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HIC Annual Report 2020

Global network for the right to habitat and social justice

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Message from HIC President

Beyond the pandemic: Learning from the past - Claiming the future



2020 was an extraordinarily challenging year, a year that changed the world and the way we work as a Coalition in multiple ways. When I joined the Coalition as President back in December 2019, I couldn't have possibly imagined the challenges we were about to face. Almost overnight, we had to forge new ways of working together in defence of human rights related to habitat, to coalesce through our actions beyond the isolation imposed by lockdowns, social distancing measures and local restrictions. We had to generate new ways of communicating, of building social and political proximity under remote conditions. We had to find the energy to respond to the immediate effects, not just of the pandemic, but of the measures that imposed further hunger, lost livelihoods and deprivation, gender violence and racist discrimination, the non-sensical impositions to stay at home and handwash for millions of women and men without access to adequate housing, water, and sanitation.

We had to do all this, while looking back and ahead to continue fighting against historical trajectories of deep and entrenched inequality.

Among the many things we learnt throughout 2020 was that structural change in the aftermath of COVID19 would depend on grounded alliances and transformative actions. The pandemic has brought to the surface, not only the structural inequalities we face, but also the 'endless' reservoir of care, commitment and ingenuity of organised civil society, grassroots organisations and social movements, working in some contexts along with local governments. They were at the forefront in taking rapid and bold responses to this crisis. In most cases, they did so without adequate resources and at points even challenging indecisive, reluctant, and authoritarian governments.

Almost overnight, organised civil society mobilized all resources at hand and widened networks of in-kind support. Furthermore, we witnessed swift efforts to de-commodify access to adequate housing, food, health and basic services. This happened through measures such as: repurposing public buildings to provide shelter for the homeless, pausing evictions, introducing rent and service moratoriums, activating support lines to protect care workers, as well as women and children suffering domestic violence, building pop-up health facilities, food banks and communal kitchens, among many other measures that have made a huge difference for many.

We should not forget the enormous capacities displayed throughout the pandemic to do things differently: to protect lives and human rights related to habitat to an extent that seemed to be impossible before. The challenge now is to sustain and deepen the transformative actions unleashed throughout the COVID-19 crisis. This involves far more than 'building back better'. We are not talking about bouncing back from a war or a devastating earthquake, but about bouncing forward from a health crisis that made evident the need to tackle long overdue challenges.

Civil society organisations are closer than any other actor to the felt needs for change on the ground. But they also need to be listened to, they need to be resourced and empowered to craft, drive, and sustain a transformative and integrated agenda. They need the full backing of local, subnational and national governments and the international community to turn this critical moment into a historical turning point, to really move forward to leave no one and nowhere behind. Such transformation can only be achieved under substantial redistributive measures and a deep recognition of the value of the life of everyone, regardless of their class, gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, religion, age, or physical and mental ability. Actions need to speak to the reality of the poor, informal workers, racialized groups, migrants and refugees, indigenous peoples, the more than one billion people who live at risk of evictions, and, to a large extent, the women who live at the intersection of these multiple social identities.

Together we reacted swiftly to the devastating and multiple impacts of the pandemic, to reassert human rights related to habitat in times of a deep crisis.

Together we did so, without losing sight of the deep roots of the historical crisis that were exacerbated and exposed by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Together we built partnerships with key allies to craft pathways for a better world for all women and men, girls and boys, acknowledging that people's social identity still marks stark differences in their experiences of injustice, and how they manifest across urban and rural areas.

Together we learnt from each other and acted as a Coalition unified by our common beliefs and practices.

While 2020 came to an end, the challenges we face continue – the COVID-19 pandemic, intensifying political division, widening economic, racial and gender inequality, and the climate crisis, just to name a few. Our task is to continue pushing for a different social and political conversation and contract. Diversity, like difference, can no longer be synonymous with inequality. We need new forms of (re)distribution, recognition, and parity in political participation to protect the collective construction of life, habitat and dwelling. A safe place where we can all live in peace and dignity is possible.

I am deeply proud of what we are and how we work as a Coalition. Our 2020 Annual Report is a clear expression and testimony of our social and political force as a Coalition that coalesces in the protection of human rights related to habitat and the right to the city, no matter what challenges face us. Power to our common cause!

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adriana Allen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adriana Allen
HIC President

The Coalition

Habitat International Coalition (HIC) is the global, independent, and non-profit network for the defence, promotion and realisation of human rights related to habitat and for the defence, promotion and realisation of the right to a safe place to live in peace and with dignity, both in urban and rural areas.

Through solidarity, networking and support for social movements and organisations, and influencing public policies and the international agenda, HIC works to develop and fulfil transformative practices, norms and standards as a means to achieve social justice and improve living conditions across four main areas of HIC Member competence: gender equality and equity; sustainable environment; social production of habitat; and human rights related to habitat, in particular housing and land rights. HIC operates within UN bodies as a nongovernmental organization in consultative status with UN-ECOSOC (since 1993).

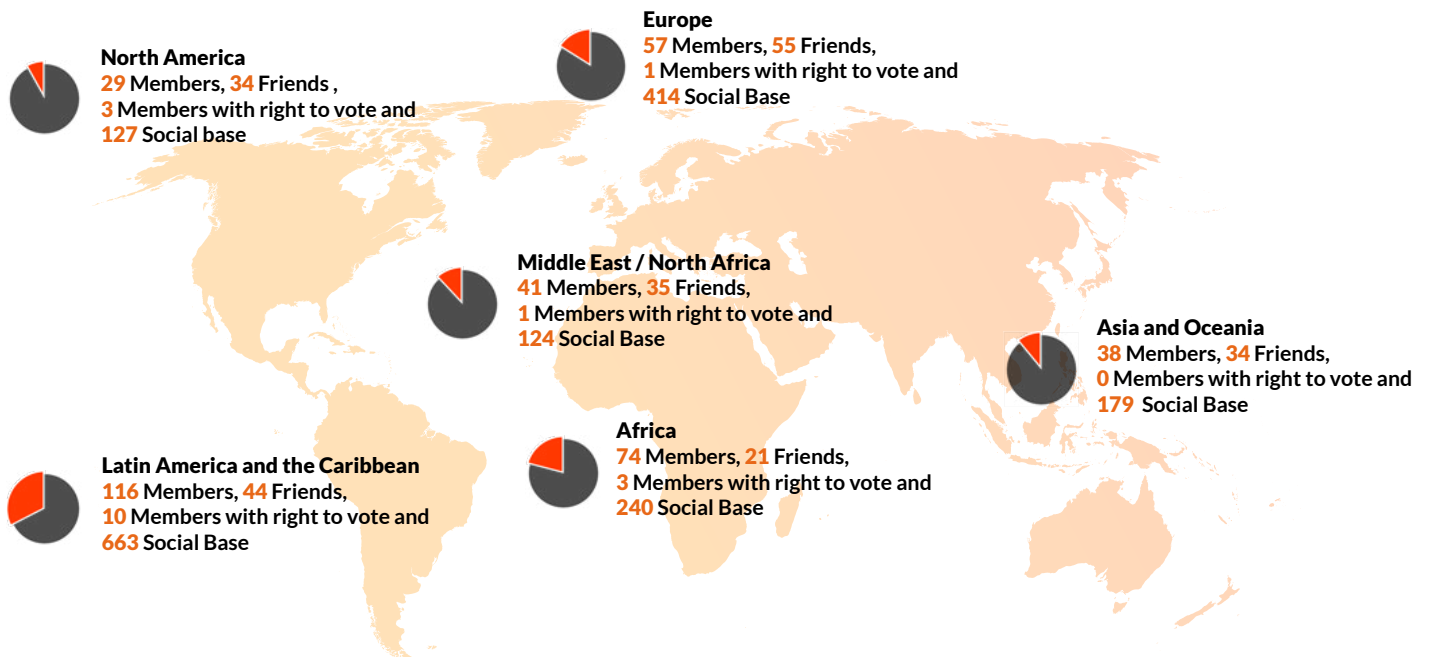
HIC is composed of various policy, thematic and regional structures including the General Assembly, the HIC Board, HIC Wisdom Keepers, the General Secretariat, Reference Centres including HIC regional offices and thematic networks, Focal points and HIC Allies and like-minded institutions.

Strategies to achieve the Coalition's objectives:

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

HIC in the world

At the moment of the publication of this report, the Coalition had 355 Members (of which 18 have the right to vote) and 223 Friends. In addition 1,747 organizations and individuals formed the HIC Social Base. The figures below present the geographic distribution of HIC Members, Friends and the Social Base:



355 Members

223 Friends

18 Members with right to vote

1,747 Social Base in the world

HIC's Members per region and country

Africa / 74

Angola

Development Workshop - Angola

Benin

ONG BETHESDA/Département
Développement Communautaire et
Assainissement du Milieu

Burkina Faso

Centre Régional pour l'Eau Potable et
l'Assainissement

Coalition Nationale pour l'Habitat

Botswana

Cooperation for Research, Development
and Education

Cameroon

Association des Amoureux du Livre
ASSOAL

Coalition des ONG et OCB du Cameroun
Ouvrant dans le Domaine des
Établissements Humains

Collectif Interafricain des Habitants
Comité de Développement Intégré de
Kouabang - Gamougoum

Comité Diocésain des Activités Sociales
et Caritas de l'Archidiocèse de Douala
Fondation des Femmes Actives Pour la
Promotion de L'Education de la Femme et
de l'Enfant

Humanitas Solidaris

Réseau National des Habitants du
Cameroun

Congo - Democratic Republic of the

Association d'appui aux conducteurs de
chariots du Congo

Groupe d'Action pour le Droit

Ethiopia

Integrated Holistic Approach Urban
Development Programme

Guinea

Acteurs Pour Habitat

Ivory Coast

Femmes Côte d'Ivoire Expérience

Kenya

Association for the Physically Disable of
Kenya

Dajopen Waste Management Project
Eastern Africa Coalition on Economic,
Social and Cultural Rights

Kenya Social Movement Network

Kituo Cha Sheria (Legal Advice Centre)

Mazingira Institute

National Cooperative Housing Union Ltd

Pamoja Trust

Young Muslim Association

Mali

Association Action Solidarité Couches
Défavorisées

Association Féminine des Femmes de

Magnambougou

Association pour le Progrès et la Défense
des Droits des Femmes/Filles

Coopérative Féminine pour la Protection
de l'Environnement

Coopérative Multifonctionnelle des
Femmes de Badialam III

Coopérative Multifonctionnelle des
Femmes de Magranbogon

Fonds de Garantie Hypothécaire

GIE Foulani-Service

Groupement d'Intérêt Économique GIE

SANIYA

Mauritius
Development Indian Ocean Network

Namibia

Namibia Housing Action Group

Niger

Contribution au Développement Rural
Réseau des Femmes Habitantes

Nigeria

Center for Advancement of Development
Rights

Centre for African Settlements Studies
and Development

Community Conservation &
Development Initiatives

Development Initiatives Network
Female Architects of Nigeria

Initiative for the Support and Promotion
of Human Shelter

Lagos Group for the Study of Human
Settlements

Nigerian Environmental Study/Action
Team

Social and Economic Rights Initiative
Women Environmental Programme

Women in Development & Environment
Women Protection Organization

Senegal

Association d'aide sanitaire aux plus
démunis

Association de Développement de Jeunes
d'Ousouge

Environnement et Développement du
Tiers-Monde

Habitants et Travailleurs Baraka
Initiative pour le développement
communautaire intégré

Solidarité Internationale pour la
Promotion de l'Habitat Social

Stratégies Alternatives pour un Habitat
et un Environnement Élargis

South Africa

Built Environment Support Group

Centre for Urbanism and Built

Environment Studies - University of
Witwatersrand

Development Action Group

PLANACT

The New Housing Company-S.A

Tanzania

Habitat for Humanity of Tanzania
Women Advancement Trust

Togo

Centre de Recherches Concertées sur le
Développement

Uganda

Grassroots Women Development
Organisation

Shelter and Settlements Alternatives:
Uganda Human Settlements Network

Social Peace Initiative for Sudan

Zambia

Civic Forum on Housing and Habitat
Zambia

Mizhipa Housing Cooperative Society

Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe People's Land Rights
Movement

Housing People of Zimbabwe

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Afghanistan

Agency of Consultancy for Training

Australia

Australian Council of Social Service

Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan Women and Development
Centre

Bangladesh

Dustha Shasthya Kendra

Shelter for the Poor

Hong Kong

Society for Community Organization

India

ActionAid India/Citizens' Rights
Collective

Ahmedabad Study Action Group

Association for Voluntary Action and
Services

Christian Institute for the Study of
Religion and Society

Community Development Information
and Action Group

Development Alternatives

Grameena Empowerment Mission

Society

Institute for Development Education &
Action

Karnataka Kolageri Nivasigala

Samyuktha

Punjab Action Group for Rural
Development

Sathi All for Partnerships

Women's Voice

Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action

Indonesia

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

Pakistan

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

Papua New Guinea

National Committee for Urban Shelter - Department of Architecture

Philippines

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

South Korea

Asian Bridge

Thailand

Asian Coalition for Housing Rights
Human Development Centre

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Belgium

ASBL Habitat et Participation
Periferia
Post Graduate Centre
Vlaams Overleg Bewonersbelangen

Denmark

Foreign Student Department of School of Architecture
The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Dept. of Human Settlements

France

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

Germany

Deutsche Entwicklungshilfe Für Soziales Wohnungs-UND
Habitat Netz
TRIALOG e.V.

Italy

Unione Inquilini

Montenegro

Association for Democratic Prosperity - Zid

Netherlands

AQN Consult
Arcilla Research
Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies
International Council for Building Research Studies & Documentation
International Society of City and Regional Planners

Norway

Habitat Norway

Russia

Community Development Center
CITIZEN FOUNDATION
International Association
Russian Housing Federation

Spain

Alternativas Sostenibles de Desarrollo Arquitectos sin Frontera - España
Asociación Al-Gea
Club de Amigos de la UNESCO de Madrid
Enginyeria Sense Fronteres Catalunya
Observatori DESC
Plataforma Habitat España

Sweden

ARC Peace International, Architects, Designers, Planners for Social Responsibility KTH
Housing Development and Management
International Union of Tenants

Switzerland

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

United Kingdom

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

Town and Country Planning Association
World Habitat

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Argentina

Asociación Civil Canoa
Asociación Civil Madre Tierra
Asociación Civil Nueva Democracia por la Vivienda, Salud y Educación de los Humildes
Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia
Asociación de la Vivienda Económica - Centro Experimental de la Vivienda Económica
Centro de Comunicación Popular y Asesoramiento Legal
Centro de Estudios Urbanos y Regionales (Centro de Estudios Avanzados de la Universidad de Buenos Aires)
Centro de Estudios y Acción por la Igualdad
Centro de Intercambio Subregional Cono Sur - Argentina
Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios Territoriales
El Ceibo T.B (Red Hábitat Argentina)
Federación de Villas, Núcleos y Barrios de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires
Federación Tierra y Vivienda
Fundación Vivienda y Comunidad
Grupo de Investigación Vivienda Social y Ciudad - FADU UNL
Habitat Argentina
Instituto de Investigación y Desarrollo en Vivienda-Instituto para la Comunidad y el Hábitat
Instituto Internacional de Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo
Movimiento de Ocupantes e Inquilinos
Proyecto Habitar
Secretariado de Enlace de Comunidades Autogestionarias
Servicio en Promoción Humana
Servicio Habitacional y de Acción Social
Taller 36 Arquitectura Ciudad
Taller Libre de Proyecto Social
Un Techo Para Mi Hermano
Vecinos Sin Techo y por una Vivienda Digna Asociación Civil

Bolivia

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

Brazil

Brazilian Movement in Defense of Life
CEARAH Periferia
Centro de Assessoria à Autogestão

Popular
Centro Gaspar García de Direitos Humanos
Ciudadanía e Direitos Humanos
Confederação Nacional de Associações de Moradores
Escola Politécnica da Universidade de São Paulo
Federação dos Órgãos para Assistência Social e Educacional
Fundação Centro De Defesa Dos Direitos Humanos Rubião
Instituto de Estudos Socioeconômicos
Instituto Pólis
Movimento Nacional de Luta Pela Moradia
Movimiento de Defensa Do Favelado Pastoral da Moradia Arquidiocesane de São Paulo
Sindicato de Arquitetos do R.J.
União Dos Movimentos de Moradia de São Paulo
União Nacional Por Moradia Popular
Chile
Ciudad Común
Corporación de Desarrollo Social JUNDEP
Observatorio de la Reconstrucción Servicio Latinoamericano y Asiático de Vivienda Popular
SUR Corporación de Estudios Sociales y Educación
Colombia
Asociación de Vivienda AVP
Asociación Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo
Corporación Región para el Desarrollo y la Democracia
Escuela del Hábitat
Foro Nacional por Colombia
Costa Rica
Fundación Promotora de Vivienda
Urbarium
Cuba
Centro de Intercambio y Referencia de Iniciativas Comunitarias
Centro Memorial Martin Luther King Jr.
Dominican Republic
Centro Dominicano de Asesoría e Investigaciones Legales
Ciudad Alternativa
Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos
Comité de Desarrollo del Tamarindo
Comité para la Defensa de los Derechos Barriales
Consejo de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Caleta
Consejo de Unidad Popular
Ecuador
Asociación Cristiana de Jóvenes del Ecuador
Centro de Estudios y Tecnología para Asentamientos Andinos

Centro de Investigaciones CIUDAD
Corporación de Estudios Regionales - Guayaquil
Foro Urbano
Fundación Ecuatoriana del Hábitat
Somos Ecuador
El Salvador
Coordinadora Centroamericana Autogestionaria de la Vivienda Solidaria
Fundación Salvadoreña de Desarrollo y Vivienda Mínima
Guatemala
Asociación para el Mejoramiento Habitacional de Guatemala
Asociación Servicios a Programas de Desarrollo e Investigación
Instituto para el Desarrollo Económico Social de América Latina
Honduras
Instituto para la Cooperación y Autodesarrollo
Jamaica
Construction Resource & Development Centre Ltd.
Habitat for Humanity, Jamaica LTD
México
Casa y Ciudad A.C.
Centro de Apoyo Mejoremos S.A. de C.V
Centro Operacional de Vivienda y Poblamiento A.C.
Centro Periferia de Estudios de la Vivienda
Cooperación Comunitaria CC ONG México A.C.
Fomento Solidario de la Vivienda A.C.
Grupo Ciudad y Patrimonio A.C.
OCUPA TU CIUDAD A.C.
Taller de Arquitectura Popular
Taller de Vivienda. Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana Xochimilco
Tu Techo Mexicano de Occidente A.C.
Unión Popular Valle Gómez
Nicaragua
Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Municipales
Centro de Promoción del Desarrollo Local
Movimiento Comunal Nicaragüense
Panamá
Centro de Capacitación Social de Panamá
Instituto de Estudios
Perú
Alternativa, Centro de Investigación Social y Educación Popular
Centro de Estudios y Prevención de Desastres
Centro de Estudios y Promoción de Desarrollo
Centro de Investigación, Documentación y Asesoría Poblacional
Instituto de Desarrollo de la Vivienda Económica
Instituto de Desarrollo Urbano - CENCA

Movimiento para la Realización del Hábitat Social
Soluciones Prácticas ITDG
Trinidad and Tobago
Sou-Sou Land Co-Operative Society Limited
Uruguay
Centro Cooperativista Uruguayo
Federación de Cooperativas de Vivienda de Usuarios por Ahorro Previo
Federación Uruguaya de Cooperativistas de Vivienda por Ayuda Mutua
Unidad Permanente de Vivienda, Facultad de Arquitectura, Universidad de la República
Venezuela
Facultad de Arquitectura y Universidad Central de Venezuela
Fundación Vivienda Popular

Middle East and North Africa /41

Egypt
Better Life Association for Comprehensive Development
Egyptian Association for Collective Rights
Egyptian Centre for Housing Rights
Habi Center for Environmental Rights
Land Center for Human Rights
Nawaya Egypt
Nuba Mountains International Association
Iran
Centre for Sustainable Development and Environment
Iraq
Iraqi National University for NGOs, Human Rights and Migration Bureau
Together to Protect Human and the Environment Association
Israel
Mossawa Center - The Advocacy for the Arab Palestinian Citizens of Israel
The Association of Forty
Jordan
Amman Center for Human Rights Studies
Dana and Qadisiyah Local Community Cooperative
Mauritania
Dibeen for Environmental Development
Association Mauritanienne pour le Bien Être et le Secours de l'Enfant et de la Mère
Morocco
Environnement Développement et Action au Maghreb
Association Marocaine des Droits de l'Homme
Espace Associatif
Right to Water Forum in Arab Region
Palestine
Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights
Al-Haq Law in the Service of Man

Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem
Arab Center for Agricultural
Development

Badil Resource Center for Palestinian
Residency and Refugee Rights
Civic Coalition for Defending
Palestinian Right in Jerusalem
Democracy and Workers' Rights Center
in Palestine

Land Research Center
Palestinian Commission for the
Protection of Refugee Rights
The Wall Committee

Sudan

Entishar Charity Society
The Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Group

Tunisia

Association pour la Sauvegarde
du Patrimoine Archéologique et
Ethnographique de Boughrara
Enda Inter-Arabe

Turkey

Housing Cooperatives of Central Union
of Turkey (Türkiye S.S. Yapi Kooperatifleri
Merkez Birliği)

Western Sahara

Saharawi Association for Victims of

Mines
Saharawi Union of Farmers / Union de
Agricultores Saharais

Yemen

Sisters Arabic Forum for Human Rights
(Muntada al-Shaqa`iq al-Arabi li Huquq
al-Insan)
Social Democratic Forum
Women Development Organization
Yemeni Youth Development Organization

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Canada

Canadian Housing & Renewal Association
Center for Equality Rights in
Accommodation
Centre de transformation du logement
Communautaire / Community Housing
Transformation Centre
Centre for Human Settlements,
University of British Columbia
Development Workshop-Canada
Habitat for Humanity Canada
Homes First Society, Community
Development Officer
Housing Committee of the National
Action Committee on the Status of
Women

Mouvement Action Chômage de
Longueuil
National Housing and Homelessness
Network
Réseau Québécois des OSBL d'Habitation
Rooftops Canada / Abri International
Tenants' Rights Action Coalition
Wellesley Institute

United States

Association of Community Organizations
for Reform Now
Bahai' International Community
Global Communities
Henry Street Settlement House
Institute for Transportation and
Development Policy
International Real Estate Institute
International Rivers Network
Metro Atlanta Task Force for the
Homeless
National Alliance of HUD Tenants
National Alliance to end Homelessness
National Association of Housing and
Redevelopment Officials
National Coalition for the Homeless
Pathways to Peace
Planners Network
Public Interest Law Center of New Jersey

Welcome to our new Members 2020

During 2020, HIC received 15 new applications for membership (from 14 organizations and 1 individual). Of the complete applications (with full institutional documents for Members' applications or personal CV for Friends' applications) received for membership, HIC approved and welcomed 3 new organizations as Members and 1 new Friend.



Centro de Apoyo Mejoremos S.A. de C.V
(Mejoremos)/ Mexico



Ciudad Común (CC)/ Chile



Initiative for the Support and Promotion
of Human Shelter (ISPHS)/ Nigeria

HIC Global Data



On December 31st, 2020, HIC had 355 Members (organizations that applied to the Membership, were formally approved and had contributed at least once with in-kind contributions or annual fees). HIC also counts with 223 Friends and a Social Base made of 1,747 registers.



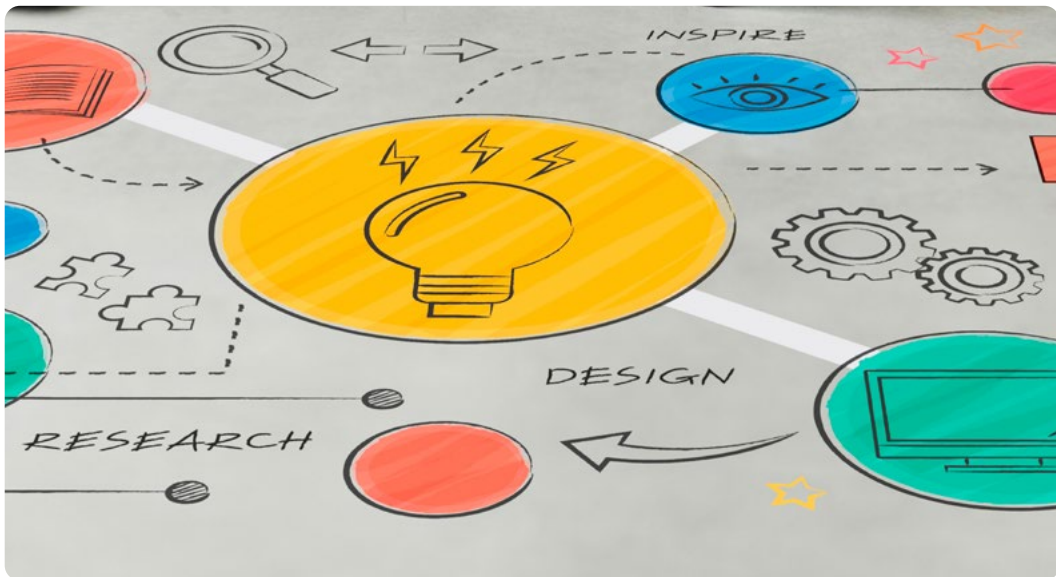
Between January 1st, 2020 and December 31st, 2020, the online system received 15 new applications for membership (from 14 organizations and 1 person). 3 organizations and 1 individual were approved in the considered period. Regarding Membership fees payment, a total amount of 1,000 US\$ and 506 € were received through 9 payments. In addition, 1 HIC Member contributed through in-kind contributions.



It's important to highlight that an important part of the HIC Social Base is composed of active organizations which are not included in this definition of Members. Instead, they are considered as Allies or Partners (the list is available and updated in this Annual Report 2020).



Other relevant figure is the number of individuals related via HIC Social Media Tools. More precisely, 5,791 individuals follow HIC's Facebook page, getting 220 followers in this period; HIC mailing lists' have 1,262 subscribers between Allies/partners and Social Bases; HIC's Twitter account has 5006 followers getting 1,155 followers in this period. Regarding HIC Global website, 13,444 users visited www.hic-net.org between January and December 2020, to check how HIC, Members, Friends and Allies are working so that everybody has a safe place to live in peace with dignity.



Note: The amount of Members might vary from a year to another due to the fact that some organizations cease to work, others are victims of repression in their countries and are obliged to cease activities. The election processes of Representatives at the HIC Board or HIC Presidency always represent, for the Secretary General, an opportunity to review and update the membership list, and for the Members, to reaffirm or dismiss their participation in the activities of the Coalition.

HIC Wisdom Keepers



Han van Putten
(1922-2009)
The Netherlands



Diana Lee
Kenya



Barry Pinsky
Canada



Davinder Lamba
Kenya



Tabitha Siwale
Tanzania



Eike Schuetz
Germany



Ana Sugranyes
Chile



Enrique Ortiz
Mexico

HIC Board Members



Adriana Allen
President
The Bartlett
DPU
United Kingdom



Ifeyinwa Ofong
Africa
Women in Development
and Environment -
Nigeria



**Alexandre Apsan
Frediani**
Europe
The Bartlett DPU
UK



Ana Pastor
Latin America
Civil Association Madre
Tierra
Argentine



Raja Kassab
Middle East
/ North Africa
Social Democratic
Forum,
Yemen



Stéphan Corriveau
North America
The Community
Housing
Transformation
Centre
Canada



Ana Falú
HIC Board
Representative of
Women's
and/or Feminist
Movements
CISCSA, Argentina

HIC Board Alternates



Maartje van Eerd
Europe
IHS -
The Netherlands



Ramiro García
Latin America
DESCO - Peru



Moussa Ka
Africa
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HIC Remembers

Selma Díaz



On July 23, 2020, Selma Díaz Llera passed away. Selma, for those who did not know her, was a great fighter, an architect with an outstanding career, a revolutionary, lucid, pure empathy and of enormous dignity.

Architect and Bachelor of Social Sciences from the University of Havana, she created, together with the Architect Rodolfo Livingston from Argentina, the program *"Arquitectos de la Comunidad"* (Architects of the Community) in Cuba, an experience that allowed to open paths and left a firm footprint for those who continue building an architecture not only as a tool but also as a service, and who understand housing as a right. In her professional career, her commitment with the communities, her alert and lively attention to discrimination, and her gender perspective have always stood out.

Committed to her country and her dreams of transformation, she worked at the Ministry of Planning from a very young age, working with Ernesto "Che" Guevara. Years later, Selma was a member of the [Latin American and Caribbean Women and Habitat Network](#) and the Habitat International Coalition (HIC).

She was always present in the conversations and exchanges of other colleagues from the Women and Habitat Network, returning in conversations and memories. In the words of those who knew her, "Selma showed her sense of humor, her anecdotes, her kindness: an exquisite, loving and firm woman". We will have to care for the memory and honor her work and invaluable commitment to human rights in the Latin American region.

Farewell letter by Ana Falú: www.redmujer.org.ar/post/despeditos-a-selma-diaz

HIC Remembers

Josse van der Rest



During the Coronavirus pandemic, we lost a great figure in the struggles for land and housing in Latin America, Asia and Africa: the “Cura van der Rest”. The organization he founded, [SELAVIP](#), Latin American, Asian and African Service for Popular Housing, is a HIC Member in Chile.

Josse van der Rest, of Belgian origin, comes from a family of wealthy construction industrialists (Eternit). He joined the Society of Jesus in 1944 and was delegated to Chile in 1958, where he has lived ever since, when he was not traveling the world.

He learned the Spanish language and the harsh living conditions of the people by living in camps in Santiago, the settlements that emerged from the “*toma*” (land occupation) and the commitment to self-construction. There he learned a baroque language, from the street, without grammar or literature, full of swear words.

A practice marked, by shouting and fighting, by the rejection of all forms of land speculation, which excludes the poor and their need to live in the city; and by the contribution of a seed in the beginning of the long process of assisted self-production of the habitat: the delivery of a “*mediagua*”, a small wooden house of 3 by 6 meters.

In Chile, the Cura van der Rest is well known for his work in the Hogar de Cristo, for the Fundación Vivienda and its large plant of prefabricated wood in La Pintana, between the Uvas and the Viento; for having directly supported large land acquisitions, such as that of Cardinal Silva Henríquez in 1983. In his fights against the authorities in the middle of the dictatorship, he was heard to shout: “We must play the clown so that these “*weones*” (a word that means guys in slang) understand something”. In the 90s, he invented an improvement intervention in the popular neighborhoods: breaking the inertia of precariousness, installing a piece on palafittes and thus facilitating the action of housing regeneration.

[JOSSE VAN DER REST](#) from [Fundación Vivienda](#) on [Vimeo](#).

In the world, since the mid-1970s and especially at the first **Habitat Conference** (Vancouver, 1976), Josse van der Rest became known for his thundering voice, his laughter and smile, and for his very direct speech: “[52% of the world without housing](#)” was his introductory book to the subject of housing, with a large print run (1973) in several languages. It was his way of denouncing the overcrowded conditions suffered by most people everywhere. It is a denunciation that is now maintained in times of pandemics.

Also in the 1970s, Father van der Rest, with several Jesuit friends in Latin America – among them Alberto Jiménez of [SERVIENDA](#) (Bogotá), Antonio Ibáñez of [FUNDASAL](#) (San Salvador), el Pichi in Buenos Aires, Carlos Pozzo of [CIRCA](#) (Arequipa), Tío Paco García in Guayaquil – and with the support of MISEREOR, especially Eike Schütz, created the Latin American Service for Popular Housing, [Selavip](#). This organisation was later extended to Asia – through the work of another Jesuit, Jorge Anzorena and his main partners, Somsook Bonyabanch in Thailand and Bimbo Fernandez in the Philippines – and later to Africa – through the work of Joan Mac Donald.

The international projection of Josse van der Rest and Selavip was multiplied by hundreds of trips, all over the world and in all the housing debates. He travelled light, with a bag hanging from his shoulder, in which was his pillow, a bible and the model of one of the 500 thousand *mediaguas* ([a type of prefabricated social housing that can be easily moved](#)) provided by the Belgian Foundation of the same name, which must have supported projects of dozens of HIC Members everywhere.

[Click here to read the tribute to Josse van der Rest by Ana Sugranyes](#)

HIC Structures' Reports

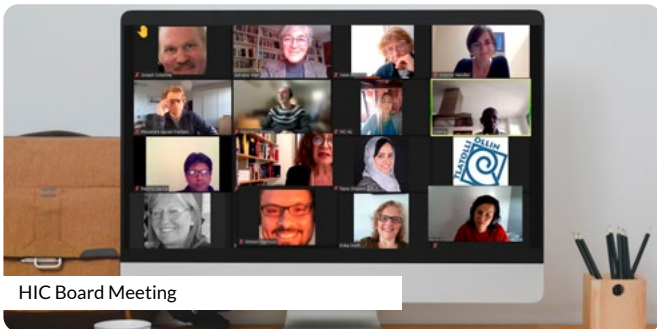
HIC Presidency

Since assuming the role of HIC President in December 2019, Adriana Allen has focused on strengthening our Coalition internally, while externally broadening and deepening HIC's advocacy work and strategic collaboration with key Allies working for the defence, promotion, and fulfilment of every person's right to a safe place to live in peace and with dignity.



HIC President, Adriana Allen, with HIC Secretary General, Álvaro Puertas during her first visit to the HIC-GS Team, January 2020

Internally, 2020 was a key transition year in the life of the Coalition, marked by the appointment of a new Secretary General (SG) and the end of the main projects funding HIC's work, all amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Adriana started the year by meeting the General Secretariat (GS) team to develop a close working relationship. In the months that followed, she worked alongside Álvaro Puertas throughout the recruitment, appointment and induction of our current SG Yolande Hendler, while supporting the transition of the GS to South Africa and engaging in strategic conversations with MISEREOR and the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation (ACCD), both of which culminated in successful funding to support and expand HIC's staff and strategic work along the lines of the recommendations emanating from the [2019 Evaluation](#) and Members' feedback.



As part of HIC's institutional strengthening, Adriana increased

the frequency of the Board meetings and facilitated an annual retreat to collectively identify key priorities and strategies to advance HIC's vision and mission. She also worked alongside Board members and the current SG to tackle historical asymmetries across regions, through sustained dialogue with Wisdom Keepers and HIC Members from different regions, the ongoing institutional review of HIC's Constitution and By-Laws as well as internal procedures, the expansion of Board members contributing to guide HIC's work, and the creation of a HIC African Coordinator position. Getting to know HIC Members' perspectives face-to-face was one of her key priorities. For this purpose, she launched a series called [Insights from the Coalition](#), engaging with Members from the HLRN, Cuba, India and Thailand. While further encounters were truncated by the travel restrictions prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic, she continued engaging online with HIC Members on a regular basis and plans to resume face-to-face encounters as soon as travel restrictions are lifted.



Adriana Allen with Somsook Boonyabancha, Secretary General of the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR) in Bangalore, India

Externally, the bulk of Adriana's work throughout 2020 was devoted to forging strong alliances and to raise HIC's voice internationally by [reframing the COVID-19 crisis](#), as a potential turning point to tackle deeply entrenched historical inequalities through the defence of habitat-related rights and the right to the city.

In an interview published by the Radical Housing Journal in December 2020, she reflects on what this meant in practice:

"Our emphasis throughout the COVID-19 crisis has been to contest the widespread notion that we face an 'unexpected crisis' that requires temporary humanitarian responses, and to reframe the context in which we live. Tackling homelessness or halting evictions are not just actions required as momentary preventative health measures to contain the spread of the virus; they are fundamental ways to confront long-running human rights violations. Housing cannot be treated as a commodity, not just because of the pandemic and the call to 'stay at home', but because housing security is a fundamental right to be protected before, during and beyond the pandemic. Over the last few months, we have mobilized this message in many ways and through multiple fora; an example of which is our Habitat Voices

manifesto, which calls for profound redistribution, (different but equal) recognition and parity of political participation.”

The manifesto and campaign: [Habitat Voices: Facing the Pandemic, today we begin our future](#) is a milestone in the advocacy work advanced by Adriana in close collaboration with HIC Members and Allies. This initiative articulated [a plurality of voices](#) examining the causes of the existing inequalities uncovered by the pandemic, the actions undertaken throughout the social and health emergency, and the transformative pathways for a post-COVID world, from a habitat-related rights perspective. Another advocacy milestone advanced by Adriana in collaboration with Irene Fuertes and Ana Falú was HIC’s Campaign [Women as Protagonists](#) in the [construction](#) and affirmation of human rights related to habitat. In a similar vein to the campaign of *Red Mujeres y Habitat - LAC* [Women and Habitat Network Latin America and the Caribbean] on ‘Women Building Movements from Diversities’, Women as Protagonists seeks to make visible and celebrate their experiences and work, and in doing so, advance a feminist agenda in the public sphere. Last but not least, another of our advocacy milestones in 2020 was our public event on [Housing Rights: Looking back, looking forward](#) on 9 October, co-organized with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the Bartlett Development Planning Unit (DPU) and the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED). This online gathering opened a dialogue among a wide array of organizations converging in the defence and production of the ‘right to housing’ as the ‘right to life’.

In addition, Adriana represented HIC at the [Third Local & Regional Government Forum on the 2030 Agenda: The Decade of Action - Bolstering Change from the Ground-up](#), co-organized by UCLG, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), UN-Habitat and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), on the sidelines of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). Participation in other international events included: the 2020 World Urban Forum in Abu Dhabi; several events organized by UCLG, UN-Habitat and the Global Platform for the Right to the City ([GPR2C](#)); and the International Conference on Urban (In)equality, organized by the Indian Institute of Human Settlements in Bangalore, where she met HIC Members from Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA) and the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR).



Building upon the work of Lorena Zárata, Adriana consolidated HIC’s working relationship with United Cities and Local Governments and became a [regular contributor](#) to the

[UCLG Live Learning Experience](#) series. As an outcome of [this collaboration](#), HIC has become a key player and participant in the development of the forthcoming UCLG GOLD Report on Pathways to Urban Equality. Another key alliance established throughout 2020 was forged by expanding [HIC’s dialogue with and across a wide range of UN Special Rapporteurs](#), which culminated in a series of round tables co-organized with UCLG and the GPR2C in 2020 and early 2021.



Valorizing HIC’s pedagogic work — and the legacy of the [HIC Academy](#) — was another of Adriana’s priorities. Prior to becoming HIC President, she engaged in an ethnographic exploration of the principles and practices of many HIC Member organizations in Latin America who work as and through ‘schools of grassroots urbanism’. Supported by the DPU Knowledge in Action for Urban Equality programme, this initiative includes a process of collective self-reflection and documentation undertaken by 10 HIC-AL Members, which will culminate in a series of videos and a documentary film to be released in early 2022. Her aim is to extend this work to other regions, to bring to the fore the [emancipatory pedagogies](#) embedded in the work of HIC Members. The value of understanding how change is pursued through critical pedagogic practices was brought to the fore through several public events organized in 2020: [Learning from African Post-Pandemic Experiences to Tackle Deep Inequalities](#) sought to acknowledge and value the knowledge through which grassroots organizations across Africa have dealt with previous health crises. Another event entitled [Remote Pedagogies for Social Learning](#) as practiced through activism, social mobilization and advocacy, engaged over 100 participants from 30 countries in an insightful discussion. The [HIC Co-Learning Spaces](#) launched in 2021 will draw upon these experiences to advance and systematize HIC’s pedagogies in dialogue with each other and across regions.



Writing is one among other ways of advocating for human rights related to habitat. Throughout 2020, our President published several pieces to advance HIC’s fight, including:

- Allen, A, Cociña, C and Wesely, J (2020) [Habitat International Coalition: Networked practices, knowledges and pedagogies for translocal housing activism](#). *Radical Housing Journal*, December 2020 Vol 2(2): 181-192.
- Allen, A and García, R (2020) [Mujeres y Derecho a la Ciudad](#) [Women and the Right to the City]. *Revista InterQuorum Nueva Generación* Vol 14.

- Allen, A, Sarmiento, JP & Sandoval, V (2020) [Los Estudios Latinoamericanos de Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres en el Contexto de la Pandemia del COVID-19](#) [Latin American Disaster Risk Reduction Studies in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic]. *Revista de Estudios Latinoamericanos sobre Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres REDER*, 4(2).
- Allen, A, Osuteye, E, Koroma, B and Lambert, R (2020) "Unlocking urban risk trajectories in Freetown's informal settlements." In: Pelling, M. (ed.) [Breaking Cycles of Risk Accumulation in African Cities](#). Nairobi: UN-Habitat. Chapter 7, 54-61.
- Allen, A, Koroma, B, Manda, M, Osuteye, E and Lambert, R (2020) "[Urban risk readdressed: Bridging resilience-seeking practices in African cities.](#)" In: Burayidi, M.A., Allen, A., Twigg, J., Wamsler, C. (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Urban Resilience*. London: Routledge. Chapter 25, 331-348.



While this report offers a glimpse of our President's work throughout 2020, more details can be found at [HIC President Blog](#).

HIC General Secretariat

2020 was a year marked by external and internal challenges for the Coalition. On the one hand, after seven years of strong engagement, the HIC General Secretariat (HIC-GS) [bid goodbye to Álvaro Puertas](#), and [welcomed Yolande Hendler as new Secretary General](#). On the other hand, due to the global challenge of the pandemic, the original plans of the HIC-GS had to be adapted to the new circumstances. This global network further strengthened links with its [Members in Africa](#) and Latin America to respond quickly to their struggles and needs on the frontlines of the pandemic, towards the defence of human rights related to habitat around the world. The Coalition mobilized rapidly with the campaign and manifesto '[Habitat Voices: Facing the pandemic, today we begin our future](#)', in a bid to make visible the pre-existing inequalities and highlight the urgent need to change our economic and social model. In addition, the HIC-GS supported the numerous [actions of HIC's Members and Allies](#) to respond to the emergency and demand social justice by providing increased visibility. 2020 was definitely a year we will not forget, but it also revealed the incredible commitments to the network and enhanced the solidarity of our Coalition.



HIC-GS's organization and participation in **global and regional activities** during 2020 was intense. In February, HIC participated in the [58th Session of the UN Commission for Social Development](#) to discuss experiences and guidelines for ending homelessness. In March, on the occasion of [International Women's Day](#), the Coalition emphasized advocacy related to gender equality, sharing perspectives and stories in the defence of human rights related to habitat where women are at the centre. In July, during the [High-level Political Forum \(HLPF\)](#), HIC presented a statement on the widening gap between States' permanent and binding obligations under treaty, on one hand, and their temporary and voluntary commitments, on the other. This statement explained how the corresponding fault lines emerge in high relief in the midst of the current COVID-19 pandemic. During [Urban October](#), HIC continued the Habitat Voices campaign, organized the special event '[Housing Rights: Looking back, looking forward](#)' and supported Members' and Allies' initiatives to defend and assert human rights related to habitat in the context of the pandemic.



HIC activities during the 58th Commission for Social Development

In terms of **advocacy**, the HIC-GS developed a strong strategy at the global level to influence the governance of UN-Habitat. In January, it supported a [letter from the Emeritus HIC President Kirtee Shah to Maimunah Mohd Sharif](#), Director General of UN-Habitat, to remind her of the agency's commitments at Habitat III and the need for a global agenda that cares about rural areas. In February, the campaign for an [Institutional Mechanism for Stronger Stakeholder Engagement in the New UN-Habitat Governance continued](#). HIC also presented a position paper at the annual [United Cities and Local Governments \(UCLG\) Retreat and Campus](#) aiming [to foster collaboration with local governments and UN special procedures](#). This enhanced collaboration with local and regional governments was reinforced during the year with the participation of the HIC President in UCLG [#CitiesAreListening](#) sessions. In addition, the HIC-GS initiated the process of coordinating HIC's case study contributions to the UCLG-KNOW GOLD¹ VI report on Pathways to Urban and Territorial Equity. Also noteworthy was the roundtable '[Connecting across Habitat Rights and the Right to the City](#)' organized together with the [Global Platform for the Right to the City \(GPR2C\)](#) and UCLG, which acted as a starting point to strengthen cooperation among the UN Special Rapporteurs, civil society organizations, and local and regional governments in the framework of human rights related to habitat and the right to the city.

1 GOLD stands for the Global Observatory and Local Democracy and Decentralization



During 2020, **emancipatory learning practices** applied to the defence of human rights related to habitat were generated and multiplied, especially with two events co-organized with University College London’s (UCL) Bartlett Development Planning Unit (DPU) and the Knowledge in Action for Urban Equality programme (KNOW): ‘[Learning from African Post-Pandemic Experiences to Tackle Deep Inequalities](#)’, in May, and ‘[Remote Pedagogies for Social Learning: Opportunities of remote technologies to become generative to advocacy and collective action](#)’, in July.



At the **institutional level**, the HIC-GS successfully completed the selection process of [the new Middle East/North Africa representative on the Board](#), Ms Rana Ghanem, and Mr Khalid Khawaldeh as Alternate, for the 2020-2024 period. In September, HIC-GS coordinated and facilitated the Strategic Planning Retreat with the Board and the organization’s regional and thematic structures to identify the strategic priorities that will [shape the new HIC-GS global project proposal](#), which will begin in 2021. Thanks to this project and funding from the Catalan Agency, the financial sustainability of the organization is assured.

The new MISEREOR project and **HIC’s strategic priorities for the coming years** are divided into three broad focus areas: coalition building, collective learning, and advocacy work

- **Coalition building:** Consisting of regional work but will focus specifically on strengthening coordination in Africa and building membership in Asia. Thematically, we will continue all existing collaboration, but increase our focus on the areas of Women and Habitat, and on Habitat and Sustainable Environment.
- **Collective learning:** HIC plans to roll out co-learning spaces, where multiple sessions will be held along the four thematic focus areas of HIC, in order to enhance connections and exchanges on practical advocacy.
- **Advocacy:** HIC will continue to focus on the collaboration

with UN Special Rapporteurs, and the GS will also increase our collaboration with local and regional governments, in particular with UCLG. The Coalition will be pursuing an increased focus on advocacy related to gender and the environment.

HIC in Latin America and the Caribbean

The COVID-19 pandemic that began in early 2020 forced the HIC office and Members in Latin America to adapt their work to the new circumstances. Throughout the year, the office concentrated on publicizing and positioning in the public agendas the themes that we have been working on since HIC’s formation in 1976. Today, more than ever, these themes take on a certain centrality, both because without adequate housing, it is very difficult to prevent the spread of the disease, or isolate in the case of contracting it, and because this crisis puts on the table the need to rethink our economic model and its impacts on rural and urban territories and the people that live in them, as well as nature.



Strengthening popular processes

The visibility and articulation of the different actions and approaches that our Members and Allies put into practice as immediate responses to the pandemic became significant in this phase. Within this framework, they participated in [mapping and systematization exercises of these experiences](#) which, in many cases, emerged outside of State initiatives and thanks to the historical organization that exists within the territories. Yet, in addition to this, at the proposal of Brazil’s União Nacional por Moradia Popular [National Union for Popular Housing, UNMP], supported by Latin American Members, the need to build a shared agenda around struggle and advocacy, focused on a redistributive post-COVID recovery based on human rights, was raised. This led us to work collectively on the Manifesto ‘[Habitat Voices: Facing the pandemic, today we begin our future](#)’ and a supporting statement demonstrating the effects of inequality on precarious settlements, as well as proposals for socio-economic policies related to socio-territorial equity and justice. By the end of 2020, the Manifesto had been endorsed by 398 organizations from 41 countries, and it will be at the centre of an advocacy strategy aiming to position its content. In addition, throughout the year, together with the *Centro de Estrategias y Acción por la Igualdad* [Centre for Strategies and Action for Equality, CEAPI], HIC Member in Argentina, 54 participants were invited – among them HIC Members,

activists, authorities, academics, thinkers and representatives of foundations in the region, as well as from other countries – to record [a brief podcast reflecting on what led us to the pandemic, what has been done to face it, and what approaches we need to overcome it](#) and change the conditions in which we live. The key content from these reflections was summarized in a brief [text](#). In addition to the richness of these experiences, which allowed us to engage in dialogue, make different struggles more visible and exchange thoughts with different actors, this campaign increased the visibility of our social networks.

Throughout the year, spaces for regional debates and exchanges were also opened up around themes that could offer fundamental responses to the pandemic, such as self-management, communality and the social production of habitat. This was the case with the regional [event](#) we organized for Habitat Month.

HIC-AL, Members and Allies also continued to work with urban and rural communities to prevent evictions, systematize eviction violations, regulate rents, share experiences and strategies, and propose moratoriums following the onset of the pandemic. This has become more necessary than ever in the current circumstances.

Advocacy on Human Rights to Habitat in Latin America

At the beginning of the year, the office, as well as different HIC Members in the region, were contacted to participate in consultations conducted by the then Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing, Leilani Farha, on the content to be included in the guidelines it issued to States, local governments and other actors in April on the need to prevent evictions, the protection of renters and mortgage payers, and access to basic services, within the context of the pandemic. These [texts](#) were extremely useful in advocacy activities with the different national governments.

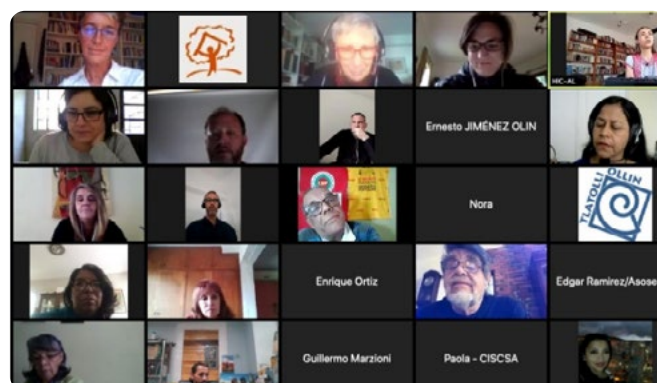
During the year, Members from across the region worked steadily on advocacy processes. Among them, *Habitar Argentina* [Inhabit Argentina], along with other groups and movements, achieved a [suspension in evictions](#) and rent price freezes during the pandemic that will last until March 2021, as well as a new [rental law](#) at the national level and participation in the *Mesa Intersectorial Nacional de Políticas de Suelos* [Intersectoral Board of Land-Use Policies]. Further, the *Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos* [National Network of Human Settlements, RENASEH] in Bolivia has played a very active role in the development of the new national housing policy; the UNMP in Brazil has driven ‘emergency relief support’ (basic income) until the end of the pandemic and is defending the achievements made in housing by previous governments; the *Corporación de Estudios Sociales y Educación* [Corporation for Social Studies and Education, SUR] and *Ciudad Constituyente* [Constituent City] – an organization that recently joined HIC – are working for the new national constitution to recognize human rights related to habitat in the framework of the [Ciudad Constituyente](#) platform; and the vast majority of HIC Members in Mexico, along with the social movements linked to HIC-AL, remain in dialogue with the authorities of the capital to implement the provisions of the Constitution of Mexico City, and at the national level, are working

on the consolidation of the social production of habitat. HIC-AL and Allies have also made proposals to reform Mexico City’s civil code to expand the rights of tenants as well as having advocated for a moratorium on evictions and collected data on this through a [survey](#). The *Centro de Estudios y Promoción del Desarrollo* [Centre for the Study and Promotion of Development, DESCO] in Peru has driven a [Women’s Political Agenda for the City of Lima](#) in dialogue with other regional experiences, many of which are participants in the Women and Habitat Network; and, in the framework of Peru’s *Colectivo de Incidencia y Acción Urbana* [Urban Action and Advocacy Collective] in which several Member organizations participate, the [Red de Ollas Comunes](#) [Community Pots Network] in Metropolitan Lima has been launched as part of the Working Group on Food Security.

While advocacy activities in international arenas have been reduced by the pandemic, Argentina’s *Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia* [Civil Association for Equality and Justice, ACIJ], as well as the *Centro de Investigación, Documentación y Asesoría Poblacional* [Centre for Research, Documentation and Population Advice, CIDAP] and DESCO in Peru, with support the support of HIC offices, participated in the UN High-Level Political Forum in New York in July, where their countries presented their progress on the 2030 Agenda. The organizations reviewed the national report and participated in dialogues with their governments on what was reported therein. HIC-AL participated on the occasion of the meeting of the Forum of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Housing and Urban Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (MINURVI) that took place on 3 and 4 December 2020, along with many other organizations, presenting the [Decalogue for the comprehensive improvement of neighbourhoods](#), which was also endorsed by UN-Habitat.

Building a strong Coalition

Throughout the year, three meetings of Latin American Members were held to develop the annual [strategy](#), in which more than 30 organizations participated in each meeting. Our President, Adriana Allen, and the new HIC Secretary General, Yolande Hendler, also participated in some of these events.



Meeting with Latin American Members during the Covid-19 pandemic

The Working Group on the Social Production and Management of Habitat held its 5th meeting (on this occasion, online) from 24 to 25 September, with the participation of 62 people from 29

organizations and 14 countries, reaching a series of [agreements](#). The regional Working Group on Habitat Capacity Building (FOC-HAB) continued to be active through meetings, and organized the '[Second Ibero-American diploma course in sustainable participatory habitat design as a tool for the production and social management of habitat and for the exercise of rights](#)', which took place between 12 August and 7 December, and in which 58 students – four of them holders of scholarships – from 11 countries, 65 professors from 10 universities and/or belonging to organizations, and social movements from 7 countries, as well as four emeritus professors, took part.

A text that gathers eight experiences of gender and housing, to be published next year, was also developed jointly with the *Centro para el Intercambio y servicios para el Cono Sur de Argentina* [Centre of Services and Exchange for the Southern Cone, Argentina, CISCSA] and the Women and Habitat Network. HIC-AL is also working on the development of a regional advocacy and communication campaign on precarious settlements with ACIJ Argentina and 10 other organizations.

HIC in Sub-Saharan Africa

There is no doubt that 2020 was a challenging year for the whole world. The coronavirus pandemic posed major challenges across the globe; a pandemic that intensified widespread human rights violations, rocketing inequality and environmental destruction, affecting the living conditions of the vast majority of people around the world.

Sub-Saharan Africa is a context where many of the blanket measures applied in other parts of the world are difficult to implement due to deeply-entrenched inequalities. The problem of health facilities and the lack of capacity to cope with the crisis in many countries generated many challenges, including in terms of the economic situation. Many governments did not provide adequate assistance to face the impact of the economic crisis, which had a disproportionate impact on vulnerable groups. In response to the pandemic, several African governments introduced severe restrictions on movement and the freedom of assembly, and in some cases, full lockdowns. However, general lockdown was not a choice for many populations that had to guarantee their access to essential needs.

Domestic and gender-based violence increased across several African countries during curfews and stay-at-home orders. Further, the virus control measures forced schools to shut down, leaving millions of children without education, and disproportionately affecting girls.

In this context, the HIC General Secretariat held a [meeting with African Members](#) on 21 April to contextualize the situations that Members were facing and to establish a space for collective learning and action. In the meeting, HIC Members voiced their concerns and experiences, as well as the measures already being taken in their countries. The meeting also served to hear Members' needs and how the Coalition could support their national and regional efforts.



Nevertheless, many countries across the region had previously experienced pandemics and had important lessons to share, both to contextualize social protective measures and to tackle deeply-entrenched inequalities. For that reason, the HIC-GS co-organized a session with the Knowledge in Action for Urban Equality (KNOW) Programme of the Development Planning Unit of University College London. The session was moderated by our President Adriana Allen under the title: [Learning from African post-pandemic experiences to tackle deep inequalities](#).

An insight of HIC Anglophone Africa Region in 2020

By Mazingira Institute - Reference Centre, SSA (Anglophone Africa Region)

The Anglophone Africa region of HIC was very active on the issues of [Women, Land and Homes](#) during this period. Several activities were completed and are ongoing in the region, including research, published on the HIC-Housing and Land Rights Network HLRN website, and national and regional workshops building capacity on addressing rights violations.

The participants in the Women, Land and Homes Project include: the [Mazingira Institute](#) and [Pamoja Trust](#) (Kenya), [Shelter and Settlements Alternatives](#) (Uganda), the [Zimbabwe People's Land Rights Movement](#) (Zimbabwe) and the [Civic Forum on Housing and Habitat](#) (Zambia). The work was made possible through support from HIC-HLRN, and the Anglophone Africa Focal Point at Mazingira Institute also played an active role in supporting the coordination of HIC Secretariat and HIC-HLRN activities in the interests of Members.



Numerous workshops on Women, Land and Housing were held in Kenya, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe, with regional participation. Through these workshops, the outputs of research on the evictions of women in Uganda and Kenya were shared and support provided, such as to emerging organizations of young women and girls in Zimbabwe. Normative and Technical workshops in Zambia and Zimbabwe built capacity around pursuing human rights violations.



There are important new findings emerging from the research on customary practices. Women and girls are subject to forced evictions by members of their own families, due to their lack of land and housing rights. These are often accompanied by gender-based violence (GBV). It is hoped to bring this to the attention of the international community, through the Commission on the Status of Women, in March 2021.



Activities organized with Kenyan women in the framework of the Women, Land and Homes Project

We thank HIC-HLRN for their support in developing this project, in collaboration with HIC Members, including substantive contributions and coordination, as well as mobilizing the resources required for the project to be realized.

International representation

[UN Food Systems Summit \(UNFSS\) 2021](#)

The Secretariat of UNFSS invited the HIC President and other HIC Members to attend the UNFSS Civil Society Outreach Session in early September. The President nominated Davinder Lamba and Diana Lee-Smith to represent HIC, given the expertise of the Mazingira Institute on food systems, food security and nutrition. The Secretariat provided an overview of the Summit and the process. Briefly, the Summit is intended to be both a people's summit and a solutions-oriented summit.

UNFSS will be supported by a multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee, a 28-member Scientific Group that incorporates traditional, indigenous, and academic knowledge, and a Champions Network. It will be held in September 2021. Our substantive contribution was that the Summit address the array of international normative instruments that intersect the food system as a whole,

which includes the right to food. Further, we brought to the attention of the Secretariat that HIC backs the call promoted by the [Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism \(CSM\)](#) for relations with the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS).

In short, the call states: "At the current juncture, the need to radically transform unhealthy, unjust and unsustainable food systems towards food systems based on human rights and shaped around food sovereignty and agroecology is more urgent than ever. We believe that the Summit is going into a problematic direction, and have therefore expressed our concerns to the UN Secretary General in March 2020, in a collective letter cosigned by nearly 550 organizations, which still remains unanswered".

Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism and International Planning Committee

HIC represents the urban constituency in the CSM and the International Planning Committee (IPC) for Food Sovereignty. The IPC requested HIC to nominate a representative to serve on its Youth Working Group. Samuel Ikua Thiong'o from the Mazingira Institute was proposed. He participated in the initial meeting of the working group held in December 2019.

HIC in the Middle East and North Africa

Throughout 2020, the HIC-MENA Reference Centre pursued three inter-related goals that cover all regional and international activities: 1. Networking and coalition building; 2. Building capacity and creating knowledge; 3. Advocating rights. It collaborated with HIC Members to reinforce and develop the human rights-based approach to regional and international development policy processes related to habitat. Particularly, these involved the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs, the New Urban Agenda (2016) state implementation reports due soon, and the regional policies of the FAO in support of food security and small-scale farmers.

Meanwhile, HIC-MENA strengthened its collaboration with several CSO mechanisms and platforms in the region that work to enhance economic, social and cultural rights. This involved periodic reviews of States party to human rights treaties through their monitoring bodies in Geneva.

In February, June and September 2020, HIC-MENA submitted several joint statements with Members and Allies on displacement, land and natural resources in occupied territories (e.g., Palestine and Western Sahara), as well as a [written submission](#), to the 43rd session of the UN Human Rights Council in response to a formal initiative to consolidate human rights action.

During the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in March 2020, which coincided with the

commemoration of Palestinian Land Day, HIC-HLRN collaborated with Members in the region and issued a joint statement on the [enduring apartheid in Palestine](#), Israeli dispersal and the continued fragmentation of the Palestinian people over the years. [Another joint statement](#) urged accountability for human rights violations and an end to Israel's illegal closure of Gaza, as well as the realization of Palestinian refugees' right of return to their homes, lands, and property, as mandated by international law. HIC-MENA also engaged in a [solidarity statement](#) with several CSOs addressing discrimination in the COVID-19 crisis affecting Palestinians under Israeli occupation.



Throughout 2020, HIC-HLRN, participated in the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSM) for relations with the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) as part of the CSM Working Group on Monitoring the Use and Application of the CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA). Between April and November 2020, HIC-HLRN developed, conducted, and synthesized the results of a [survey](#) on civil society perspectives on policies and responses related to food security and nutrition in protracted crises, which formed the basis of a broader working group report.



During July HLPF, HIC-MENA submitted its [observation](#) on the widening gap between States' neglect of their permanent and binding obligations under treaty, while emphasizing only their temporary and voluntary policy commitments. In the same month, HIC-MENA updated its [study](#) on the international sources on the concept and criteria of "landlessness", as a contribution to the CSM Landless Constituency Literature Review. Further, HIC-MENA launched a [proposal](#) to reconstitute the UN Centre against Apartheid and the corresponding [Apartheid Bibliography](#).



In August 2020, HIC-HLRN developed a [brief on global contexts of protracted crises](#) on behalf of the CSM Working Group on Monitoring the Use and Application of the CFS-FFA for inclusion in the report '[Voices from the Ground: From COVID-19 to radical food system transformation](#),' organized by the CSM's Working Group on Global Food Governance.

Ahead of celebrating World Habitat Day in October 2020, HIC-MENA Members and Allies contributed valuable inputs to the annual [report](#) of the HLRN Violation Database on the pattern of land and housing rights violations during the pandemic.

Working remotely during COVID-19, HIC-MENA held several online consultations with HIC Members. Towards the end of 2020, HLRN formed a partnership with the National Centre for Peace and Development (Sudan), joining efforts to help Sudanese CSOs' transition from charity and humanitarian interventions towards engagement with land administrations to find durable solutions for displaced households in Darfur and Nuba Mountains.



Throughout 2020, HIC-MENA and HLRN launched three issues of its periodic publication, Land Times, Nos. [19](#), [20](#) and [21](#). The articles reviewed the most important activities and events involving HIC-MENA and Members at both the regional and global levels, plus a "Terminology Corner" to familiarize readers with relevant terms needed to follow current habitat events and developments.

HIC Housing and Land Rights Network

Despite COVID-19, social distancing and remote operations, 2020 was a productive year for HIC's Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN), implementing its integrated programme of networking and coalition building, capacity development and knowledge creation to advocate for rights in all spheres of Member activity.

As 2020 began, [HIC-HLRN joined](#) over 400 CSOs and international networks denouncing a Strategic Partnership Agreement between the World Economic Forum and the UN, and called on the UN Secretary-General to cancel it. The CSOs' warnings were vindicated soon thereafter with the roll-out of the UN Food Systems Summit, which by-passed the responsible Rome-based policymaking bodies and deepened the corporate capture of the UN. A priority for 2020 was – and remains – civic vigilance amid eroding obligations, commitments and policy processes.

In February 2020, HIC-HLRN attended the 10th World Urban Forum (WUF), this time to consider, among other priorities, a new UN-Habitat "Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism for Sustainable Development." The anticipated methods and functions of the new UN-Habitat partnership with civil society, local governments and authorities, and the private sector were to enable partners to engage with UN-Habitat's ambitious normative and operative roles in supporting governments to develop human settlements globally. To that end, HLRN participated in the Institutional Mechanism Working Group formed at the first UN-Habitat Assembly in 2019, and presented the [promised first proposal](#) at WUF10 towards developing the needed participation infrastructure. In May 2020, UN-Habitat's Executive Board adopted the Executive Director's [draft engagement strategy](#), which still awaits implementation.



Presentation of the proposal for a new UN-Habitat "Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism for Sustainable Development, WUF 10

In April 2020, HIC-HLRN submitted [inputs](#) to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' long-awaited draft General Comment on land. The submission urged the recognition of "the human right to land" within the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, based on both law and physical science.

By March, HLRN monitoring and networking led to its [call for a Human Rights Habitat](#) and a total ban on urban and rural forced evictions, demolitions, involuntary relocations and dispossession by all spheres of government during the pandemic. That same appeal called on HIC Members and Allies to share cases of eviction during the period, often conducted despite calls by civil society, [UN agencies](#), [Special Rapporteurs](#) and [some governments](#) for a moratorium on such gross violations. HLRN entered 76 new violations into the Violation Database (VDB) and eventually issued its World (human rights) Habitat Day report, '[A Pandemic of Violations](#)', in October.

HLRN monitored cases of [migrant workers in India](#) evicted from cities and marched to rural margins, the grave mistreatment of migrants in [Saudi Arabia](#) and [Yemen](#), ethnic cleansing in Ethiopia's [Oromia region](#) and the beginning of the uprooting armed rebellion and displacement in [Tigray](#). The analogies between the occupations of [Kashmir and Palestine](#) came to the fore, while new revelations told of some [500,000 occupied Tibetan](#) pastoralists and rural populations evicted to Chinese forced-labour camps. The tragic burning of the Moria Camp on Lesbos spotlighted how refugees and migrants were warehoused on the fringes of "fortress Europe." Civil challenges raised the extraterritorial human rights obligations (ETOs) of parties to megaprojects such as [Saudi Arabia's Neom City](#), as well as the mining of indigenous [Saami lands](#) in Finland. By September, the cumulative toll of the U.S.A.'s "war on terror" had displaced more than [37 million people](#) globally.



Implementation of the project: Women, Land and Homes in Kenya

However, HLRN welcomed progress in [South African women's property rights](#) and Indigenous peoples' land and environment struggles from [Peru](#) to [Guatemala](#). Through its project 'Assessing Impacts of Women's Dispossession from Land and Home,' HLRN supported HIC Members in Kenya, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe to conduct human rights norm-based research on the values of women impacted by dispossession and eviction. This resulted in three reports with unprecedented findings as evidence for local and national policy advocacy. All reports can be found on the [project's webpages](#) at [www.hlrn.org](#). This cumulative learning was also reflected in HLRN's commemoration of the coinciding [World Rural Women and World Food Days](#) in October.

Other research and publication involved HLRN's Coordinator contributing a chapter to the allied ETO Consortium's new legal handbook on human rights 'ETOs in the Context of Sanction Regimes'. HLRN also updated the [HIC-tionary of Key Habitat Terms](#) at the end of the year, reflecting the learning and new terminology from 2020.

HIC in Europe

In Europe, 2020 was marked by COVID-19 as in other parts of the world, deepening inequalities: one third of all children were living in a state of poverty; the situation affected habitat rights; and homelessness shelters were extremely overwhelmed and unable to deal with the challenges of providing services in a safe way. This generated many challenges, especially in terms of vulnerabilities. However, local governments carried out unprecedented activities in a bid to protect the human rights related to habitat of people on the ground, intervening in markets and putting homeless people into hotels. This demonstrated that if there is a political will, many issues can be addressed on the ground, which opened up possibilities for advocacy in many different ways.

Members in Europe worked on the issue of the financialization of housing, which generates vulnerabilities. Many activities pushed for local governments to intervene in the housing market to make it more affordable and just, and called for the recognition of and collective support for community-led housing processes. For instance, the “Housing for All” - [European Citizens’ Initiative for more affordable, public and social housing in the European Union](#).



Internationally, many Members were also engaged in international activities inside of the region, for instance, the work of the [Co-habitat Network](#) on community-led housing, including the production of a report showing the role it can play in resilience, especially in times of pandemic, recognizing the experiences of many Members.



The second experience was the production of the next local government global report, called the GOLD Report, [United Cities and local Governments \(UCLG\)’s Global Observatory on Local Democracy and Decentralization \(GOLD\)](#). These reports are produced every three years and they are an important part of UCLG’s quest to become an international reference point for information about local and regional governments, local democracy and decentralization worldwide. The next edition will be on the [pathways of urban and territorial equality](#), an important moment for us to consolidate a shared equality agenda, since it captures the momentum of the international consensus to fight against inequalities.



HIC in North America

In the US, housing and urban development issues saw a significant change with the election of Joe Biden in November 2020. The new administration accelerated rental relief, the construction of new affordable housing and pandemic relief measures through cheques, a new proposal before Congress for \$5 billion in rental voucher programmes, and a greater commitment to diversity and reducing poverty and inequalities. This election came at a moment where the [Cancel the Rent campaign](#) gained momentum with the backing of many social movements, for instance the Right to the City Alliance. The tenants’ rights movement in the United States advocated for the cancellation of rental payments and the suspension of mortgage payments during the coronavirus pandemic. HIC supported and echoed this campaign for housing rights.



In terms of reporting, students and professors at the [Displacement Research + Action Network \(DRAN\)](#) at

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) joined the local community of Boston's Chinatown to measure what was being lost by gentrification. The [DRAN team applied a human rights frame of analysis and methodology](#) developed by [HIC Housing and Land Rights Network](#) to assess the impacts of displacing the region's Chinese community at its core.

DRAN partnered with the Chinese Progressive Association (CPA) to conduct a detailed analysis of the impacts displacement is having on residents and the neighbourhood, correlating these consequences with applicable international human rights standards. The outcome is an analysis that can determine not only whether a violation occurred, but also how and to what measurable degree. For further information, see the report: [Boston's Chinatown: Forced from Home](#).

In Canada, in 2019, the federal government introduced the first housing rights legislation. In 2021, housing rights movements expect this new oversight mechanism to come into force. The federal government also introduced a series of pandemic relief measures in 2020 and, in September, rolled out a new \$1 billion 'Rapid Housing Initiative' aimed at building new affordable housing quickly. The federal government is also expected to follow up on the \$40 billion National Housing Strategy first announced in 2017 by introducing a new strategy specifically for urban, rural and northern indigenous housing needs in 2021 (80 per cent of whom live in urban/rural settings), as there have so far been no specific programmes for them.

In June 2020, the HIC General Secretariat issued a communication about the report from HIC Member [The Community Housing Transformation Centre \(The Centre\)](#) that shows the impacts on the community housing sector in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as how this housing sector remains resilient. The community housing sector in Canada offers many individuals an affordable and safe home; a place where their needs are met and respected. In the light of new procedures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, community housing providers across Canada continued to meet and protect vulnerable individuals' needs whilst implementing new health requirements in their buildings. [The report is available here](#).

During 2020, the [HIC General Secretariat also celebrated the 35th anniversary of HIC Member Rooftops Canada](#), the international programme of Canadian cooperative and social housing organizations. Together with hundreds of international and Canadian partners, this organization has brought security, affordable housing and new livelihoods to thousands of urban families previously subsisting in slums. Rooftops Canada remains strongly focused on housing rights, gender equality and sustainability.

Global Activities

Key advocacy moments of the year 2020

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 related to habitat at local national and global levels. Our Coalition offers a platform for organizations from all over the world to carry out political advocacy at the international level, as HIC operates within UN bodies as a non-governmental organization in consultative status with UN-ECOSOC (since 1993). The main milestones of advocacy work at a global level carried out in 2020 are summarized below.

The proposal for an institutional mechanism for stronger stakeholder engagement in the new UN-Habitat governance

As part of the approval of the New Urban Agenda in Habitat III, the UN General Assembly resolved that UN-Habitat revise its governance and stakeholder-engagement structures, as at present the mechanism for carrying out this necessary dialogue remains ambiguous. However, this experience was not institutionalized and has not yet been established at the political level within UN-Habitat.



For that reason, the Voluntary Working Group on the Institutional Arrangement, of which [Habitat International Coalition](#) and the [Housing and Land Rights Network \(HIC-](#)

[HLRN](#)) are members, developed a proposal for an Institutional Mechanism for Stakeholder Engagement in the new UN-Habitat governance to bring together representatives of the various stakeholder groups with the UN-Habitat Executive Board (EB) at least once a year. This would lead to continued cooperation with stakeholders at all levels in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

In order to advocate for a more inclusive process and working relationship between UN-Habitat and other stakeholders – such as civil society in its broadest sense, local governments and the private sector – HIC participated in the first UN-Habitat Assembly in 2019 and [presented the proposal for an Institutional Mechanism for stronger Stakeholder Engagement during the 10th World Urban Forum](#), held in Abu Dhabi in February 2020.

Throughout 2020, HIC and HLRN continued to advocate and campaign for a more inclusive process and working relationship with UN-Habitat. [Click here for further information.](#)

Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness: the Commission for Social Development (CSocD58)

The fifty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD58) took place from 10 to 19 February 2020. HIC brought together different voices to address the issue of homelessness in the context of remote and immediate causes as well as possible short- and long-term solutions.



HIC activities during the 58th Commission for Social Development

At this side event, HIC applied the Coalition's [Human Rights Habitat Observatory](#) approach by aligning States' permanent human rights obligations with their voluntary and temporal global policy commitments towards resolving habitat problems, challenges and dilemmas. This side event built on the outcomes of the [fifty-seventh session of the Commission for Social Development](#) that discussed fiscal, wage and social protection policies to address inequalities and challenges to social inclusion.

The participants shared key recommendations to address possible short- and long-term solutions to the global challenge

of homelessness. [Click here for further information.](#)

HIC at the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) 2020

With only 10 years of the 2030 Agenda remaining, the 2020 edition of the HLPF called for accelerated action and transformative pathways to achieving the Global Goals.

HIC and its Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN) submitted a [one-page statement](#) to the [UN High-level Political Forum \(HLPF\)](#), which convened at the UN Headquarters on 7 to 16 July 2020, in order to review States' progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As a regular participant in the HLPF, HIC-HLRN expressed its observation of the widening gap between States' permanent and binding obligations under treaty, on one hand, and their temporary and voluntary commitments, on the other. The HIC statement explained how the corresponding fault lines emerge into high relief amid the current COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, Adriana Allen, HIC President, participated in the 3rd Local & Regional Governments Forum to illustrate the need to work in close collaboration with civil society.

[For further information, see HIC's activities at the 2020 HLPF.](#)

Stories where women are the protagonists in defending Human Rights related to Habitat

2020 marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the [Fourth World Conference on Women](#) and the adoption of the [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#) (1995). We also reached a five-year milestone on the road to achieving the [Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda](#). 2020 was, therefore, a crucial year for the accelerated realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, everywhere. How well are we doing?



If women make up around 50% of the population, the world cannot continue to spin around without them. In fact, the world

has never turned without women, only that their work has been historically invisible. In order to mark the 2020 [International Women's Day](#) on 8 March, the Coalition started to make visible, recognize and celebrate the work of those women and collectives within HIC's Membership and Allied organizations that fight for our human rights related to habitat and social justice.

[Click here to find out about those inspiring stories.](#)

HIC in the face of COVID-19

In the face of the crisis situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the far-reaching measures announced by States, Habitat International Coalition [sent a message of solidarity in March 2020](#) calling for social justice in the fight against the virus.

HIC highlighted the need to face the coronavirus from the perspective of social justice and human rights, and stated that the life-saving measures were impossible for vulnerable people living in informal communities, situations of displacement and refugee camps and other confined and crowded living conditions. HIC's [statement](#) affirmed that "those inhabitants cannot socially distance, and do not have healthy food and nutrition to keep immune systems strong." The COVID-19 crisis reminded us how adequate housing, food and nutrition, clean water, sanitation, a healthy environment and health care are universal human needs and, therefore, human rights.

The Coalition gathered information on the [activities implemented by HIC Members worldwide](#), since social and grassroots movements and civil society were again at the forefront of ensuring rapid and bold responses to the crisis. The HIC General Secretariat also organized [different meetings with the African](#) and Latin American regions to hear from Members about their contexts and priorities to defend the human rights related to habitat worldwide.

Habitat Voices: a collective manifesto and global campaign

The campaign: '[Habitat Voices: Facing the Pandemic, today we begin our future](#)' was developed in collaboration with the Coalition's Members, Friends and Allies.

The aim of this initiative was to share experiences and reflections that analyzed the causes of the existing inequalities uncovered by the COVID-19 pandemic, the initiatives carried out during the social and health emergency, and also potential transformative pathways for a post-COVID world, from the perspective of human rights related to habitat.

The campaign included a collective statement built with HIC Latin American Members. The text was translated into [English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#) and [Arabic](#) and highlighted how COVID-19 exposed pre-existing inequalities and the exhaustion of the political-economic system that produces and reproduces these inequalities. HIC stated that self-care is not the same for everyone and that this new global crisis cannot be the excuse for more lost decades. The need to oppose the traditional recipes of capitalism was also highlighted. With this text, HIC and its Members called to learn from the past to build a different present and future; redirect the economy to protect the life and habitat of everyone towards a profound redistribution; recognize differences; and ensure parity in political participation.



The Habitat Voices campaign also included the [dissemination of Members' messages in short podcasts](#) answering the questions: How did we get into this pandemic?; How are we facing it?; and What do we need to overcome this pandemic and build a different world? The results of the campaign were very positive, expanding the key messages of HIC Members in the context of the pandemic to raise awareness of the need to guarantee human rights related to habitat.

The Right to the City during 2020

It comes as no surprise that the work of the Global Platform for the Right to the City (GPR2C) in 2020 was deeply defined by the COVID-19 outbreak. Following active participation during the [10th World Urban Forum](#) (Abu Dhabi) in February, from March onwards, the GPR2C adapted its activities and action plan to the current situation, starting with a [campaign and declaration on COVID-19 and the Right to the City](#), a [mapping of member-led responses and initiatives](#) and the [Right to the City Assemblies held in April along with Members and Allies](#).

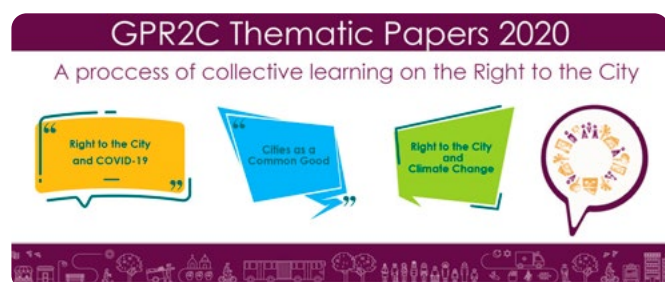


Throughout the year, the GPR2C supported member-led initiatives to respond to the immediate-, medium- and long-term effects of the pandemic; such as the [Zero Eviction Campaign in Brazil](#), the [Decalogue for Participatory Slum Upgrading](#), [UCLG's Live Learning Experiences](#) and the [Right to the City Agenda for the French local elections](#). Moreover, another key instance of solidarity and network strengthening during the year came in the form of two communication campaigns led by the GPR2C. First, during the High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development in July, focused on the role of the [Right to the City in facing global crises](#), such as the pandemic and COVID-19. Then, during Urban October and the World Day for the Right to the City (31 October), the campaign [Cities for Dignity, not for Profit!](#) was launched, focusing on the social function of the city. Both campaigns highlighted initiatives carried out by communities and local governments that presented alternatives both to address the emergency situation and to drive long-term transformation.



In terms of advocacy activities for influencing policies at different levels, it is important to note that the adaptation of all fora and conferences to an online format allowed for an increased democratization of such events, allowing for the participation of all regions and for a diverse and plural range of activities. In terms of global and regional fora, the GPR2C participated in a diverse set of events, such as the Human Rights Cities Forum - Ecuador, [the World Social Forum of Transformative Economies](#), the [High-Level Political Forum](#) and the 10th Human Rights Cities Forum, organizing specific activities and debates around the right to the city. Moreover, the end of the year saw the start of a collaboration between HIC, UCLG and the GPR2C, through the organization of a series of debates with [United Nations Special Rapporteurs on Habitat Rights and the Right to the City](#), in December 2020 and at the beginning of 2021.

Despite the difficulties imposed by the pandemic, 2020 saw the development of a series of research initiatives led and supported by the GPR2C. On one hand, the goal of increasing the engagement of Asian Members and Allies was supported by the development of a research initiative focused on the right to the city in the region, with case studies on cities in China, South Korea, the Philippines and Indonesia. On the other hand, the work of the Women, Gender and Diversity Working Group was strengthened by setting the basis for a global mapping of initiatives related to gender, diversity and the Right to the City, to be carried out in 2021. Finally, 2020 saw the launch of a major research project by the GPR2C: [the publication of a series of Thematic Papers on the Right to the City components, to be published between 2021 and 2022.](#)



In brief, 2020 was a difficult year due to the global situation, but opened the doors for renewed solidarity and network-based work with the multitude of organizations and Allies involved with the work of HIC and the GPR2C. With a view to 2021, the GPR2C looks ahead to reinforcing the activities carried out in 2020, looking at ways to continue to support the work of its Members and developing mid- and long-term reflections and proposals for a substantive paradigm change to face the challenges highlighted during 2020.

Enhancing emancipatory learning with Members and Allies

One of HIC's strategic priorities is to generate and multiply emancipatory learning practices applied to the defence of human rights related to habitat. This is not only part of the essence of the Coalition, but also a request from its Members. During 2020, HIC enhanced emancipatory learning with Members and Allies through two special events:

1. [Learning from African post-pandemic experiences to tackle deep inequalities](#), on 5 May, co-organized with the [Bartlett Development Planning Unit](#) (DPU-UCL), the Federation of the Urban and Rural Poor (FEDURP) and the Centre of Dialogue on Human Settlement and Poverty Alleviation (CODOHSAPA), Sierra Leone.
With the aim of collectively reflecting on the impact of the pandemic and imagining a better world, HIC participated

in two of the eight webinars in the [Post COVID-19 Urban Futures](#) series.

During the session, speakers discussed the increasing impacts of the pandemic due to deep structural inequalities in Africa, where many of the emergency measures were difficult to implement. They also shared lessons from previous pandemics, with a focus on learning processes after the immediate crisis, addressing the underlying and structural factors that shape the vulnerabilities of marginalized communities, as well as their human rights related to habitat and their collective capacities for action.



2. [Remote Pedagogies for Social Learning](#), on 14 July, co-organized with DPU-UCL and the [Knowledge in Action for Urban Equality](#) (KNOW) programme.
This session reflected on the opportunities of and concerns around remote technologies as generative tools for advocacy, collective action and social learning. Major opportunities were seen in the flexibility of time and space, chances for increasing inclusion and breaking away from dominant hierarchies of traditional learning environments. Severe caveats, however, were voiced (or, rather, typed) in regard to the lack of emotional connection and engagement, as well as technical shortfalls, digital inequalities and lack of privacy protection.

HIC in the second edition of the Cameroon Cities and Roofs Fair

On Friday 30 October 2020, Douala's Saint Jerome Catholic University hosted the second edition of the Cameroon Cities and Roofs Fair. Chaired by Archbishop Samuel Kleda, this event was organized by the social and charitable action network of the diocesan committees (CODAS) of Caritas Douala within the framework of the project to promote and protect the right to adequate housing by supporting the improvement of low-income neighbourhoods. More than 287 people directly or indirectly involved in housing issues participated in the meeting, which was held under the theme: 'Deconstructing the negative and discriminatory perception of low-income neighbourhoods: contributions to and challenges in the achievement of SDG 11'.



The exchanges were organized around four thematic sessions, three training workshops and the presence of stands for the various stakeholders to share their knowledge and expertise. The thematic sessions enabled the inhabitants of low-income neighbourhoods to present their opinions, expectations, fears and doubts to the government officials and civil society organizations present. In return, they received clarifications from their respective interlocutors on their missions, achievements, projections and even opportunities related to improving the living environments of urban and peri-urban areas.

Participants were then divided into three groups to attend the training and/or networking workshops, which were held simultaneously. The three sub-themes addressed respectively through these workshops were: 1. Deconstructing the negative and discriminatory perception of low-income neighbourhoods; 2. The procedures for financing citizen- and community-led projects by a district council; and 3. The right to the city. The first workshop was led by CODAS Caritas Douala and facilitated by its Coordinator Pie Katihabwa, assisted by Ms Simo Chanceline. In their presentations, they insisted on the need for residents to love their neighbourhoods and to work on highlighting their value, so that others see these neighbourhoods in the same light. The second workshop was conducted by the Council of the 3rd District of Douala under the moderation of the Honourable Moutassi Ebongue Paul, also Head of the Department of Local Association and Cooperation of this institution. During his presentation, in addition to remarking that innovative financing is increasingly sought, Hon. Moutassi explained that there is a range of types of funding available and that requesting them entails specific procedures. The third workshop on the right to the city was conducted by HIC Members CODAS Caritas Douala through Armand Nouwe and Daniel Nonze from the association ASSOAL. The presentation began with a mini-documentary on the right to the city, followed by a debate, the contextualization of the right to the city, and the presentation of its components.

The participation of institutions such as the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Douala City Council, Habitat International Coalition (HIC) and other and other actors involved in urban issues contributed to diversifying and enriching the quality of this second edition of the Cameroon Cities and Roofs Fair; an annual meeting of actors involved in housing and habitat issues that is beginning to take root among citizens and institutions in Cameroon with growing interest.

Yolande Hendler appointed as the new Secretary General of HIC, and farewell to Álvaro Puertas

During 2020 we [welcomed Yolande Hendler as HIC's new Secretary General](#). She was selected after an intense process starting with an international open call in March 2020 and followed by four months of debate among the Board members with contributions from the HIC Wisdom Keepers and HIC Reference Centre Coordinators.



Yolande Hendler, from South Africa, holds a BA from Stellenbosch University (South Africa) and an MA in Global Studies from Leipzig University (Germany). She has extensive professional experience with grassroots habitat movements and NGOs, demonstrated capacities for organizational development processes and strong interpersonal skills to lead the coordination of HIC. She is committed to social justice, challenging inequality, and advocating for systemic transformation.

In addition, we bid [farewell to Álvaro Puertas, HIC Secretary General since 2014](#). Various Members and Allies dedicated a few words to Álvaro for his work over the past seven years in a meeting that brought together the different voices of the Coalition.

We are very grateful to Álvaro Puertas for the love and commitment that he has poured into his work, which was felt in all corners of HIC's world, where people and social movements fight for the human rights related to habitat and social justice. Furthermore, as participants repeated "we know that Álvaro will continue to be linked to the Coalition, so this is not a goodbye but a see you soon".



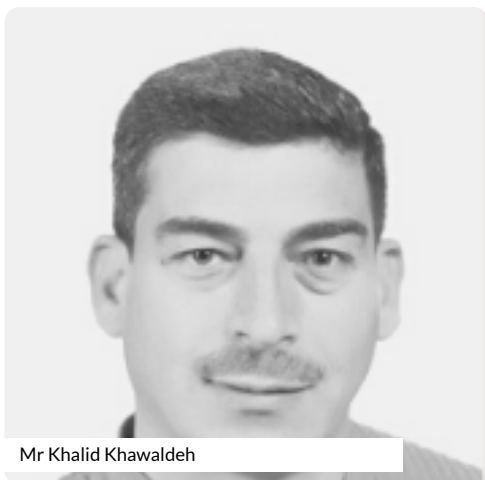
Election of a new Middle East / North Africa Representative at the Board for the period 2020-2024

After a successful election process, [Ms Rana Ghanem was elected as Representative](#) and Mr Khalid Khawaldeh as new Alternate on the HIC Board, from September 2020 until September 2024.



Ms Rana Ghanem

This democratic process started as the mandate of HIC MENA's Representative on the Board, Mrs Rajaa Kassab, came to an end. In accordance with the [Constitution](#), an Electoral Committee composed of four volunteer Members with gender/geographical diversity in the region was established to guide the process. In addition, the elections were supported by Mr Ahmed Mansour (Programme Officer - HIC-MENA) and Ms Marie Bailloux (HIC-GS).



Mr Khalid Khawaldeh

Two rounds of voting took place, resulting in a total of 13 valid votes, which represents the participation of 59% of the eligible

voting Members and meets the quorum requirement of 10% of the roster of voters, in accordance with the [By-law](#).

We value the participation of Members in the region and the excellent work of the Electoral Committee (EC):

Ms Maede Salimi (Centre for Sustainable Development and Environment - Iran), Mr Taleb Brahim (Saharawi Union of Farmers - Western Sahara), Mr Khalid Gindeel (Nuba Mountains International Association - Egypt/Sudan) and Mr Mongi Chniter (*Association pour la Sauvegarde du Patrimoine Archéologique et Ethnographique de Boughrara* [Association for the Safeguarding of the Archaeological and Ethnographic Heritage of Boughrara] - Tunisia). Mr. Khalid Gindeel was designed as the EC Coordinator.

Urban October 2020

Like every year, [Urban October](#) 2020 offered a moment to cast a spotlight on systemic injustices, exacerbated by COVID-19, and to discuss and advocate for alternatives in the defence of human rights related to habitat carried out by HIC Members, Friends and Allies.

To this end, HIC launched the [Voices of Habitat campaign and manifesto](#), which recognizes the structural inequalities highlighted by COVID-19 as consequences of privatization, speculation and dispossession under neoliberal policies, and calls for concrete social, economic and political steps towards realizing a profound redistribution of these systems.

HIC also co-organized a special event under the title '[Housing rights: Looking back, looking forward](#)' on 9 October, together with the [Bartlett Development Planning Unit \(DPU\)](#), the [International Institute for Environment and Development \(IIED\)](#) and [United Cities and Local Governments \(UCLG\)](#). This event brought together communities of practice converging around the defence and production of the 'right to housing' as the 'right to life', and highlighted the importance of strengthening alliances as a critical aspect in learning from the past and moving forward to witness the consolidation and emergence of multiple ways of activating housing rights as actual entitlements.

In addition, as it does every year, HIC supported the many [activities of Members, Friends and Allies](#) focused on at least one of the following aspects: prioritizing women, stopping forced evictions, and pursuing collective action.

independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and [Mr Balakrishnan Rajagopal](#), UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, as well as representatives of civil society organizations and local and regional government networks.

This event marked the beginning of a collective path to foreground a spatial and territorial approach to link the different challenges being faced. The conversation will continue in 2021 with a second dialogue with other mandate holders.

A collective dialogue between United Nations Special Rapporteurs, civil society organizations and local and regional governments

On 4 December, the Global Platform for the Right to the City (GPR2C), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and Habitat International Coalition (HIC) co-hosted the roundtable '[Connecting across Habitat Rights and the Right to the City](#)': a starting point to strengthen cooperation between Special Rapporteurs, civil society organizations and local and regional governments under the framework of human rights related to habitat and the right to the city.



This first roundtable included the invaluable participation of [Mr Pedro Arrojo-Agudo](#), UN Special Rapporteur on human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation; [Mr Felipe González Morales](#), UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of migrants; [Mr Victor Madrigal-Borloz](#), UN

HIC Allies

HIC advocated before international Forums

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)
Committee on Global Food Security (CFS)
Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP)
High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)
Human Rights Council (HRC)
UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)
UN Habitat Executive Board
Universal Periodic Review – UN Human Rights Council
United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

HIC cooperated with multilateral organizations

Committee on NGOs, Department of Social and Economic Affairs, NGO Branch (ECOSOC)
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council
UN Department of Global Communications – NGO Branch (UN DPI NGO)
UN Department of Social and Economic Affairs (UNDESA)
UN Division for Palestinian Rights (DPA)
UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
UN independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity
UN Special Rapporteur on human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation
UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of migrants
UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing

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Accountability Counsel
Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group)
All Together in Diversity - Fourth World (Switzerland)
American Association of Jurists
Association of International Dalit Solidarity
Boston University Human Rights Clinic
Centre d'Études et de Documentation Économiques, Juridiques et Sociales
Cities for Adequate Housing
Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism for relations with the Committee on World Food Security

Cities Alliance
Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) for the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)
Coalition for the International Criminal Court
CoHabitat Network
Commission Amazigh Internationale pour le Développement et les Droits de l'Homme
Displacement Research and Action Network, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance
Extraterritorial Obligations (ETO) Consortium
Food First Information and Action Network International
Forest Peoples Programme
Foro de Autoridades Locales
Friends of the Earth
Geneva Support Group for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Western Sahara
Global Convergence of Land and Water Struggles
Global Initiative on ESC Rights
Global Land Alliance
Global Land Tool Network
Global Platform for the Right to the City
Global Policy Forum
Global Rights, Rules and Responsibilities
Habitat for Humanity International
Huairou Commission
Independent Diplomat
Internal Displacement Monitoring Center
International Accountability Project
International Alliance of Inhabitants
International Commission of Jurists
International Indian Treaty Council
International Land Coalition
International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
International Organization for Migration
International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty
International Tibet Network
International Trade Union Confederation
Kashmir Law and Justice Project
Knowledge in Action for Urban Equality (KNOW)
Landesa
Major Group of Children and Youth (UN)
Major Group of NGOs (UN)
Major Group of Women (UN)
Major Groups and Other Stakeholders HLPF Coordination Mechanism (UN)
Make The Shift Campaign
Milan Urban Food Policy Pact
Minority Rights Group
Mouvement contre le Racisme et pour l'Amitié entre les Peuples
Muslims for Progressive Values
Nonviolence International
Norwegian Refugee Council
No-Vox
Oakland Institute
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OXFAM International
Palestine Land Society

Palestine Return Centre
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 Peoples Movement for Human Rights Education
 Right of Return Coalition
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Through solidarity, networking and support for social movements and organizations, HIC struggles for social justice, gender equality, and environmental sustainability, and works in the defence, promotion and realization of human rights related to housing and land in both rural and urban areas.



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