

The problematic situation confronting us and others demands that HIC and its constituency improve their praxis so that we are more effective in our efforts to advance the common interest of communities, better governance and environment. HIC continues to build new and strengthen existing alliances with like-minded habitat and human rights, and social justice-oriented networks around the world. HIC must continue to participate in convergence spaces like the World Social Forum and to engage with international bodies such as OHCHR, UN-Habitat and so on.

An outstanding success this year was the design and development of HICademy, which I conceived as a sort of ‘virtual institute’ when I became President. The General Secretariat achieved the near-term objective of initiating this online tool. This is in addition to the creation of the online Member Space. The Coalition’s Art-HIC-ulation (articulation) process to realize an effective coordination among the existing HIC offices in Delhi, Cairo, Santiago and México, is going forward as envisioned so that we make best use of the resources at our disposal.

The report gives an account of the activities performed by and the results achieved by HIC Regional and Thematic Structures, including the General Secretariat. I would like to especially acknowledge the support and contribution of our dedicated staff to the Coalition.

I convey my appreciation to the HIC Board, members, the structures and communities and partners collaborating with HIC for their cooperation and solidarity in 2010.

In solidarity,

*Davinder Lamba*

Davinder Lamba  
HIC President

# The Coalition

Habitat International Coalition (HIC) is an independent, non-profit alliance of organizations and individuals working in housing and human settlements for more than 30 years.

This global network for the right to habitat with social justice is composed of social movements and social organizations, community-based organizations, support groups, activists and academics. The strength of the Coalition is based on its worldwide membership and on the fact that it brings together a range of civil society groups. Dedicated to advocacy, empowerment of the poor and those subject to discrimination, solidarity networking, popular mobilization, debate, training and analysis, HIC works to unite civil society in a shared commitment to ensure sustainable habitat and a liveable planet for all. Its work focuses on defending and implementing the human rights linked to housing and habitat — to land, adequate housing, clean water, sanitation, a healthy environment, access to public goods and services; e.g., health, education, transport and recreation; access to livelihood and social protection, pluralism and the preservation of social, natural, historic and cultural patrimony.

Since the 1980s, HIC has been developing special capacities seeking gender equality, in a balanced articulation between reflection and action on different issues: women and habitat, the rights' approach, the right to the city, the social production of habitat, and sustainable environment.

HIC specific work on the right to the city seeks to deepen the analysis and increase actions in the proposal toward building more just cities worldwide. For decades, HIC

has been committed to the creation of a theoretical and practical framework for the right to the city. The Coalition articulates and accompanies social movements and organizations in their struggles to realize all human rights to ensure the collective well-being of inhabitants: the democratic management and the social function of the city. HIC is also aware of the global challenges presented by climate change and food sovereignty, and the obvious impacts they have on cities. In response, the Coalition increasingly works to broaden exchanges between urban and rural movements.

In order to strengthen HIC support of social struggles for housing and land rights, there is a need to analyze the nature of civil society in urban and rural areas and to understand their strengths, weaknesses and opportunities.

HIC envisions alternative proposals, involving bottom-up perspectives on governance and decision making, empowering livelihoods, assets and shared knowledge, and access to technology. HIC supports and nurtures grassroots movements in their self-managed initiatives to improve their lives by struggling for collective rights.

The Coalition articulates and supports people's processes through specific instruments and actions with governments, civil society organizations and other international networks. Its political strategy is defined at the Coalition's core by the General Assembly (GA) of members. A Board of delegates from its regional and thematic bodies, as well as a President elected from and by the membership, oversees the HIC operational level, which is coordinated by the General Secretary and its staff, at the moment based in Chile.

## The Global network for the right to habitat with social justice:

The global network for the right to habitat with social justice focuses on three intervention axes:

- Developing relationships inside and outside HIC through advocacy, promotion, networking and direct action; strengthening civil society's role in improving housing and settlement conditions.
- Strengthening people's processes by supporting community based efforts to alleviate poverty by endorsing a broad range of people's actions, addressing a set of core issues eg. gender mainstreaming in all issues, housing and land rights, right to the city, climate change, social production of habitat, among others.
- Advocacy for recognition, defense and full implementation of housing rights, to improve the quality of life of the poor, in addition to income enhancement and social empowerment.

## HIC in the World

In 2010, the Coalition counted 329 members, of which 53 have the right to vote. Overall, 61 friends and 1334 organizations and individuals were part of HIC's social base. On December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010, the geographic distribution of HIC members, friends and social base was the following:

Region	Members	Members with Right to Vote	Friends	Social Base
Africa Anglophone	34	1	4	118
Africa Francophone	28	4	3	87
Asia	36	4	11	182
Europe	54	28	15	253
Latin America and the Caribbean	121	6	12	439
Middle East/ North Africa	29	4	4	150
North America	27	6	12	86
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1334</b>

Throughout 2010, 35 new applications (20 organizations and 15 individuals) and 150 new subscriptions to HIC News have been processed. HIC-GS and Structures approved 8 organizations and 5 individuals.



**HIC General Assembly** is composed of all members of the Coalition eligible to attend General Assembly meetings and participate in elections. The activity of the General Assembly during 2010 was its annual meeting in Rio de Janeiro.

## HIC Structures' Faces

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# Reporting Regional and Thematic HIC Structures

HIC is not only composed by a variety of organizations sharing a common mission, but it is also filled with a variety of rich realities, methods and cultures. The connectivity of such vast diversity poses a challenge when trying to establish coordinated activities within the Coalition, but this challenge is what strengthens our actions as a whole: it is in this diversity that our strength and complementarity lies.

## HIC Structures

### HIC in Sub-Saharan Africa

Throughout the year, six HIC members and organizations from Western and Eastern Africa were involved with the project “Implementing the Habitat Agenda”, a partnership between HIC, the Agència Catalana de Cooperació al Desenvolupament (ACCD) and Rooftops Canada, coordinated by the Mazingira Institute. Western Africa was represented by the Mali-based organization COFEPE, ENDA-RUP from Senegal, CONGEH from Cameroon, while the eastern and southern African contingent included the Mazingira Institute and the Women Advancement Trust-Human Settlements from Tanzania, and IHA-UDP from Ethiopia. The duration of the project was initially twelve months, from January to December 2010, but was then extended until February 2011 by ACCD in response to a request by Mazingira Institute.

Among a number of objectives, the project sought to strengthen the networked activities and the work at an organizational level of the African Habitat Networks in order to share and multiply the experiences that could then be projected into proposals at the local, national, and regional levels. One of the principal aims was to

reinforce capacity-building processes in order to achieve a stronger presence in the planning stages of habitat policies at the local and national level, and improve the efficacy and relevance of such measures.

HIC members organized several events and activities throughout the continent to advance the implementation of the habitat agenda. The Regional Workshop on Support Services for Housing Micro-credit, held in Nairobi (Kenya) from April 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, was hosted by the Mazingira Institute and co-organized by Rooftops Canada, Finmark Trust and Habitat for Humanity, and cosponsored by ACCD, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and UN-Habitat. The workshop explored the relationship between the development of the housing microfinance sector in Africa, and the existence of housing support services –the housing supply side– which would make such finance relevant. The ninety-six participants agreed that housing microfinance is a new frontier product in Africa, poised for substantial growth among both the commercial and the not-for-profit sectors, if supply-side issues can be resolved.

Moreover, the Training Workshop on the Right to Water and Sanitation was held from November 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup>



in Dakar (Senegal). The event was organized by ENDA-RUP, an organization with extensive experience in water, sanitation and habitat issues that has coordinated activities with the African Civil Society Network on Water and Sanitation in West Africa (ANEW) for several years. Over twenty participants attended the workshop from Mali, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Benin, Nigeria, Niger, Kenya and Egypt. The event addressed human rights theory and practice so that actors in the field of water and sanitation can use legal and strategic tools at their disposal, and sought to provide a better understanding of the rights and corresponding state obligations enshrined in regional and international legal instruments. The objective also was to increase the opportunities to enforce and defend these provisions locally, as well as to advance the integration among the actors and Anglophone and Francophone Africa.

In a similar vein and as the final activity of the “Implementing the Habitat Agenda” project, the Training Workshop for Housing Rights Defenders on HIV/AIDS, Water and Sanitation was held in Yaoundé (Cameroon) from February 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011. It was hosted by CONGEH, a coalition of non-government and

community-based organizations of Cameroon working in the area of human settlements, created in 1995. The thematic focus of the workshop was to strengthen local capacities in the areas of water and sanitation, partnerships in the mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS, gender, communication, community mobilization and advocacy.

The main objectives of the event were to strengthen the capacities of the structures in order to improve the services they provide in their communities, for instance, with respect to the right to water and sanitation, and the strategies that can be drawn upon for the improvement of human settlements. Also, the workshop aimed to reinforce the understanding of Social Spaces as they relate to gender and sustainable development, as well as the repercussions for the advocacy and lobbying that is done in their name. Finally, the workshop highlighted the importance of partnerships for the purpose of mainstreaming HIV/AIDS in their operations.

Other activities organized during the year included the Training Workshop for Advocacy on Water and Sanitation, organized between January 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> as well as a press conference and advocacy aimed at the National Assembly for the adoption of a gender equality law between March and June, both held in Bamako

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## Gender Mainstreaming in the Coalition

Following an external consultation of the gender dimension within HIC in 2008, the coalition implemented the recommendation to undertake a gender mainstreaming process, which has been identified by many institutions and organizations as the best strategy to achieve gender equality.

HIC-General Secretariat was appointed to formulate the necessary tools to initiate a gender mainstreaming strategy within the coalition as discussed during the Board meeting and General Assembly held in Rio de Janeiro in March.

Gender experts have cited the commitment of high-level management as the number one factor for the success of gender mainstreaming. As a result, this strategy has been included as a main component of the three-year strategic plan developed by several HIC structures in the Barcelona Art-HIC-ulation workshop in July 2010.

HIC-GS wrote a concept note with a three-step plan which it circulated in May 2010 to Board members and other interested individuals for suggestions, with a final plan agreed upon in July 2010.

The three steps that make up the gender mainstreaming strategy of the coalition are as follows: First, a gender

survey will be conducted among HIC members and structures to gather a baseline of information on the extent to which gender issues and goals toward gender equality are being addressed within the coalition. Second, the data from the survey will be analyzed in order to determine the gaps in HIC members’ and structures’ actions where a gender perspective may be incorporated into their work. Finally, based on the gaps identified through the analysis of the survey responses, the Secretariat will formulate a gender plan of action and will create appropriate indicators to monitor the implementation of said plan in the interest of promoting gender equality in habitat-related issues.

HIC-GS has been working on this three-step plan with a group of HIC members, including some Board members. Currently, the Secretariat is implementing the tools necessary for the implementation of the first step, namely the gender survey as it will appear as a part of the Member Space. Also, HIC-GS has modified the annual report forms that HIC structures and focal points fill out every year to include quantitative and qualitative sections on members’ and structures’ activities, products and services that have goals aimed toward gender equality.

(Mali). On the one hand, the workshop was designed to improve access to potable water in rural areas and strengthen the capacities of civil society actors, such as members of the regional ANEW network, who intervene in the areas of water and sanitation. On the other hand, ongoing advocacy work with the Women Parliamentarian and Minister Network and Women in Political Parties of Mali is focused on advancing women's participation in public affairs and the need to ensure that more women can be included in electoral lists and have access to eligible positions.

## HIC in Latin America

The regional office has a constant presence in matters relating to the defense and promotion of the right to housing, to land, to water, to the city, the social production of habitat, and the impact of megaprojects in terms of human rights related to habitat. HIC-América Latina (HIC-AL) continued to be involved in the coordination of strategies, agendas and action plans of grassroots organizations, social movements, NGOs and academics to achieve the enforcement of the right to adequate living conditions with dignity, especially for low-income populations.

Exchanges on the housing situation in Latin America have been possible thanks to events like the Housing Networks meeting in San José de Costa Rica between January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup>. The summit was characterized by intense debates on issues of the social production of habitat, access to land, human rights related to habitat, and the rights to housing and to the city. One of the aims of the activity was to strengthen alliances for increased collaboration that included the drafting of political proposals, and training activities, among others. In the end, participants agreed to organize joint actions such as writing proposals for support for earthquake reconstruction in Haiti and the planning of activities at the World Urban Forum in Rio (Brazil) in March, the Social Forum of the Americas in Asunción (Paraguay) in August and World Habitat Day in October.

The focal point continues to advance the rights agenda in the region through a number of activities, publications and advocacy work. At the Tent on the Right to the City at the World Social Forum held in Mexico in May, HIC-AL organized debates and meetings on experiences and common strategies with social movements and organizations from Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Italy, Portugal, and Spain participated. These topics included human rights violations, criminalization, the social function of land and property, sustainable

management of common environmental assets, social production and management of habitat, as well as the democratic and equitable enjoyment of the city.

Strengthening local actors is also a priority for HIC-AL, which has resulted in the facilitation of exchanges between members and movements alike. These discussions have resulted in envisioning strategies to, for example, bridge housing and land rights struggles, and the feminist movement.

HIC-AL continues to look for opportunities and proposals for collaborative projects, anchored nationally, but projected to have regional impacts among members. One such project is the one approved by the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation (ACCD) to be carried out by Red Habitat in Bolivia starting in early 2011. The focal point also participated in the activities organized by housing cooperatives in Central and South America that are not necessarily HIC members, but share the coalition's rights' perspective to address housing issues.

At a local level, the regional office is also using juridical mechanisms to support some paradigmatic cases. During the past three years. With a team of pro-bono lawyers and academics, HIC-AL and 100 affected families of Xochitepec in the state of Morelos are learning first-hand about the litigation for the full implementation for the human right to water. For the first time in Mexico's history, a court has accepted a petition that will enable the community to show that it has been discriminated against and prevented from accessing this basic need for about three decades. While affluent residents of the neighboring town of Santa Fe benefit from the municipal water supply, enjoying swimming pools and golf courses, the low-income residents of Ampliación Tres de Mayo must buy jugs of water for cooking, bathing, and drinking. At the moment, the working team is at the stage of proving the case with all the evidence



available and expects a favorable recommendation from the Morelos State Human Rights Commission to reinforce the demand.

Together with Foodfirst Information and Action Network (FIAN) and Solidaridad Suecia-América Latina (SAL), HIC-AL compiled, translated and edited the publication *Red Sugar, Green Deserts* on mono-cropping and violations of the right to adequate nourishment and housing, to water, to land and to the territory. Twenty-six authors from a wide array of social movements, NGOs, academia and journalism cover cases from ten Latin American countries. The Spanish version was presented in Mexico in the first trimester of 2010, with several copies distributed to the authors and other interested parties during the activities of the Social Forum of the Americas held in Paraguay.

## HIC-HLRN in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

The HIC-MENA program not only brought regional members together in a networking effort, but also provided a much needed platform for information exchanges on key issues and strategies appropriate to the MENA region and the world.

With the Center for Development Services, HIC-HLRN cooperated in a Cairo-wide consultative process with some 20 local organizations, agencies and academic centers that gathered at the meeting “Spontaneity versus Governance: Toward Understanding Policies and Practices of Urban Planning and Housing.” A common agenda has emerged in which HIC-HLRN has proposed an outline for a proper housing policy in the country, where none yet exists.

The major programmatic networking activity organized by HLRN was the Middle East and North Africa Land

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## HIC Highlights of Global Events and Board Representative Elections

HIC at the World Urban Forum (WUF) 5 – While in Rio de Janeiro, HIC organized roundtables, training sessions and networking events. Emerging issues and themes from these activities included the need for civil society to better articulate its demands in a political environment, especially considering the criminalization of social movements in their struggle for the right to the city. Moreover, objectives such as the Millennium Development Goals should be defined with the fulfillment of the right to the city, the right to adequate housing, and sustainable urbanization in mind. Finally, there is the need to continue building a global strategy for the implementation of the right to the city as a way to avoid evictions, with a next step towards the World Urban Assembly at the 2011 World Social Forum in Dakar. Also, the first edition of *Cities for All* was launched at WUF 5 in English, Spanish and Portuguese. Other events were organized at the Urban Social Forum (USF), held in parallel to WUF 5 (see p. 19).

General Assembly and Board Meeting in Rio – HIC has been a key actor in the construction process of the right to the city, expanding the view from Latin America to other regions of the world, promoting the achievement of specific events, discussing and formulating joint strategies among its members and with other actors. From now on, it will undoubtedly be fashionable to talk

about the Right to the City. To counteract any distortions of the concept, stronger action is required to affirm and deepen its definition while aiming towards a paradigm shift and cultural change. It is also important to foster the link between the countryside and the city with respect to different topics that include megaprojects and violations of the rights to land and housing, and the human right to water in order to provide answers to local, national and even regional issues.

Elections of Board Representatives – Board members were elected from the Middle East and North Africa, Latin America and Francophone Africa regions and for HLRN. Rajaa’ Kassab received the most votes for Board Representative for the MENA region, followed by her now Alternate, Yahia Khawaldeh. A total of 57 votes were cast in Latin America by 30 organizations from ten countries. The results established Benedito Barbosa and Carmen Gonzalez as the regional representatives to the Board, with Maria Carla Rodriguez and Felix Yañez as their Alternates. In turn, Francophone Africa is represented at the Board by Ahmadou Gambo and his Alternate, Pauline Yao. The 17 organizations with the right to vote in HLRN elections confirmed Alejandro Florián Borbón as the network’s representative to the Board, with Alicia Gentolia-Murphy as the Alternate.



Forum II: “Human Rights, People and the Land,” hosted in Cairo with support from FoodFirst Information and Action Network (FIAN) and Brot für die Welt. The Land Forum also coincided with organization of the “Health, Environment and Land Forum,” from October 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>.

The MENA regional program has contributed much to research and advocacy on housing and land rights in Palestine. Efforts have focused on collaboration with entities in Israel and Palestine pursuing human rights and accountability leading to and following the UN Fact-finding Report on the Gaza Conflict (Goldstone Report), in the legal mechanisms in the United Nations. HLRN has emphasized the General Assembly-determined responsibility of Switzerland to convene the Conference of the High Contracting Parties of the Fourth Geneva Convention, as well as the need for integrity of the International Criminal Court’s Prosecutor to refer related crimes to the International Criminal Court Pre-Trial Chamber.

For the Urban Social Forum and World Urban Forum held in Rio de Janeiro in March, HLRN supported three HIC members from Palestine to bring their case to a broader audience. In continued cooperation with HIC Members, the Regional Council of Unrecognized Villages in the Naqab/ Negev (Israel), HLRN published the International Fact-finding Mission report: *The Goldberg Opportunity: A Chance for Human Rights-based Statecraft in Israel*, posing solutions for applying recommendations of the Goldberg Commission for Regulating Bedouin Settlement in the Naqab.

The HLRN contributions to research, monitoring and advocacy have focused on the targeting of homes, shelters and shelter seekers as a consistent practice during conflict in the region.

HLRN’s training, monitoring and documentation,

particularly in the HLRN Violation Database, UN reporting and publications, have focused on housing and land rights violations in occupation and conflict situations, including Darfur, the Nuba Mountains (South Kordofan), Cyprus and Palestine. This specialized contribution led to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Near East Regional Consultation on Voluntary Guidelines on Good Governance in Land and Natural Resource Tenure (Amman, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup>) adopting recommendations to address housing and land rights crimes and needed reparations for victims. HLRN has continued to document and publicize through the HIC-MENA website and publications on land and housing rights violations related to corruption, livelihood deprivation, evictions and displacement inherent in the crises affecting the Arab region, particularly in Bahrain, Sudan, Syria and Tunisia.

Under a Ford Foundation grant administered through the Arab Institute for Human Rights, HLRN completed a study in 2010 that surveyed a pool of 250 human rights-related organizations in North Africa to assess their internal and external challenges through statistical analysis. This particular research was part of the Africa-wide project intending to identify opportunities for greater cooperation on common and diverse priorities. These would relate specifically to current and future issues or challenges that are faced in human rights work across the continent. The research also led to the publication in both Arabic and English of the final report “Analyzing the Internal and External Conditions and Challenges of Human Rights Work in North Africa.”

The networking aspects of the research culminated in two major strategic conferences, each with over 40 organizations participating; the pan-Africa AHRS consultation took place in Nairobi on April 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> and the consultation for North Africa in Cairo 3-6 from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>, which HLRN organized and hosted with logistical assistance from the Arab Institute for Human Rights.

HLRN has developed training manuals in English, Arabic and other languages adapted to local realities. The subjects and materials have been developed in response to the expressed needs and strategic opportunities to strengthen the network and the coalition, and to develop the economic, social and cultural rights culture.

Members regularly received alerts by email of new items uploaded onto the HLRN’s Global and MENA websites, especially current and Arabic-language materials not available elsewhere. HLRN’s Violation Database in English and Arabic continues to serve as a tool for keeping members informed, informing them of events in their region and serving as a model for their own documentation efforts

## Mexico City's Charter for the Right to the City

The result of collective work over the last three years, Mexico City's Charter on the Right to the City was officially signed on July 13<sup>th</sup> by the highest local executive, legislative and judiciary authorities, as well as by civil society representatives and independent public organizations.

Until now, over 5000 people have participated in at least one of the activities (forums, seminars, festivals, contests) that have been designed to raise awareness of the initiative and, above all, to invite the citizenry to debate and strengthen it through the participation of neighborhood associations, youth collectives, unions, professionals and the public at large.

Inspired by international debates and local documents already in the process of being implemented, this Charter has, however, certain characteristics that make it unique in the world today in both its formulation and contents. This document revisits and broadens the principles established in the World Charter on the Right to the City, adding concerns and proposals from various actors with respect to the social production and management of habitat, the responsible management of common assets and the right to the equitable enjoyment of public spaces in all its dimensions.

In general terms, the Charter proposes a series a public policies and commitments that need to be undertaken by different actors that include local government, the Legislative Assembly, the Superior Justice Tribunal of the Federal District, universities, independent public organizations, the private sector and the public at large. In other words, it states in detail not only *what* is



desired, but *how* to proceed to realize it, as well as the responsibilities for a number of sectors.

The elaboration and signing of the Mexico City Charter marked an important precedent for the enforcement of human rights relating to habitat in a large urban setting. HIC-AL's work has been ongoing with representatives from the Urban Popular Movement, the Human Rights Commission and other relevant institutions in order to establish the best route for implementation, including legal proposals, capacity-building and the wide diffusion of the initiative.

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## HIC in Europe

In 2010, HIC Europe continued to support initiatives of regional members committed to advancing the housing rights agenda. Between March and December, HIC was involved with demonstrations and sit-ins organized by major actors in the housing sector in France, such as Droit au Logement (DAL). Various actors demanded significant changes in government policy through these mobilizations, particularly from the Ministry of Housing.

The regional representative was also heavily involved in the development of the contest "Human Settlements and the Fight Against Climate Change". Participation

from NGOs and grassroots organizations from the 80 countries associated with HIC was encouraged as it would highlight that even the smallest members can contribute to the global fight against climate change. The main objective of the project was to create a space to share and recognize best practices across a number of areas that included transportation, waste management, and energy resource management. In the end, the contest was not implemented as a similar project was being developed by African partners.

## WITNESS/HIC Collaboration on Forced Evictions

WITNESS, the global pioneer in the use of video to expose human rights abuses, and HIC are collaborating to use video in their joint work on forced evictions. Founded in 1992, WITNESS has partnered with more than 300 human rights groups in over 70 countries, trained over 3,000 human rights defenders, and supported the inclusion of video in more than 100 campaigns, increasing their visibility and impact. Its core methodology is “video advocacy” – the use of video as an integrated tool in human rights campaigns.

The collaboration will support a series of local and national campaigns starting in Brazil, Mexico and India – and potentially in other regions where HIC works. Rooting the campaigns locally, arguably where it matters most, WITNESS and HIC will strategize how to amplify the most emblematic cases across HIC’s regional and international campaign work on forced evictions.

For communities at-risk, video is documenting the resistance and mapping their communities before a project takes place. Hidden from or neglected by the media, documenting forced evictions as they happen and their aftermath creates undeniable proof of their existence. Other communities may also benefit and decide to organize themselves, as they watch others employ resistance tactics, see their own situation, identify and form allies, and build larger campaigns.

Each campaign begins with a mapping process in which WITNESS, HIC and the local partners lay out how various issues around forced evictions are approached

locally and nationally, the goals and progress of each campaign, future campaign plans, and the organizations and individuals working on these initiatives. The campaign to end forced evictions is in its planning stage, with local participants identified in Brazil and Mexico, and in the process of selection in India. The grassroots organizations identified in these countries focus on communities affected by dam projects and the mega-events set to take place through 2016, namely the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics.

In addition to holding initial conversations for potential collaborations in the MENA region, WITNESS/HIC is in the process of identifying partners in India so that a similar mapping process can take place. The India-based media organization Video Volunteers has joined the project to provide production training and campaign-related video content on forced evictions from its IndiaUnheard initiative.

The video advocacy trainings will focus on providing local campaigns in a particular country with both the technical and the strategic tools for incorporating video into their advocacy. Each campaign will create its own video advocacy plans detailing clear advocacy goals, how video will be used to achieve those goals, a timeline, and evaluation plans.

WITNESS and HIC are currently collaborating with several other global networks as part of the initial planning stages for the 2011 World Habitat Day campaign.



HIC lost two beloved habitat rights defenders in the last year. In April 2010, HIC Asia Board Member Rabial Mallick tragically passed away in Kalkotta. Rabial was deeply committed to the improvement of the living conditions and the empowerment of the urban poor since the late 1970s. Esteemed rights-defender Ted Anana passed away in May 2011. He dedicated over forty years of his life to social justice in the Philippines, where he co-founded Urban Poor Associates nearly two decades ago.

Rabial and Ted will forever be remembered by the Coalition for their indelible professional and personal contributions in the struggle for everyone to have a place to live in peace and dignity.

## HIC-HLRN's South Asia Regional Programme (SARP)

HLRN is a structure of HIC which collects and provides services to members who have a human rights approach to housing and land issues with a human rights law perspective. Through the urgent action program and tool kit, HLRN is able to monitor and quantify housing and land rights violations.

Throughout the year, HLRN's South Asia Regional Programme (HLRN-SARP), based in New Delhi, was engaged in a range of activities related to promoting the human rights to adequate housing and land. A major component of HLRN's work is to contribute to the creation of a strong, multi-dimensional and proactive national movement on housing and land rights in the region. This includes a diverse range of activities aimed at meeting ongoing challenges and emerging issues on housing and land rights, and promoting human rights education.

HLRN-SARP continued to play a key role in the campaign against homelessness in Delhi. This included participating actively in the Urban Rights Forum: For the Homeless (SAM-BKL), a coalition of over 25 local organizations formed in September 2008. This has included working closely with lawyers, government officials, civil society organizations, homeless groups, and the media to ensure that issues of homelessness receive adequate attention and that the human rights of Delhi's homeless population are protected. Through SAM:BKL, HLRN has been involved in a *suo moto* case on homelessness in the High Court of Delhi, initiated by the former Chief Justice in January 2010. HLRN has also directly been supporting two community workers of a grassroots homeless organization, the Homeless Foundation. Acutely aware of the negative social impacts resulting from the infrastructural work for the preparation of the Commonwealth Games in Delhi, HLRN-SARP undertook detailed research to document the social and economic impacts of the Games.

Forced evictions and displacement resulting from so-called "development" projects are still on the rise across India. HLRN continued to use the *UN Basic Principles and Guidelines on Development-based Evictions and Displacement* as an advocacy tool to prevent evictions and to also ensure just rehabilitation. In collaboration with local partners, HLRN translated its *Handbook on the UN Guidelines* into Bengali, Urdu and Marathi, and also published an international edition of the Handbook in November 2010. The efforts in the South Asian region against forced evictions also included speaking at different forums on the *UN Guidelines*, both to students and corporate leaders, and meeting with government



officials. HLRN also assisted the UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing with an international brochure and booklet on the *UN Guidelines*.

HLRN stands by its continued use of the Eviction Impact Assessment Tool to help list the losses faced by communities facing the threat of eviction, as well as those already displaced. In June, HLRN initiated an international urgent action campaign against the forced eviction of 45 houses in the Baradevi Pavement community in Mumbai by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC). This action influenced in part the Minister of State for Housing who ordered municipal authorities to temporarily stop evictions from the pavements of Mumbai.

Moreover, the South Asia Programme also worked in 2010 with the Asian Centre on Human Rights on a joint project to assess the status of housing and land rights, and living conditions of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in different parts of the country. The report will be used to advocate for better living conditions and adherence to international human rights standards for IDPs.

HLRN continued to host the Secretariat of the Working Group on Human Rights (WGHR) in India and the UN. WGHR works as a platform to ensure better coordination and collective work amongst civil society organizations and other actors seeking to engage with the human rights framework, including the UN system, for the promotion and protection of human rights in India. WGHR's work also involves promoting direct interaction of activists and NGOs with the UN human rights system, and facilitating visits and missions of UN Special Procedures to India. For instance, WGHR helped organize the visit of the UN Independent Expert on Minorities and co-hosted a national consultation and public lecture when she visited Delhi in December 2010 on an unofficial visit.

## HIC Thematic Structure

### Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN)

In the course of its activities, the HLRN Global Program involves legal and human rights advocacy, training, development and dissemination of monitoring and quantification methods, action research, web-based documentation, database and IT tools development and other methods of problem solving (e.g., strategic planning, social production of habitat, etc.). The Program also promotes the State obligations corresponding to the human right to adequate housing, and those pertaining to international cooperation as a means to address the changing role of the State and the burgeoning ill-housed population.

Specifically, HLRN continued to develop the housing rights framework, methodologies and legal authority as a standard for advocacy in forums where HIC Members engage with governments and state authorities to contribute to policy-related decisions. The training, information, strategy exchanges and monitoring tools are all intended to assist the members to ensure their more-effective self-representation. Thus, HLRN seeks to contribute to advocacy, self-expression, participation and political transformation at various levels.

By the end 2010, HLRN had documented a total of 993 cases of rights violations affecting over 100 million people worldwide. The cases recorded in the Violation Data Base between 2008 and 2010 formed the basis for the annual report of World Habitat Day and International Housing and Land Rights Day published on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Entitled "Charting the Need for System Change amid Climate Change", the report combined urban and rural

violations under five converging themes that covered those relating to environmental disasters and climate change, land mismanagement and land grabbing, the urban bias in development, social conflict, occupation and war, and the financial crisis.

From its global perspective, HLRN has focused research, advocacy and other program activities on the violations of housing and land rights in the context of conflict, occupation and war. HLRN efforts have culminated in 2010 with a practical handbook for lawyers and other rights monitors for addressing such violations as war crimes and crimes against humanity, as defined in the Rome Statute on the International Criminal Court. At the end of 2010, the draft is under review by experts in the field and scheduled for general publication in 2011.

The year 2010 also coincided with the release of important documents in the form of Wikileaks' "Afghan War Diary" and "The Palestine Papers" by Al-Jazeera. Sorting through these new sources, HLRN research also has focused on the gross violations of housing and land rights in Afghanistan and produced an instructive report for the audiences concerned with further investigation and remedy.

A major networking activity taking much of HLRN coordination and production efforts in 2010 has been the global cooperation with the Civil Society Forum Parallel to the World Food Summit on Food Security. This networking and collaboration with other civil organizations aimed to strengthen the advocacy for the development of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines (FAO-VG) for Land and Natural Resource Tenure.

Of the 28 new membership requests received globally in 2010, HLRN registered 16 new members and four new friends.



## “Counting the Costs”:

### Quantifying the consequences of forced evictions and displacement

As the specialized group of HIC Members promoting the norms, international jurisprudence and methodology of “the human right to adequate housing” and equitable access to land, HLRN has developed housing rights monitoring and problem-solving tools and methods that are grounded in human rights norms and principles. Those include methods for determining the full consequences that persons and households undergo in the process of forced eviction and displacement. Applying the *UN Basic Principles and Guidelines on Development-based Evictions and Displacement* and following a technical workshop in India in 2009, HIC-HLRN now offers to support local efforts to quantify the affected persons’ related costs and losses with a methodology that housing and land rights defenders, legal practitioners, field researchers and/or actual victims can use to determine a wide range of losses and costs that typically are associated with forced evictions, but are rarely recognized or documented. This method gives precision and a solid basis of argument to support claims of losses and damages from both small-scale and large-scale eviction cases. By “counting the costs,” we are now able to determine how, and the degree to which forced-eviction and displacement processes actually deepen poverty.

The Counting the Costs project adapts a quantification method to select cases in order to: identify the costs and losses prior to, during and after forced eviction and displacement; expose the actual and full costs of development projects involving displacement by calculating and including those incurred by affected and households; prove that forced evictions and displacements deepen poverty and deprivation at all stages; deter future evictions and displacements by recording, and making perpetrators responsible for the full costs and losses they cause; provide guidance toward remedies, including application of the reparations framework (defined in international law as a right); contribute to conflict resolution (in small-scale cases) and transitional justice (in grand-scale cases); support local monitoring of housing and land rights violations in select and strategically important cases; share the quantification experiences among HLRN Member organizations and other interested parties across regions.

HIC-HLRN currently offers technical and financial assistance to local partners in Cameroon, India and Kenya for their participation in the Counting the Costs

project. The project in India has seen HIC partners such as Centre for Sustainable Use of Natural and Social Resources leading a collective process in the state of Orissa to advocate for their rights by assessing material and non-material costs and losses arising from a brutal and targeted process of eviction, property destruction, and displacement. HIC Members CIAH-Cameroon and CONGEH are currently applying the costing methodology in the case of development-induced evictions in the principle cities of Yaoundé and Douala, in Cameroon. Partners in Kenya include Mazingira Institute and consultations are in progress with the Young Muslim Association (YMA), Kituo cha Sheria, Muthurwa Residents Association and the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC). The near-term objective is to quantify the losses and reparation rights of both communities evicted as a result of commercial interests, which is intended to support court-ordered reparations, and those displaced in the postelection violence that took place in early 2008, which has become a subject of indictment and prosecution at the International Criminal Court.



## HLRN-SARP Report on the Delhi Commonwealth Games

Through press conferences, releases and the Right to Information Act, HLRN has exposed irregularities in expenditure, lapses in organization, continued human rights violations, in particular forced evictions, and diversion of funds in the context of the Commonwealth Games. The South Asia Regional Programme spent a lot of time exposing these contradictions and issued a report exposing these specific deviations of funds from the lower caste.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Justice A.P. Shah, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Delhi, released HLRN's report on the Games entitled *The 2010 Commonwealth Games: Whose Wealth? Whose Commons?* HLRN exposed irregularities in expenditure, particularly the diversion of funds that were to be allocated to Dalits that were instead transferred to hosting the Games.

The scope of HLRN-SARP's work relating to the Commonwealth Games also included a fact-finding mission on forced evictions in Delhi due to the event. The field research was undertaken between September and December 2010 and was compiled in the report *Planned Dispossession: Forced Evictions and the 2010 Commonwealth Games* published in February 2011. The report uses a human rights framework, with a special focus on the human right to adequate housing and the international standards on forced evictions to analyze the violations that preceded the Commonwealth

Games in Delhi. The findings illustrate the need to hold the government ministries and state agencies involved accountable and to bring about justice for the marginalized populations affected by evictions and the misappropriation of funds.

HLRN's work on the Commonwealth Games was extensively covered in the Indian and international media. It was also used in discussions in both houses of the Indian Parliament, as well as in the Delhi State Assembly. A direct impact of HLRN's collaborative work with the National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR), including lobbying with Members of Parliament and led to the Home Minister of India admitting in Parliament on August 31<sup>st</sup> that funds had been diverted from the SCP to the Commonwealth Games. These funds would also be returned.



**LANDPEDIA**



موسوعة الأرض

In response to a recommendation arising from the first MENA Land Forum in May 2009, HLRN's MENA designed a way in which to maintain a record of land rights-related information, news and documentation for the service of HIC-HLRN members in the MENA region, as well as for the concerned public. With the support of HLRN's systems manager, an original idea of a periodic newsletter has evolved into Landpedia / الموسوعة الأرض, an interactive, on-line space to present this information in both English and Arabic. However, Landpedia's scope, like HIC-HLRN's mission and program, is global and relevant to users in every corner of the world.

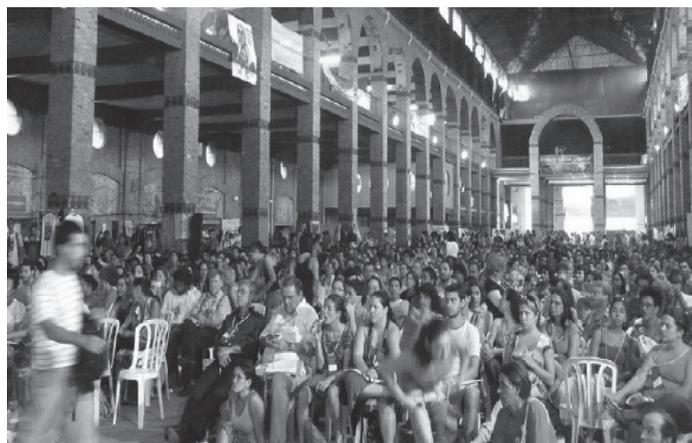
HIC-HLRN Members and others seek to develop and propose alternatives to current policies and practices of land administration that deeply affect human rights to adequate housing, food, health, culture and self-determination, as well as the very well-being of people across the MENA region, and indeed elsewhere.

## HIC at World Urban Forum 5, Urban Social Forum in Rio de Janeiro

On the occasion of the World Urban Forum 5 held in Rio in March 2010, HIC decided to also hold its General Assembly and Board meetings. Several opportunities for the Coalition emerged from having gathered in Rio, mainly the exchanges with local social movements and the organization of a visit to Latin America's largest "favela."

HIC was involved in several activities, such as the Gender Equality Action Assembly and the events on the Right to the City with Social Justice and its implementation, Urban Conflicts, Mega Events and Evictions. The first event was held shortly before the formal WUF events began with the objective of assessing progress of the Gender Equality Action Plan (GEAP) 2008–2013, as developed by UN-Habitat and various partners. A series of plenary and workshop sessions on various topics concerning gender and urban issues were held with discussion panels made up mostly of UN-Habitat representatives, government officials, professionals and a few women from grassroots initiatives.

While in Rio, HIC was also involved in the Urban Social Forum (USF). Given that WUF 5 was designed as a large exhibition of different institutional actors without involving many of those that are most affected by the decisions of these powerful decision makers regarding urban issues, the USF was organized as a parallel and inclusive space for civil society organizations. Urban networks and movements agreed to make themselves and urban issues more



visible at this separate event, and opted to hold it in the cultural centre next to the WUF venue.

The Urban Social Forum opened with a 500-person march on March 22<sup>nd</sup> with the aim to facilitate a dialogue, an exchange of experiences, expressions of diversity, as well as the strengthening and articulation of social movements and organizations around the world. It represented an opportunity to focus the debate on how to develop a city that reflects the principles of democratic participation, gender equality, and social and environmental justice.

Given this specific focus, discussions at the USF centered on strengthening local processes of resistance against evictions, the criminalization of social movements, the incorporation of women's struggles in cities and the importance of fundamentally linking all urban struggles to the Right to the City.



## The General Secretariat

HIC-GS dedicated considerable efforts to the development of online tools and services for the dissemination of HIC knowledge. With this in mind, HICademy seeks to strengthen and capacitate Member organizations, as well as consolidate the capabilities of the coalition as a whole. The purpose is then twofold: HIC creates tools that will increase knowledge and competencies of Members and all those interested in the fields of habitat and the subfields of gender, rights, and the environment, while contributing to the compilation of a repertoire of techniques and tools that the Coalition has accumulated over years of expertise into an efficient and effective delivery system.

HICademy, a portal in-the-making, has two main sections: one, a space for theoretical knowledge entitled Habitat and Learning, while the other is a more dynamic area called Space of Exchange. For both sections, HIC-GS has introduced new tools so that members can showcase their knowledge and experiences with other members and structures of the Coalition. Through the Habitat Library and online courses, members will also be able to disseminate information regarding their training activities.

A new membership database called Member Space has been created for the exclusive use of members so that they can manage their information, including the contributions they make to the coalition. Also, they may access the various features of HICademy, as mentioned above, along with a section for Urgent Action Appeals, events and a member directory where they may find information about all other HIC Members. The Member Space is very important for the gender mainstreaming process since it includes the gender indicators that will assist to determine the extent to which Members are working with women and on gender issues.

The Art-HIC-ulation workshop held in Barcelona in July first identified current issues within the coalition. In the effort to strengthen the whole, while recognizing the diversity and the autonomy of the regional and thematic structures, the new challenge will be to create horizontal coordination capacities and commitment among the existing operative bodies. The general assessment of this initial phase of Art-HIC-ulation revealed that enhancing the coordination capacities between HIC structures would require, in a first instance, a more efficient use of the resources among the offices in Cairo, Delhi, Mexico, Nairobi and Santiago, along with complementary work between sites and a succession plan for the current responsible individuals and structures.

We face the deepening challenge of urban expansion, while rural and productive land becomes the subject of ever-greater commodification, contention and conflict. This year, the Habitat and Land Rights Day campaign focused on issues such as the violation of land rights, the social and spatial effects of mega-events, monoculture, land grabbing, access to land for women and for housing purposes in the countryside and in the cities, and the right to remain on one's land after conflict and natural disasters.

As every year, HIC-GS developed a blog for the 2010 Campaign with the slogan "Stop Land Grabbing" to show all the initiatives worldwide toward the housing and land rights. The blog also contains significant information about World Habitat Day, statements, calendars of events, and the HLRN 2010 report on housing and land rights violations.

Finally, all through 2009, the General Secretariat worked on the publication *Cities for All: Proposals and Experiences towards the Right to the City*. The English, Spanish and Portuguese versions, compiling over 30 experiences on the implementation of the right to the city in 23 different countries, were launched in March 2010 during the World Urban Forum 5 in Rio de Janeiro.

The book not only documents these diverse experiences, but also seeks to analyze the right to the city from a critical standpoint. Though this concept is well-established in Latin America, there is a need to explore and expand its potential as a critique of the current neoliberal urban development that is seen in all regions of the world: a critique that will lead to political strategies and proposals that allow for the conceptualization and actualization of a new and socially just world.

Given that international institutions, such as UN-Habitat, are adopting the concept of the right to the city, there is a risk that its politically transformative potential may be lost. As a result, it remains more crucial than ever to promote the right to the city as it has been understood and developed by HIC and many other social movements and organizations. *Cities for All* and its presence in the World Urban Forum were important achievements in this regard.

HIC-GS published a second edition of the book in English and Spanish, along with a first in French. These most recent versions were launched during the World Social Forum in Dakar in February 2011.

## HIC-GS in its local context: Earthquake and Tsunami Reconstruction

In addition to its international functions and responsibilities, the HIC-GS works locally in Chile to promote the right to housing and the right to the city throughout the country. HIC-GS has closely followed the reconstruction process, as well as the communities affected by the tsunami and earthquake that struck Chile on February 27<sup>th</sup> 2010. The General Secretariat



has supported a number of forums, seminars and gatherings in various localities. These efforts to support the organization of affected populations culminated with the creation of the National Movement of a Just Reconstruction (MNRJ) to denounce the lack of commitment and speed with which the current government has handled people's claims. HIC-GS is one of the organizations that support the efforts of the MNRJ.

One of the many activities held during the year, with the support of SUR Corporación, the Institute for Housing (INVI), the Observatory for Housing and the City, HIC-GS's Charlotte Mathivet undertook fieldwork in the coastal town of Dichato in September.

The objective was to gather information through interviews and focus groups, and establish a timeline to reconstruct the history of this vacation hot-spot, destroyed by the tsunami. This project included one-on-one and group interviews, comparative workshops that illustrated the reconstruction experiences of dispossession and neoliberal model consolidation after the tsunami in South East Asia and hurricane Katrina, and participative assemblies where a multi-generational history of Dichato was documented. The residents of El Molino,

the biggest temporary camp in Chile with over 500 families, and Nuevo Amanecer were involved in the development of the project objectives. The principal aim is to publish a book so that residents can take ownership of their past, the history of their town before the earthquake and the tsunami. By recovering the collective memory of the town, camp inhabitants will be able to identify key areas for which to mobilize and demand a just approach to reconstruction.

At the time of the comparative workshop held during the initial field visit mentioned above, it was agreed that HIC would re-introduce initiatives similar to those that proved useful for populations affected by the tsunami in Indonesia. As a result, the General Secretariat and the Latin American, African and Asian Social Housing Service (SELAVIP) collaborated to bring an *arpillera* project to Dichato. *Arpilleras* are well-known works of Chilean popular art. During the years of the dictatorship, it was not just artisans that expressed themselves this way, but also political prisoners and their families. It could be said then that *arpilleras* are a special communication tool, through which strong feelings stemming from very difficult and painful episodes can be expressed. The resulting workshops took place in three camps of Dichato, El Molino, Nuevo Amanecer and Iglesia, from November 2010 to January 2011 under the guidance of the same instructor that oversaw the project in Indonesia. The *arpilleras* crafted by local residents will be incorporated into the book and exhibited in May and June 2011 in Dichato, Santiago and Valparaíso.



# HIC Financial Statement 2010:

## HIC-AA, HIC-AL, MENA, SARP, HLRN and HIC-GS<sup>(1)</sup>

Year 2010	Expressed in US Dollars							Balance expressed in percentage
	HIC-AA <sup>(2)</sup>	HIC-AL <sup>(3)</sup>	MENA	SARP	HLRN	HIC-GS	Total	
Income	128,843	235,851	308,637	123,106	148,717	200,521	1,145,675	
Donor Agencies <sup>(4 a, b, c, d, e, f)</sup>	128,843	229,410	267,064	109,303	131,588	164,609	1,030,817	
HIC Membership fees	---	---	---	---	---	2,823	2,823	
Solidarity, special contributions	---	6,441	41,573	13,803	17,129	33,089	112,035	
Expenditure	106,593	205,265	187,284	109,388	147,682	170,101	926,313	
Staff Costs <sup>(5)</sup>	14,688	111,558	78,363	63,318	74,857	72,157	414,941	36 %
Projects, activities <sup>(6)</sup>	88,357	60,969	104,255	45,649	68,943	76,540	444,713	39 %
Administration Costs <sup>(7)</sup>	2,319	30,315				11,621	44,255	4 %
Audit <sup>(8)</sup>	1,229	2,423	4,666	421	3,882	9,783	22,404	2 %
Difference for operation 2011	22,250	30,586	121,353	13,718	1,035	30,420	219,362	19 %
expressed in percentage <sup>(9)</sup>	17 %	13 %	39 %	11 %	1 %	15 %	19 %	100,0%

### Notes:

- (1) Financial Statements are reported from six structures that have infrastructure dedicated to the Coalition purpose: Anglophone Africa (AA), Latin America (HIC-AL), Middle East (MENA); South-Asian Regional Programme (SARP); Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN) and the General Secretariat (HIC-GS).
- (2) HIC-AA office, Mazingira Institute in Nairobi, Kenya, works in three dimensions: 1) HIC networking in Africa, 2) Kenyan advocacy, research and publication and 3) support to HIC Presidency. Mazingira Institute's accounting includes the three dimensions. The reported amounts correspond to HIC networking in Africa.
- (3) HIC-AL office in Mexico works in two dimensions: 1) HIC networking and advocacy in Latin American, 2) Mexican advocacy and networking. The HIC-AL accounting includes the two dimensions. 60% of the reported amounts correspond to the national Mexican activities.
- (4a) Contributions to HIC-AA correspond to the 2010 project "Implementing the Habitat Agenda in the Sub-Saharan African Region (third year)", supported by the Agència Catalana de Cooperació al Desenvolupament de la Generalitat de Catalunya (ACCD)
- (4b) Contributions to HIC-AL (include difference for operation 2010): Misereor \$114,496 USD; RLS \$64,393 USD; and UUSC \$5,000 USD.
- (4c) Main contributions to HIC-MENA (includes difference for operation 2010): Ford Foundation \$34,950; ICCO \$106,665; BfW \$26,958.
- (4d) Main contributions to HIC-SARP (includes difference for operation 2010): Tata Foundation \$57,918.
- (4e) Main contribution to HIC-HLRN (includes difference for operation 2010): Misereor \$87,614; Wellspring \$94,960.
- (4f) Contributions to HIC-GS (includes difference for operation 2010): Misereor € 94,215 for the operation of the Secretariat; and a special support of € 5,000 for simultaneous translation for the global events HIC at WUF-5; CORDAID € 15,000 for the project Gender Mainstreaming within HIC; FPH via Ritimo, € 8,000 for the publication in French of the book *Cities for All*; SELAVIP for Arpilleras workshop in Dichato (Tsunami, February 2010) \$555 USD.
- (5) The staff costs cover administrative and professional staff, whose duties are not related to a specific project but to the operation and administration throughout the HIC structure.
- (6) The costs of projects and activities include fees, travels, associated events, per diem, publication and promotion (web sites)
- (7) Administrative costs related to rent and office supplies (including telephone, ASDL and security), bank charges and fixed assets for the office (e.g. computer hard and softwares)
- (8) Audit: i) HIC-AA, the auditor is Swaly & Company, Nairobi, Kenya; ii) HIC-AL, the auditor is SPC, Contadores y Abogados, S.C., México DF, México; iii) MENA, SARP and HLRN, the auditor is Waleed al-Batawy & Assoc., Cairo, Egypt, Cairo, Egypt; iv) HIC-GS, the auditor is Canales Asociados Limitada, Santiago, Chile.
- (9) The calculation of the difference in each structure —and expressed in percentage— is based on the total income. In the six cases the balance corresponds to projects to be executed at the beginning of 2011, especially towards WSF in Dakar, in February.

# HIC partners

## Throughout 2010, HIC advocated before the following institutions:

 Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)	 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)
 Federación Latinoamericana de Ciudades, Municipios y Asociaciones de Gobiernos Locales (FLACMA)	 International Labour Organization (ILO)	 United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)	 United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs – NGO Branch (UNDESA)
 United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	 United Nations Centre for Human Settlements UN-Habitat (International and Regional offices)	 UN-Habitat - Global Land Tools Network (GLTN)	 UN Human Rights Council (UNRC) – OHCHR, CERD, CESCR
 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	 United Nations Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing	 Urban and Housing Ministries Assembly in Latin America and Caribbean (MINURVI)	

## The global and regional partners HIC has been working with during 2010 are the following:

 Accountability Counsel	 Africa Center for Democracy and Human Rights Studies	 Amnesty International	 Arab Institute for Human Rights
 Asociación Latinoamericana de Educación Radiofónica	 Asociación Latinoamericana de Organizaciones de Promoción	 Building and Social Housing Foundation	 Dignity International
 Association of International Dalit Solidarity	 Brot fur die Welt	 Center for the Study of Human Rights and Democracy	 Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE)
 Consejo de Educación de Adultos para América Latina	 Development Support Center	 Diálogo de los Pueblos	 Environmental Defender Law Center
 Frente de autoridades locales (FAL) Front of Local Authorities	 Food First Information and Action Network (FIAN)	 Friends of the Earth	 Global Call for Action Against Poverty (GCAP)
 Habitat for Humanity (Regional and Local offices)	 International Alliance of Inhabitants	 International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	 International Rivers
 Leaders and Organizers of Community Organization in Asia	 Lutheran World Federation	 Near East Foundation	 Palestinian National Committee on the Register of Damage (PNCROD)
 Plataforma Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, Democracia y Desarrollo	 Rooftops Canada Abri International	 Secretaria Latinoamericana de Vivienda Popular (SELVIP)	 Servicio Latinoamericano, Africano y Asiático de Vivienda Popular (SELAVIP)
 Slum Dwellers International	 Swedish Cooperative Centre	 Regional Council of Unrecognized Villages	 UN Millennium Campaign
 Via Campesina	 WITNESS	 World Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples	

## During 2010, HIC has been working as part of:

-  WSF, World Social Forum 2010
  - International Council (IC)
  - Urban Social Forum
  - Assembly of Social Movements
- Foro Internacional Democracia y Cooperación



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