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HIC Annual Report 2022



45 years

fighting for the right to habitat and social justice

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Message from HIC President

The HIC journey 2022



In 2022 we have celebrated our return to face-to-face interactions since the beginning of the pandemic. It has been a pleasure and an honour to reconnect in-person with so many of you at the [World Urban Forum](#) in Poland, where we celebrated HIC's 45th+1 anniversary; in Kenya, where we worked together in the development of [HIC's Africa Strategic Plan](#); in Korea, where we worked hand in hand with local and regional governments towards their Pact for the Future; and, later in the year in Chile and Argentina, where we had the opportunity to exchange experiences with social movements and supporting organisations on how to advance political and policy support in defence of [social production of habitat processes](#).

In addition, we continued working together virtually in numerous occasions across all regions. This report captures some among many highlights and milestones achieved throughout 2022: our call for [a feminist perspective across the realisation of habitat-related rights](#) in March and beyond, our advocacy at the [UN High Level Political Forum](#) in April to take stock of progress so far in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda; our participation at the [3rd International Social Housing Festival](#) in June to valorise and propagate community-led housing, our campaign calling to [root political action for Climate Justice](#) to recognise and fulfil the right to land for all, as well as our participation at the COP27 calling for a critical and grounded approach to the implementation of a [loss-and-damage fund](#), among many others.

Much of our energy throughout 2022 was dedicated to build and strengthen critical alliances, these include our ongoing work with the UN Special Rapporteurs, and with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). The latter culminated in the public launch of the [UCLG Gold VI Report on Pathways towards Urban and Territorial Equality](#), which explores six pathways – Commoning, Caring, Connecting, Renaturing, Prospering and Democratizing – to respond to structural inequalities

While we embarked in many further undertakings across 2022, our principal focus was on fostering cross-regional political reflexion, while pluralising our advocacy work through the launch of our first three co-learning spaces on [Feminist Approaches to Habitat](#), [Land Rights](#), and [Multi-level Advocacy](#), and our Quarterly Advocacy Meetings. These streams have been accompanied by a process of collective reflection and documentation of the [popular pedagogies practiced within HIC](#). We will continue working along these lines in 2023 to thrive in our collective diversity and to strengthen our muscle as a Coalition.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your active engagement throughout our **Institutional Review process**, through which we aim to recognise and value our diversity, to grow together from our differences, to honour our legacy while making room for renewal, to strengthen our Coalition across all regions, and to sharpen the focus of our work and its impact across HIC's four thematic pillars. In January 2023, the Board will hold a strategic planning retreat, the outcomes of which we will be sharing with all HIC members, with more details about HIC's plans for 2023, including: two new co-learning spaces on Climate Justice and Social Production of Habitat, the cross-regional working groups on feminist approaches to habitat and land rights, as well as our plans to support dialogue and exchange across social and feminist movements, and to reactivate our Coalition's engagement with critical allies in Asia and North America.

I am constantly inspired by the work you do as part of HIC and in your own contexts and regions all around the world, as each of you brings endless energy, commitment, passion, and strategic thinking and doing to advance the defence of habitat-related human rights and the right to the city, and to build a more equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and loving world for all.

Thank you for being an active part of HIC and for pushing the boundaries of the world we live in!



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).

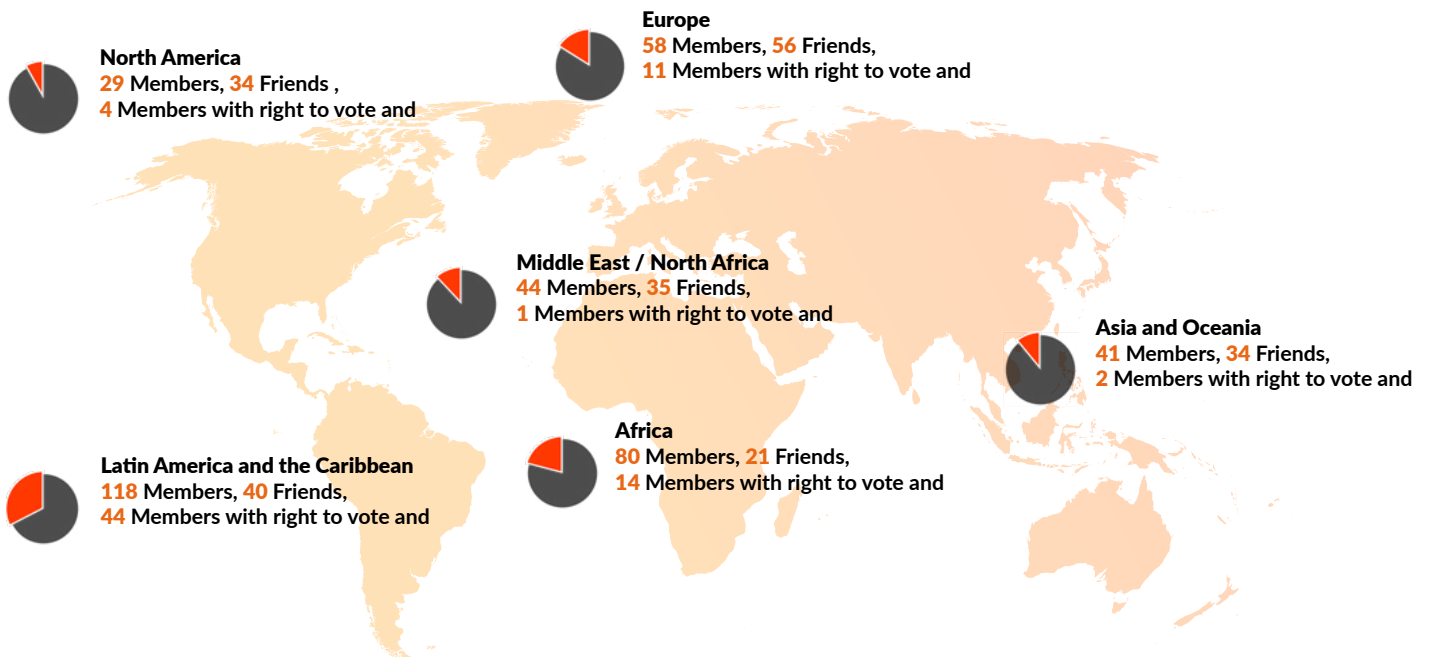
HIC is composed of various policy, thematic and regional structures including the General Assembly, the HIC Board, HIC Wisdom Keepers, the General Secretariat, Reference Centres including HIC regional offices and thematic networks, Focal points and HIC Allies and like-minded institutions.

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

On 31 December 2022, the Coalition had 376 Members (of which 83 had the right to vote) and 224 Friends. In addition, 1,184 organizations and individuals formed the HIC Social Base. The figures below present the geographic distribution of HIC Members and Friends::



376 Members

224 Friends

83 Members with right to vote

1,184 Social Base in the world

HIC's Members per region and country

Africa / 80

Angola

Development Workshop - Angola

Benin

ONG BETHESDA/Département

Burkina Faso

Centre Régional pour l'Eau Potable et l'Assainissement

Coalition Nationale pour l'Habitat

Botswana

Cooperation for Research, Development and Education

Burkina Faso

Centre Regional pour l'Eau Potable et l'Assainissement

Coalition Nationale pour l'Habitat

Cameroon

Association des Amoureux du Livre ASSOAL

Coalition des ONG et OCB du Cameroun Oeuvrant 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

Femmes Rurales Amies de la Paix et du Développement

Réseau National des Habitants du Cameroun

Cameroun

Congo - Democratic Republic of the

Association d'appui aux conducteurs de chariots du Congo

Groupe d'Action pour le Droit

Congo - Democratic Republic of the

Association d'appui aux conducteurs de chariots du Congo

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

Nairobi People Settlement Network

National Cooperative Housing Union Ltd

Pamoja Trust

Shift 4 Change

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 Magranbogou

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

Ndifuna Ukwazi

PLANACT

Socio Economic Rights Institute of South Africa

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

Community Alliance for Human

Settlements in Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe People's Land Rights

Movement

Housing People of Zimbabwe

Asia and Oceania / 41

Afghanistan

Agency of Consultancy for Training

Australia

Australian Council of Social Service

Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan Women and Development Centre

Bangladesh

Dustha Shasthya Kendra

Labour Resource Center

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
Kota Kita
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

Europe / 58

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
Global Urban Studies Institute
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
Sorooptimist International
The Bartlett Development Planning Unit
Town and Country Planning Association
World Habitat

Latin America and the Caribbean / 118

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
Catalytic Communities
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
Habitat Argentina
Instituto de Investigación y Desarrollo en Vivienda
Instituto Internacional de Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo
Movimiento de Ocupantes e Inquilinos
Programa de Investigación y Extensión sobre Producción del Espacio y derecho a la Ciudad
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
Vivienda Social y Ciudad

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 de Defesa e Promoção dos
Direitos Humanos da Arquidiocese de
Fortaleza
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 Arquidiocese 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 - SELAVIP
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 CIVITIC. Red Universitaria
de Estudios Urbanos de Ecuador
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 /50

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

Iraq University Civil Community
Foundation
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
Front d'Action Amazigh - Amyaway Imazighen
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
Dr. Haider Abdel Shafi Center for Culture

and Development
Gaza Urban Agriculture Platform
Human Rights and Democracy Media Center

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

Sudan

Darfur Network for Monitoring and Documentation
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

All Youth Foundation for Community Development
Sisters Arabic Forum for Human Rights (Muntada al-Shaqa`iq al-Arabi li Huquq al-Insan)
Social Democratic Forum

The Center of International Humanitarian Law & Human Rights
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

Welcome to our new Members 2022

During 2022, HIC received 27 new applications for membership (from 23 organisations and 4 individuals). Of the complete applications (with full institutional documents for Members' applications or personal CV for Friends' applications) received for membership, HIC approved and welcomed 12 new organisations as Members in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and Middle East and North Africa.

Africa



Ndifuna Ukwazi: South Africa



Socio Economic Rights Institute of South Africa: South Africa



Nairobi People Settlement Network: Kenya

Asia



Kota Kita: Indonesia



Labour Resource Center: Bangladesh

Europe

Global Urban Studies Institute: Germany

Latin America and the Caribbean



Catalytic Communities / Brazil

Middle East and North Africa



Front d'Action Amazigh - Amyaway Imazighen / Morocco



All Youth Foundation for Community Development / Yemen



Darfur Network for Monitoring and Documentation / Sudan



Gaza Urban Agriculture Platform / Palestine



The Center of International Humanitarian Law & Human Rights / Yemen

HIC Global Data



On 31 December 2022, HIC had 376 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 224 Friends and a Social Base made of 1,184 registers.



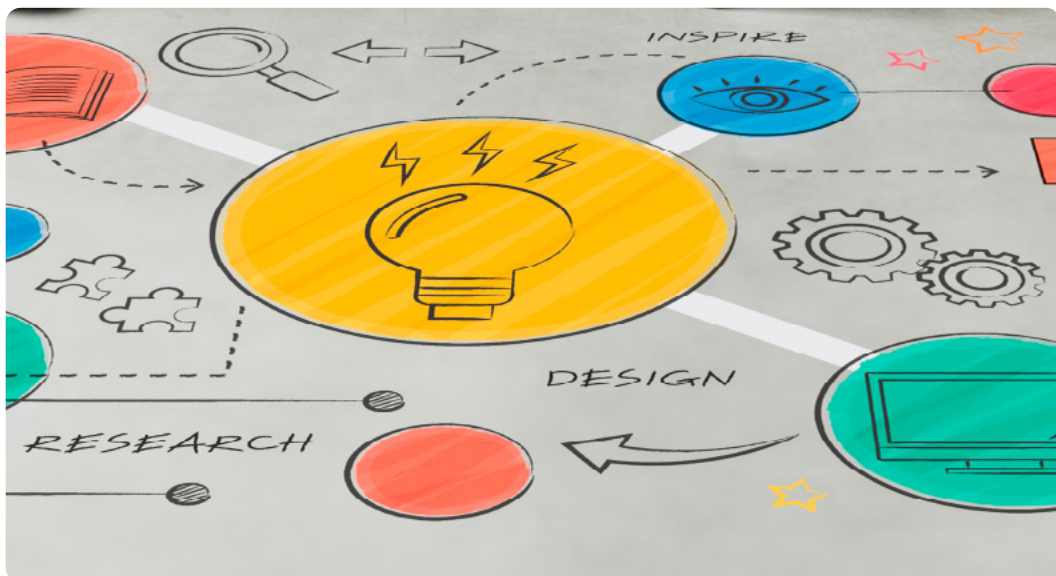
Between January 1st 2022 and 31 December 2022, the online system received 26 new applications for membership (from 23 organizations and 3 persons). 12 organizations were approved in the considered period. Regarding Membership fees payment, a total amount of 1.244,50 US\$ and 1.830,54 € were received through 24 payments. In addition, 61 HIC Members had 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 2022).



Other relevant figure is the number of individuals related via HIC Social Media Tools. HIC has maintained the same number of followers of HIC's Facebook page 6,200 but the number of followers in Twitter continues increasing, getting 577 new followers in this period reaching the amount of 6002 followers; HIC mailing lists' have 1,584 subscribers between Allies/partners and Social Bases. Regarding HIC Global website, 28,720 users visited www.hic-net.org between January and December 2022, 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



Enrique Ortiz
Mexico



Ana Sugranyes
Chile



Lorena Zárate
Canada



Ifeyinwa Ofong
Nigeria



Shivani Chaudry
India

HIC Board Members



Adriana Allen
President
The Bartlett
DPU
United Kingdom



Moussa Ka
Africa
Association Habitants et
Travailleurs de Baraka -
Senegal



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



Ana Pastor
Latin America
Civil Association Madre /
Tierra
Argentine



Rana Ghanem
Middle East
/ North Africa
Social Democratic
Forum,
Yemen



Massa Kone
HIC Board
Representative
Social Movements
CGLTE OA (Mali)



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



Khalid Khawaldeh
MENA
Dana and Qadisiyah Local Community
Cooperative, Jordan

HIC Faces

HIC Reference Centers Staff



Ahmed Mansour
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HIC Structures' Reports

HIC Presidency

The end of COVID19 lock-down in 2022 translated into another busy year, in which our President advanced HIC's vision and mission through multiple face-to-face and online encounters. While the main milestones achieved throughout the year are outlined in her introductory message to this report, below are some expanded details and further remarks.

Advocacy

Back in October 2021, our President produced a statement calling for Climate Justice to be treated and enacted as a fundamental right underpinning all habitat-related human rights. In May 2022, the UN Human Rights Council appointed the [first Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and climate change](#), and the UN General Assembly formally recognized in July 2022 the [right to a clean and healthy environment](#) as a Human Right. Such decision sets a critical precedent stressing the urgency for sustained climate action and reinforces our call for climate justice. In 2022, Adriana spearheaded our campaign to take these milestone commitments further, by **rooting political action for climate justice** and calling for the urgent UN adoption of the General Comment on the right to land, to unblock long ongoing negotiations and ensure that land rights are effectively protected as a fundamental component of social and environmental justice for all.

The above is directly connected with further efforts to establish firm links between our advocacy for climate justice and housing and land rights over the year. In this context, Adriana was invited by Balakrishnan Rajagopal (UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing) to moderate an Asia-Pacific regional consultation with CSOs that informed his report to the UNHRC on climate change and housing. On this occasion she highlighted the multiple ways in which climate change continues to threaten the realisation of the human right to adequate housing, emphasising the need for anticipatory action with regards to the actual impacts of climate change as a force of massive displacement.



As mentioned in our President's introduction to this Report, a milestone achieved in 2022 was the launch of the [GOLD VI Report on Pathways towards Urban Equality](#), in which Adriana played a key role as a member of the Steering Committee to include the voice and experience of HIC Members and other key civil society networks and allies of our Coalition. The report was launched at the [UCLG World Congress](#) held in Daejeon (South Korea) in November 2022 and formally adopted by UCLG Members to guide their Pact for the Future of Humanity. Adriana was invited by UCLG to be present at their World Congress and participated in several events as a speaker, among them, opening and moderating a special session on "Cities for Adequate Housing: From Present Emergencies to a Future of Housing Justice", co-organised by UCLG, HIC GS and IIED. Adriana's key message was that "the realisation of the right to adequate housing includes tackling explicitly unequal access to housing, land and public services; all the way to the pervasive exclusion and inequalities based on people's intersectional identity, gender inequality and its utmost expression through the unequal distribution of care burdens; the need to rethink human settlements through enhanced mobility and connectivity; to dignified livelihood opportunities; to drive critical environmental transitions from a rights-based approach; and to tackle deep asymmetries in political parity of participation and representation." The outcomes of the session included a commitment to propel forward the existing municipalist movement and declaration of Cities for Adequate Housing. The session also inspired the Mayor of Makeni, Ms. Sunkarie Kabba, to present a motion to the UCLG Pact for the Future, the outcome document of the 2022 UCLG World Congress, which was adopted, along with the reactivation of the UCLG Housing Community of Practice.



Further to the above and her participation in other advocacy fora, Adriana formed part of the Evaluators Team of the international competition on [Transformative Cities](#), promoted by the Transnational Institute in Amsterdam.

Throughout 2022, Adriana's message on behalf of our Coalition emphasised the urgent need to put in place the necessary

safeguards and mechanisms required for all – regardless of their gender, class, race, sexual orientation and physical and mental ability - to enjoy a safe and dignified life. And to do so under a conception that recognizes and protects diverse forms of tenure beyond private property, patriarchal, colonial, and neocolonial extractivist entrenched patterns and is committed to the fair distribution of resources and their collective control by those typically marginalised, such as women, indigenous people, tenants and migrants.

Learning together

Building upon HIC’s work over the years, since the beginning of her mandate as President, Adriana has devoted significant efforts to expand and deepen our engagement with pedagogic practices that enable social movements, ordinary citizens, activists, and urban practitioners to become agents of change for a socially and environmentally just habitat. In 2022 this workstream included her active support and participation to the planning and implementation of HIC’s first round of cross-regional co-learning spaces and the culmination of a project funded by the Development Planning Unit (DPU) KNOW Programme that entailed a collective process of documentation and reflection on the popular pedagogies adopted by several grassroots schools of popular urbanism working under HIC umbrella in Latin America. The outcomes of this process included: [four short films by HIC-AL members](#) with creative support by La Sandía Digital; a documentary entitled “[What we want is to change everything](#)” scripted and curated by Adriana in collaboration with Julia Wesely; and a collective article on five verbs that trigger and sustain transformative change: Allen, A et al. (2022) [Crafting urban equality through grassroots critical pedagogies: weave, sentipensar , mobilize, reverberate, emancipate](#). Environment & Urbanization 34, DOI: [10.1177/09562478221115334](https://doi.org/10.1177/09562478221115334)

A further publication produced by our President together with comrades at the Indian Institute of Human Settlements explores the value and impact of pluralising urban pedagogies in the COVID19 pandemic - Wesely, J, Lall, R, Dutta, N, Anand, G, & Allen, A (2022) How Do We Learn Now? Pluralising Urban Pedagogies in the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Urbanisation*,7(1), 87–98. <https://doi.org/10.1177/24557471221111889>

Building a strong Coalition



Supporting the internal vitality and functioning of our Coalition, throughout the year our President maintained close collaboration with the HIC General Secretariat, Board members and the regional and thematic offices, in order to follow up on the various ongoing initiatives. Within this framework, she contributed to the organization of presential and virtual meetings to discuss institutional issues and strategic projects, including the Board strategic planning meetings that guide the direction of the political priorities that we pursue through our thematic and regional structures, our hybrid General Assembly in Katowice (Poland), HIC Africa Strategic Plan and our Institutional Review process. Doubling on her everyday work at the DPU and in response to invitations by institutional allies, Adriana contributed to various events and met Members and Allies of the Coalition in Buenos Aires (Argentina), Santiago de Chile and Valparaiso (Chile), New York, (USA), Nairobi (Kenya), Daejeon (South Korea), Dar es Salaam and Mwanza (Tanzania), Freetown (Sierra Leone) and Beira (Mozambique) among others.



While this report offers a glimpse of our President’s work throughout 2022, more details can be found at [HIC President Blog](#).



HIC General Secretariat

In 2022, the life of HIC and its members was marked by an important shift: the lifting of Covid-19 related restrictions. It became possible to travel and meet, exchange and strategize together in person, and for some to do so for the first time. At the same time global deliberation and decision-making was shaped by a context of polycrises marked by the pandemic, the ongoing climate crisis and the intensification of cross-regional conflicts, captured in the “[Our Common Agenda](#)” report by the UN Secretary General.

The General Secretariat (GS) and HIC Board focussed on three avenues to advance HIC’s global mission. Firstly, GS support to popular processes focussed on defining (re)connection with social and feminist movements and engaging with the convergence between human rights related to habitat and feminist approaches. Secondly, the HIC co-learning spaces and regional strategies in Africa and Asia, coordinated by the GS, played a central role in coalition building. Thirdly, the GS focussed on impacting global agendas through advancing the interconnection between climate justice and habitat-related

human rights, articulating a more explicit intersectional and feminist approach to human rights related to habitat and calling for a return to and strengthened focus on housing rights in global agendas.

Supporting popular processes

Through cross-regional engagements at the World Social Forum in March 2022 with the new HIC Board representative Massa Kone, and conversations within the HIC Board at the World Urban Forum in June 2022, HIC agreed on the necessity to [strengthen ties with social and feminist movements and facilitate convergence between them](#) to forge joint strategies of popular movements identifying alternative practices and informing advocacy on global policies.



Coalition building

HIC's participant-led, online co-learning spaces were a highlight of 2022. Overall, 73 regular HIC members participated in the three co-learning spaces on feminist approaches to habitat (February 2022), multi-level advocacy (March 2022), and land rights (May 2022). HIC members emphasised the value of co-learning as a key strategy for HIC to achieve its vision and mission precisely because of the cross-regional, cross-culture and multilingual interaction, deliberating on local practices and strategies, and identifying shared strategies and actions. What's next and how do we keep the momentum going? It is clear that ongoing spaces for more sustained learning and advocacy are needed, and as a continuation the GS will form two cross-regional working groups in 2023 (on feminist approaches to habitat and land rights, respectively). In the meantime a [dedicated co-learning section](#) has been established on the GS website with access to recordings and materials. In addition, a podcast series and two further co-learning spaces, on habitat and climate justice, and the social production of habitat, are being prepared for next year.

In parallel to its cross-regional focus, the GS and HIC President dedicated time to developing strategies in the Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia regions, which were highlighted by HIC Members as requiring more staff support (Africa) and representation (Asia).

In Africa, Desmond Chieshe was appointed as Africa Regional Coordinator in May 2022. In the same month, the GS and Africa

Regional Coordinator joined HIC members and civil society organisations in Kenya for the [9th UCLG Africities summit](#), submitting five position papers towards realising social justice in African cities. In November 2022, a representative group of HIC Africa members met for an [in-person strategic planning workshop](#) with the Africa coordinator, GS and HIC President to develop a regional strategic plan, which will be finalised in 2023. The Women and Habitat Africa Working Group (WHAWG) held a total of 6 meetings, including an online event during Urban October 2022.



In Asia, the GS connected with a new HIC Member in India, the Working People's Coalition (WPC) through the Asia Europe People's Forum (February 2022) and the World Social Forum (March 2022). Through this relationship WPC approached the GS to start a joint initiative to foster Asia-wide dialogues, exchange and joint strategies on habitat-related matters. WPC and the GS developed a preliminary concept and work plan to be implemented in 2023.

Advocacy

During the year, the GS advanced on the following global advocacy objectives of HIC:

- Campaigning for an intersectional, feminist approach to habitat through emphasising the plurality and complexity of discrimination on the occasion of international women's day in [March 2022](#).
- Campaigning for the recognition and fulfilment of the human right to land for all, as a means of rooting political action for climate justice in [October 2022](#) and contributing to the UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing [report: Right to adequate housing and climate change](#),
- Contributing to a (re)commitment to housing rights in the global municipalist agenda at the [World Congress of United Cities and Local Governments \(UCLG\)](#) in October 2022, which included, as part of a [side event co-organised by HIC](#), a commitment to propel forward the existing declaration of Cities for Adequate Housing and the adoption of a [motion](#) for a municipalist strategy on housing justice in the UCLG Pact for the Future, the policy outcome document of the Congress.
- Calling for the right to the city to be recognised as an accelerator for the implementation of the New Urban

Agenda at its [five year review in April 2022](#), together with the HIC President, UCLG and the Global Platform for the Right to the City (GPR2C).

Several advances in alliance building contributed to the above advocacy processes such as the cross-organisational alliances built at the [World Urban Forum 11](#) in June 2022 and the [International Social Housing Festival in June 2022](#).



Organisational development

In 2022 the GS also coordinated the HIC institutional review which set out to address perceived insular decision-making in HIC and set criteria for globalism and regional balance, as well as clarify organisational structures, functions, relationships, processes and policies. Conducted by two consultants, the process included a documentation review, fifteen stakeholder interviews over a period of 3 months, a HIC member survey and a General Assembly in December 2022, dedicated to discussing results and feedback between HIC members and the consultants. The final report and recommended actions will be completed in 2023.

HIC in Latin America and the Caribbean

In line with HIC's strategic objectives, the regional office worked to strengthen multiple popular processes that fight for human rights related to habitat, such as the right to housing, the right to the city, the fight against forced evictions, the right to water and climate justice.

In terms of the **human rights related to habitat**, HIC-AL gave multiple conferences, classes and workshops at the request of different national and regional groups on different topics; participated in various dissemination events in Mexico, Latin America and internationally; and facilitated more than fifty [interviews to newspapers and television stations](#) (ES) on the right to housing, social production of habitat, gentrification,

financialization of housing, rent and temporary tourist rent. In addition, HIC-AL participated in different actions to make visible how environmental issues violate human rights related to habitat.

Regarding **forced evictions**, HIC-AL encouraged and gave visibility to calls to actions by members and allies, and it was in frequent communication with the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing to bring these cases to his attention. HIC-AL kept articulating with the *Movimiento Urbano Popular* and the *Red de personas desalojadas* of Mexico City, and continued defending before the courts three cases of people in vulnerable situations. It reported on the problem and possible solutions with different campaigns and initiatives on social networks and a strong presence in the national press.

In agreement with the Iberoamerican University in Mexico City, the creation of the **first clinic for the right to adequate housing** was promoted, and from 2023, classes on the subject to the lawyers of the future and advise people in vulnerable situations will be taught. It also kept supporting emblematic cases such as the first housing cooperative that was formed in the city more than 60 years ago (Palo Alto), which is at risk of liquidation.

In relation to **public policy advocacy** work, HIC-AL was involved in different transformative processes¹ of members and allies. Together with *Ciudad Constituyente*, a broad collective that was formed in Chile to influence the drafting of a new Constitution demanded by movements and organisations following the social outburst of 2019, HIC-AL collaborated in the drafting process of the articles on the [right to decent and adequate housing](#)² and the [right to the city and territory](#), and articulated actions of solidarity, support and visibility. Both articles are very advanced and reflect the concerns of different groups and specialists³. Prior to the plebiscite on the constitutional text (September 2022), HIC-AL joined a series of support initiatives and contacted the United Nations Housing Rapporteur to express its support for the constitutional articles, which happened through a [communiqué](#). In the end, due to [various factors](#), 62% of the population rejected the progressive proposal for a new constitution.

HIC-AL supported, including through interventions in large-scale public events, the National Bill for the Self-Managed Social Production of Popular Habitat in Argentina, promoted by its members, which is also articulated - thanks to the work of the Latin American Secretariat for Housing and Popular Habitat (SELVIPH) - with similar processes being developed in Brazil and Venezuela. This legislation, which builds on the achievements of [Law 341](#) of Buenos Aires, was born from the idea that self-management and housing cooperatives are an alternative to confront the intensification of the processes of financialised commodification of habitat and its class, gender, ethnic and age-based aspects. At the

1 We understand transformative processes/demands as those that place human beings and nature at the center, seeking to address systemic causes of inequality and injustice by pursuing one or more of the following points without contradicting each other: 1. Deepening the defense and realization (as is the case with habitat production and social management processes) of human rights related to the population's habitat; 2. Prioritizing the public and common over the private by supporting self-management, collective processes, and tools for decision-making and control by the interested population in habitat-related processes; 3. Promoting awareness and active participation of individuals through advocacy, human rights education, participatory design, among other tools, ensuring that they are rights-holders rather than mere objects of intervention; 4. Addressing environmental issues by prioritizing sustainable productive activities over predatory ones or promoting alternatives to climate change (policy advocacy, use of local materials, eco-technologies); 5. Supporting the fight against inequality; 6. Giving importance to the care economy.

2 It should be noted that Chile is the only country in the region, along with Peru, that does not have the recognition of the right to housing in its Constitution.

3 To delve into its importance, HIC-AL dedicated the Tenth episode of the podcast series "Voces Del Hábitat: Tejiendo utopías latinoamericanas" to the inclusion of the Right to the City and Adequate Housing in the draft of the new Political Constitution of Chile.

national level, they supported the National Housing Commission with the analysis and recommendations of their projects for the social production of habitat. In addition, they had a publicly funded action-research project with four HIC members and three universities to identify obstacles to scaling up and strengthening social production of habitat at the national level.

In relation to the objective of **strengthening the Coalition**, HIC-AL maintained a fluid dialogue with its membership through regional online meetings and the facilitation of the working group on production and social management of habitat, with its annual meeting to develop a collective work agenda. In addition, it highlights the Regional campaign for neighbourhood improvement [“Our neighbourhoods, our rights, our cities”](#) that HIC-AL co-ordinated with the Civil Association for Equality and Justice (ACIJ), member organisation from Argentina. This campaign has been built and supported by 60 organizations and movements, with a document of demands and about 100 good practices of social organizations and governmental bodies. This campaign will be presented in 2023 to decision-makers, international bodies and allies throughout the region. On the occasion of the Forum of Ministers and Highest Authorities of Housing and Urbanism of Latin America and the Caribbean (MINURVI) (Chile, 5-6 December), the Campaign elaborated and disseminated a declaration and delivered information about the initiative to different ministers. In addition, HIC-AL played an active role in the realisation of the [Co-Learning Spaces](#) on 1) feminist approaches to habitat, 2) multi-level advocacy, and 3) land rights.



HIC in Africa

Introduction

HIC Sub-Saharan African quest for a regional coordinator came to reality in May 2022 with the employment of Desmond Chieshe from Abuja, Nigeria. Before now the region had no dedicated staff to coordinate her activities but was supported by two focal points, from Benin and Kenya. HIC African members welcomed the decision of the General Secretariat as a step towards improving Africa performance and participation at the

regional and global level as well as increasing membership and visibility. In May 2022 HIC African members and the Women and Habitat Africa Working Group (WHAWG) resolved to hold meetings every month to strengthen the region.



Activities

Orientation of HIC Africa Regional Coordinator

The orientation of HIC Africa regional coordinator took place in Nairobi, Kenya at Mazingira Institute, one of the HIC Africa Focal points with Yolande Hendler, HIC General Secretary, Davinder Lamba, Mazingira Institute Executive Director, Joseph Schechla, Coordinator HIC Housing and Land Rights Network (HIC-HLRN) and Desmond Chieshe, HIC Africa Coordinator.

Africities

The Africa Coordinator with Yolande Hendler HIC General Secretary and Joseph Schechla Coordinator of HIC-HLRN participated in the civil society forum prior to the 9th Africities Summit in Kisumu, Kenya. The [Civil Society Forum](#), held on 15-16 May 2022, was co-convened by seven Kenyan Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), including members of HIC in which they articulated collectively civil society perspective around the topics under discussion at the Africities Summit. The main issues included: Social Justice and African Cities, Women’s political leadership and African cities, Forced evictions and African cities, Stakeholder engagement and African cities and Affordable housing and African cities. The aim of the CSOs forum was to explicitly integrate human rights obligations in the implementation of the 2030 and 2063 agenda and prevent forced evictions as well as ensure remedy and reparations for affected persons. The key outcomes were the concrete actions for faithful implementation of agenda 2030 and 2063 commitments.



At the end of the Africities Summit HIC was recognized by UCLG Africa and invited to join the committee that will follow up the implementation of the resolutions and recommendations of the Summit. The Africa regional coordinator, Desmond Chieshe, and Samuel Ikua, from Mazingira Institute, were nominated to represent HIC on the committee.

11th World Urban Forum, Katowice, Poland.

HIC Africa regional coordinator Desmond Chieshe and Africa Board representative Moussa Ka were in Katowice (Poland) from June 25th to 30th. Desmond and Moussa joined the Board, Members and Allies in HIC General Assembly, where Africa regional activities and plans were presented, the celebration of HIC'S 45 (+1) year anniversary and other activities around the [11th World Urban Forum](#) (WUF).

HIC Women and Habitat Africa Working Group: Urban October Event

Every October UN-Habitat and partners organize a month of activities, events and discussions to raise awareness, promote participation and generate more knowledge and understanding of the challenges and opportunities created by the fast rate of changes in our cities and towns

HIC Women and Habitat Africa Working Group is a group committed to consolidating, developing and mainstreaming the feminist approach in HIC Africa processes, projects and activities and to tackle historic challenges facing women and girls in their habitat and ensure that they are able to enjoy their habitat-related human rights which include; human right to adequate housing, land, food, water and sanitation, as well as equal access to, use and control of natural and economic resources.

The working group organized an event on the 13th October 2022 to commemorate World Habitat Day with the theme: "[Gender Equality, Women's Land and Housing Rights: Bridging the Gap](#)" online via zoom. This event brought together over fifty five (55) participants cross-regionally including different United Nations agencies. The event was facilitated by Dr. Ify Ofong, Main Representative to the United Nations for WorldWIDE Network Nigeria & Convener, HIC- Women and Habitat Africa Working Group and moderated by Andrew Allimadi, Coordinator of Cooperative Issues, Division for Inclusive Social Development, DESA, United Nations, New York.

Africa Regional Strategic plan

For the first time in the history of the region, HIC Africa Members came together in November 2022 and developed a [regional strategic plan](#) for the next five years. Several contributions from members in the sub-regions, HIC General Secretariat and the Board made this possible. HIC Africa Member organisations volunteered their time and knowledge to develop the strategic plan. Those who volunteered were; Franck Olivier Kouame (Humanitas Solidaris, Cameroon), Eliane Sylvie Mfomou

(CONGEH, Cameroon), Hilary Zhou (Zimbabwe People's Land Rights Movement), Humphrey Otieno (KSM, Kenya), Hemsing Hurrinag (DION, Mauritius), Samuel Ikua (Mazingira Institute, Kenya) and Dr Ifeyinwa Ofong (WIDE, Nigeria) as the facilitator. The Africa strategic plan received the support of HIC President, Adriana Allen, HIC Africa Board Representative, Moussa Ka (Baraka, Senegal), Coordinator of HIC-HLRN, Joseph Schechla and HIC Wisdom Keeper, Davinder Lamba and HIC Secretary General Yolande Hendler as well as Diana Wachira, HIC Learning Officer who were all present at the in-person workshop in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Africa strategic plan 2023 - 2027, aims to better coordinate priorities, mobilize resources and implement joint actions to fight for the recognition, defense and full implementation of human rights related to habitat.



HIC Africa Reference Center

While in Nairobi, for the development of Africa strategic plan, the eight HIC Africa members, together with Mr Davinder Lamba, used the opportunity to hold a meeting and agreed to establish one reference centre in Africa, that would replace the two focal points in Benin and Nairobi.

This decision was endorsed by the HIC Board at the Board meeting in December 2022. HIC Africa members agreed that the reference centre will be hosted by a HIC member organization in any agreed locations in Sub-Saharan Africa with a reference centre committee consisting of one person from each of the HIC Sub-Saharan Africa subregions in addition to Africa regional coordinator, and Africa Board representative.

Conclusion

We can reinvigorate HIC Africa. We will innovate and reach out to new members and partners. We will re-engage and build trust across the board. We can pull together and generate renewed momentum in HIC thematic areas, we can reignite enthusiasm for the region and effectively implement the five-year strategic plan.

HIC in the Middle East and North Africa

Throughout 2022, HIC-MENA was highly active in pursuing its main goals of **creating networking, knowledge creation and advocacy**. In February 2022 HIC-MENA organized a sub-regional Land Forum with 15 HIC-MENA Members in Jordan and Palestine in collaboration Dibeen Association for Environmental Development at Jerash, Jordan on “forest and land management and climate change, and the interrelationship between them.” The **capacity-building** workshop explored the global policy frameworks for land, forests and climate change in the geographical scope of Jordan and the Palestinian territories. The participants identified the main actors in the field, revealing the most prominent contradictions between global commitments and local policies, and analyzed legislative and policy gaps in relation to climate change. The workshop culminated in new commitments for collaboration in monitoring, documentation, policy analysis and knowledge exchange.



For the goal of the **networking and coalition building**, HIC-MENA participated with its allies Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) in the “Regional CSO Forum on Sustainable Development,” in March 2022, in Beirut, Lebanon. This CSO mechanism covered the range of contemporary development issues represented in the Sustainable-development Goals (SDGs) in the regional context. Linking local analysis to the global agenda, HIC-MENA contributed input to the reviews of Agenda 2030 progress of Djibouti, Eritrea and United Arab Emirates at the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2022.

In its 2022 round in preparation for HLPF, HIC-MENA collaborated with the Arab NGO Network for Development and other regional organizations in the Arab Forum for Sustainable Development, contributing critical analysis of urban development policy and land governance. As an output of that collaboration, HIC-MENA also published [original research](#) that reviewed the green-transition discourse, policies and finance in MENA. It showed some notable progress in some countries, while civic monitoring is needed even more than ever across the region to remedy potential hazards identified in the report.



In the UN Human Rights System, HIC-MENA addressed the UN Human Rights Council’s 49th regular session in the March 2022 interactive dialogue with the UN Special Rapporteur on adequate housing, with a focus on discrimination and spatial segregation in housing. A written submission from HIC-MENA and Members also covered the situation in Egypt, Sudan, Syria and Yemen, with special inputs on Israel’s institutionalized material discrimination in housing and land against the Indigenous Palestinian People throughout historic Palestine.

Within its **advocacy role** before human rights mechanisms, and during February 2022, HIC-MENA joined HIC Members and allies in Palestine to submit a joint [parallel report](#) before the United Nations Human Rights Committee (CCPR) in advance of its fifth periodic review of Israel’s performance of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). The contribution of HIC-MENA to the joint parallel report addressed violations resulting from Israel’s spatial planning laws, the ideologically biased judicial system, violations of the freedom of movement and Israel’s institutionalized practice of dispossession and destruction of Palestinian homes and land throughout historic Palestine.

The parallel report coincided also with HIC’s expressed solidarity with Members and other human rights organizations in Palestine under Israel’s repression, in general, but especially in the baseless and predatory designation of six leading Palestinian civil society organizations as “terrorist organizations,” including HIC Members, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Also, HIC-MENA also collaborated with HIC Members and allies from Western Sahara, contributing a joint report with the Sahrawi Association in the United States of America (SAUSA) to the Universal Periodic Review of Morocco’s human rights record before the UN Human Rights Council. The first-ever specialized report on housing and land rights conditions under Moroccan occupation highlighted the systemic denial of the human rights to adequate housing and land of the Sahrawi population, invaded in 1975 and occupied ever since. HLRN also developed the report into a [publication](#), describing in detail how the occupation forces, settlers and extractive industries have appropriated Sahrawi private and collective lands and natural resources.

In June 2022, HIC-MENA participated in the global conference of the ETOs Consortium that organized and held at *Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg*. The lively conference covered a wide spectrum of issues through ten thematic workshops that consisted of mutual learning and

identifying future activities and cases that can trigger diverse collaborations and synergies for remedy. HIC-MENA presented analysis updating regional cases ongoing since the Consortium was founded in 2007, and identified new cases in pursuit of accountability, including through litigation. HIC-MENA also presented a session on the new case of the French Lafarge cement company found liable for supporting terrorism and crimes against humanity in Syria, and presented the case of gold extractivism in Sudan and related illicit financial flows.

During the second half of 2022, HIC-MENA implemented the “twinning project,” “Land governance toward durable solutions for resettlement of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Sudan,” in collaboration with Khartoum-based Istitidama Center for Land and Environmental Governance. The project mobilized civil society actors and organizations to learn about the applicable global norms and local opportunities for Sudanese civil organizations to transition from charity and relief work to assume development roles in finding durable solutions for the country’s internally displaced persons (IDP).

As a needed complement to authoritative reports on apartheid in Palestine by such other organizations as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and B’Tselem, HLRN’s coordinator joined the coalition of Palestinian organizations and authors to produce Israeli Apartheid: Tool of Zionist Settler Colonialism. The analysis, published by Al Haq in November 2022, analyzes the features of apartheid institutionalized and practiced in its wider historic context.

More details on HIC-MENA networking, knowledge creation and advocacy are found in the “Regional Developments” section of LandTimes [Issues 25/26](#) (May 2022) and [Issue27](#) (December 2022).

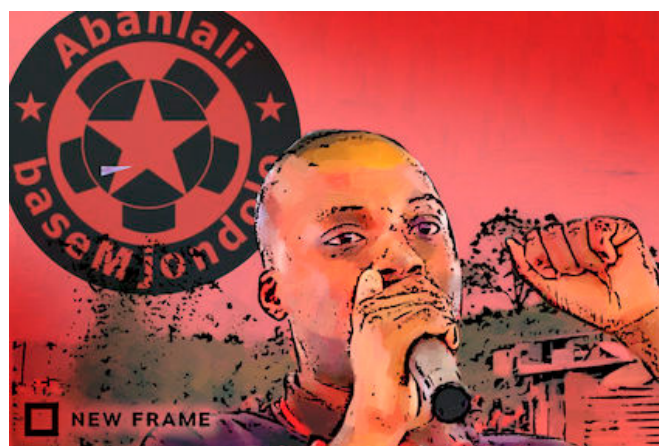
HIC Housing and Land Rights Network



At HIC’s HLRN, 2022 opened with monitoring and advocating housing and land rights having expanded to include the impacts of climate change and their remedy, applying global norms

and the quantification tools HLRN has developed since 2009. However, unplanned developments soon captured the attention of all housing and land rights defenders. These included Russia’s 24 February invasion of Ukraine and related [crimes of war](#), and the serial murders of Abahlali baseMjondolo leaders in South Africa.

Together with HIC’s social base, HLRN issued a participatory [Urgent Action](#) on the South African comrades’ murders, calling on authorities to ensure accountability and the fulfillment of the state’s human rights obligations. HLRN also facilitated participation and testimony of Southern African Human Rights Defenders Network’s representative at the UN Human Rights Council during the Universal Periodic review (UPR) of South Africa.



The war in Ukraine had escalated only months after HLRN dedicated its 2021 annual Violation Database (VDB) report on housing and land rights violations in [Conflict, Occupation and War](#). In addition to forming new alliances for reconstruction of post-war Ukraine, HLRN contributed to the media and timely report-based call by UN Special Rapporteur on adequate housing for recognition of [the crime of “domicide.”](#) The [war in Ukraine and geopolitical polarization](#) also deeply affected food sovereignty issues across regions and advocacy with the affiliated Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism for relations with the Committee on World Food Security (CSIPM).

Norm development

HLRN developed new alliances in the environmental movements in 2022, in the context of the Stockholm+50 process, in which the UN conference and People’s Forum recalled the groundbreaking first UN Conference on the Human Environment in 1972, which many cite as a precursor to HIC’s 1976 formation at the spin-off Vancouver conference on human settlements. Stockholm+50 also reminded us how long it takes for norms to emerge, marking the first proposals to recognize ecocide as a crime against humanity. That standard-setting process remains ongoing 50 years on.

The Conference of UNFCCC Parties (CoP) decision in November 2022 to establish a Loss and Damage Fund turned research efforts to contributing HLRN experience at quantification of violation impacts with a normative human rights framework,

operationalizing the [UN Remedy and Reparations Framework](#).

The year ended with the outcome of many years of advocacy as the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) adopted its long-awaited General Comment (GC) No. 26 on land and economic, social and cultural rights on 22 December 2022. The GC did not enshrine recognition of a 'human right to land,' but contributed to the understanding of rights to land and corresponding state obligations to ensure equitable and sustainable access to, use of, and control over land. HLRN then participated with inputs to the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) adopting its General Comment on the rights of children to environment in the context of climate change, which reflected HLRN inputs in August 2023.

Knowledge creation/capacity development



Amid looming climate-change impacts, and boost by HIC President Adriana Allen's October 2021 [statement on climate justice](#), HLRN concentrated on [Housing Rights amid Climate Change](#). Efforts included developing a methodology for including environmental events and climate change to the HLRN Violation Database (VDB) and a [call for cases](#). The result was the annual HLRN VDB case-based report, this year [In Pursuit of Climate Change](#).

In partnership with Members and allies, the HLRN office in Cairo dedicated research efforts to analyzing green-transformation policies and climate finance in several countries. This led to publication of a [research study \(AR\)](#), a [webinar on Earth Day](#) and several articles on the subject, including in HLRN's Land Times. Training events and webinars on green transformation and climate finance followed in partnership with the Arab NGO Network for Development, including an annual Study Week for youth engaged in various development fields.

HLRN participated actively in the [ETO Consortium Global Conference](#), which gathered academics and fellow civil society organizations from around the world to exchange experience and advance capacity in monitoring, reporting, advocating and litigating to uphold states' human rights obligations beyond national borders. HLRN contributed new cases to the consortium's inventory and joint action, as well as a chapter in the [Routledge Handbook on Extraterritorial Human Rights Obligations](#), published in 2022.

HLRN's coordinator contributed substantively to the new UN Human Rights Council (HRC) Independent International

Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel). This culminated in HLRN's participation in an Expert Group Meeting at Geneva in June 2022.

Advocacy

Maintaining civic spaces in advocacy, including democratization of the UN, remained high on the HLRN agenda, particularly with regressive changes under new leadership in the FAO and the prospects for a self-organized stakeholder-engagement mechanism under the new governance of UN Habitat's 2017 re-emergence as a full-fledged UN agency. In fulfillment of pledges made in 2019, HLRN continued to provide input based on practices across the UN System to the institutional-development process that promised the elusive [new generation of stakeholder engagement at UN-Habitat](#).

Exercising popular spaces and electronic communication, HLRN partnered with Humanitas Solidaris (Cameroon) to issue an [Urgent Action \(FR\)](#) on the evictions at Valée de Bessengue, in Douala. In addition to the [Urgent Action](#) on the Abahlali baseMjodolo killings earlier in the year, HLRN also worked on an Urgent Action to channel support for Barcelona Mayor Ada Colau's decision to sever ties with the apartheid regime of Israel.

HLRN engagement with allies in the research and advocacy efforts aimed also at the Transitional Committee for the coming [Loss and Damage Fund](#) decided at CoP 27 in November 2022. These partners include the Human Rights and Climate Change Working Group and the Loss & Damage Collaboration, advocating a human rights-based and people-centered approach to remedying loss of, and damage to housing, land and livelihoods of those most affected.

HLRN organized HIC Member and officer inputs into UN Human Rights Council's 49th session's interactive dialogue with the UN Special Rapporteur (SR) on adequate housing Balakrishnan Rajagopalan. This [contributed](#) to the SR's report to the UN General Assembly and his latest report on discrimination and spatial segregation in housing.

Also in response to a call from the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, HLRN submitted inputs to inform the Rapporteur's report to the 52nd session of the Human Rights Council, in collaboration with HIC Members in Spain (Observatori DESC) and India (Sathi All for Partnerships India).

With HLRN facilitation and support, HIC representatives André Luzzi of PÓLIS (Brazil) and Hala Barakat of Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights represented the 'urban food insecure' constituency in the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSIPM) for relations with the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS). In 2022, they served as co-facilitators of the CSIPM Global Food Governance Working Group, while HIC-HLRN Program Advisor Heather Elaydi was also a member of this Group.

These and other HLRN global activities are also covered in

three issues of Land Times during 2022: double Issues [Issues 25/26](#) (May 2022) and [Issue27](#) (December 2022).

HIC in Europe

In 2022, a key achievement for European members of HIC has been the participation of [HIC's activities at the World Urban Forum](#) (WUF) in Poland (June 2022). During WUF, HIC members collaborated with other networks to set up the Habitat Village inside the WUF exhibition area. In the **Habitat village** we coordinated various events, exchanging experiences and helping to strategise potential areas of collaboration in the future. Some of the key highlights of exchanges have been around community-led housing practices, as well as the role of popular pedagogies in supporting the struggles for housing rights.

On the occasion of the International Social Housing Festival (ISHF 2022) in Finland, [CoHabitat Network](#), of which HIC is part, organized the [Collaborative Housing Day](#) with a programme of discussions, roundtables, workshops and networking. The objective was **to promote a collaborative housing, key to guaranteeing the right to adequate housing and the right to the city**, and to ensuring that residents are at the core of the processes that shape their habitat and cities. This event included the participation of HIC's President, Adriana Allen, who insisted that housing is just a beginning and not the end, as policy changes are needed to secure access to land and affordability, to protect the tenants and not only the sector, and to recognise the wide diversity of the homeless. [Watch her speech.](#)



Another key achievement for HIC European members have been their engagement at the [UCLG congress in Korea](#) (October 2022). In the context of the UCLG Congress, HIC European members played a key role in various sessions as well as the launch of the [GOLD VI report](#) on Pathways to Urban and Territorial Equality. HIC European members also helped to coordinate a **session on housing**, trying to re-energise UCLG's housing community of practice. We played a key role in pushing for the role of civil society groups in the shaping of UCLG agenda, advocating for a stronger recognition of the role of local actors in respecting, protecting, and fulfilling the right to adequate housing.

The engagements in these events have been crucial to consolidate two **key emerging agenda for HIC European**

members: 1) the **role of local action to advance housing justice**; and 2) conditions needed for **creating a more supportive environment for community-led housing**. Given the growing climate emergency as well as increasing visibility of the climate agenda, it has been critical in 2022 to continue exploring how the climate justice agenda intersects with housing rights. One specific emerging agenda, especially in the context of the UK, has been growing mobilisations around refurbishment of social housing estates, rather than demolition, as an issue of **climate and housing justice**. In the meantime, there has been a growing emerging agenda about the need to contest housing discrimination perpetuated by large-scale housing developers, like BlackRock as well as affordable housing providers such as housing associations.



HIC in North America

The situation in the region is complex, and the main challenge of the sector of Social Construction of Habitat is that it is a mixture of governmental policy, and of community implications, work, actions and mobilisations. In the USA, there's a lot of focus these days on the issue of indigenous people from across nations who were living in Canada and in the US before the actual settlement began over a hundred of years ago. A lot of efforts and campaigns were organised for people to live in better conditions. Canada has been caught up in a very rapid crisis of ownership concentration for the last four years and the cost of renting in Canada for the last three years has been increasing every year. There's been an incorporation in the legal framework of the Canadian society that now housing is considering as human right and its one of the very few instances where Canadian law makes reference to UN covenant on social and economic rights to force it to keep going up including the creation of the National Housing Council which is not made for profit. This organisation has put together a report and a complaint to the department and the minister was given 90 days to respond. Also, until recently, housing problems were felt mostly by people with low income, indigenous background, recent immigration, people with physical disabilities and so on. Now because of the price increase, this is hurting the middle class and they have difficulties in finding proper housing that doesn't ask them to pay 40% of their income and this changes the political landscape because it hurts people to which politicians are sensitive to their comments and arguments.

Habitat and Gender

The first major advance in 2022 was the **nomination of a representative of women and/or feminist movements to the HIC Board**. This was a consensual proposal by different

organisations with the nomination of Ana Falú, who has been actively participating in international events and on the HIC board.

At the same time, support was given to the search for resources with the *Agencia de Cooperación Catalana al Desarrollo (ACCD)*, together with the General Secretariat and the Presidency, to incorporate a space for mutual learning on the theme of gender and feminism. The [co-learning space on feminist approaches to habitat](#) was facilitated by Marina Khamal (Social Democratic Forum, Yemen), Mara Nazar (CISCSA, Argentina), Andrea Casabuono (Habitar Argentina), Diana Wachira (Pamoja Trust, Kenya), Eliane Silvie Mfomou (CONGEH, Cameroon) and Hazem Abdallah (Dibeen Association for Environmental Development, Jordan). This space was successful in making HIC audiences understand feminism perspective within the Coalition: that it is not an issue against men, but a challenge to patriarchy, capitalism, racism and neoliberalism, to point out the central points of feminist questioning for a more inclusive and egalitarian society in diversity. This space was worked on within the framework of pluralism and multiculturalism. We hope that this training will have continuity, that it will not remain a single experience, but that with the new resources obtained, it can be repeated and we can even expand our participation.

Prior to this experience, the Red Mujer y Hábitat y Cisca, together with HIC-AL, held a series of meetings, participated in different events and published the document [Feminismos en Alta Voz](#) (Feminisms in Loud Voice). This book compiles the experiences of civil society organisations, activists, academics and social movements in the feminist organisation and struggle for human rights linked to Habitat in eight countries in the Latin American region.

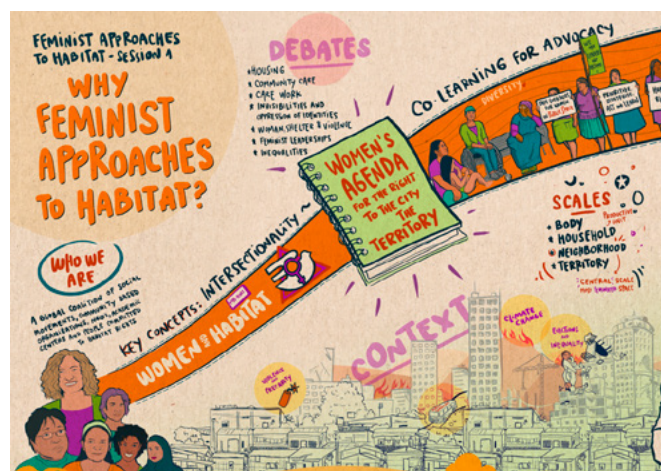
As one of HIC main priorities is to advance towards gender equality and equity. For that reason our coalition will follow the main debates the [sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW66\)](#), advocating for HIC main messages and supporting the participation of their Members, Friends and Allies. This session considered the priority theme of “Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes”. The session also reviewed the agreed conclusions of the sixtieth session, “Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work”.

On International Women’s Day, HIC launched the statement by Ana Falú [“On the 8th of March, feminism reclaims the social debt that democracies owe to women”](#), to claim:

- The right to live a life free of violence, which not only persists, but has become more complex, both in public and in private.
- The right to care and to be cared for. The recognition of care as work.
- Equal rights and opportunities related to labour, education,

and the political, social and cultural spheres.

Feminist cities and territories are plural and multicultural and defend the right to the city and housing for all



New HIC Board

Global Activities

Representative for Social Movements

The [HIC Board](#) appointed Mr Massa Koné as the new Social Movement Representative to the HIC Board.

This is a global position with the mandate to represent and network social movements globally. Unlike Regional Representatives who are elected by HIC Members, the HIC Board also has three seats that are filled by Global Representatives, who can originate from any region in HIC. One of these global seats is reserved for Social Movements. In order to enhance regional balance and representation on the HIC Board, the Board chose to specifically invite candidates from HIC Africa.

After a long and carefully considered process, including brief interviews with each of the three candidates in December 2021, the Board appointed Mr Massa Koné based in Mali, on 18 January 2022 due to his rootedness and wide-spanning involvement in social movements on the African continent as well as in global networks, such as the World Social Forum.



International Women's Day

2022: Feminist approaches to Habitat

During the month of March 2022, HIC launched the Statement by Ana Falú, HIC Board Representative of Women's and/or Feminist Movements "[On the 8th of March, feminism reclaims the social debt that democracies owe to women](#)". Thus, HIC joined the voices of millions of women on the streets, to call for Feminist approaches to habitat, which supports human rights to all. For that, we need to visibilize and denounce injustices, build social force cross-regionally

and create alternative paths that reflect plural al diverse realities.

HIC also shared the article '[Creating Inclusive Cities through Gender Equality, with Civil Society as the Protagonist](#)', with lessons and experiences from Africa, Latin America and the Middle East on the application of a gender-responsive approach to urban and territorial issues.

Finally, HIC gave visibility to the reflections of the question at the heart of the HIC Feminist co-learning space (for more information read the next global activity).

[Click here to read the full statement and article.](#)



How do HIC Members and Allies learn cross-regionally to strengthen our collective advocacy muscles on feminist approaches to Habitat?

This question was at the heart of the first in a series of HIC co-learning spaces, which over six months brought together a team from the HIC GS and regional offices, the KNOW programme, and most importantly, a dedicated and experienced group of six facilitators from the Africa, MENA and Latin America regions.

Over the month of February, 81 HIC Members, friends and allies engaged in 4 sessions in which they learnt together about the local, regional and global histories of feminist struggles, violences and inequalities, care and other works, and feminist advocacy strategies. These sessions shared two initial highlights:

- Co-learning has been a motor for collectivising feminist struggles as well as strategies to address them in different

ways.

- Co-learning in a virtual space has brought distinct qualities: its widened reach gave visibility to contributions from members and experiences; the collective facilitation and multiplicity of voices in the sessions also helped to generate a diverse and horizontal learning environment which gave space to make (unexpected) connections.

[For more information, click here.](#)



Civil Society Messages to the 9th Africities Summit

HIC joined the self-organized civil-society initiative that hosted 45 civil organization representatives at Kisumu, Kenya on 15–16 May to deliberate and consolidate messages to the Africities9 Summit. The Summit is organized every three years by United Cities and Local Governments-Africa, gathering mayors, civil servants and interested stakeholders to discuss policies, programs and projects toward sustainable development across the continent.

During this forum, civil organizations and their representatives from Egypt, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa deliberated on the themes and principles of Summit's concept note to draw out priority issues that need urgent attention and remedy. These included debate on the agreed-upon priorities of social justice, the most-general of topics, as well as more-specific issues of local governance, namely stakeholder engagement, forced eviction, women's political participation and affordable housing.



HIC, HIC - HLRN, Mazingira Institute, Pamoja Trust, Grassroots Trust and Community Organization Practitioners Association of Kenya (COPA-K), co-organized the session “[Civil Society Speaks: Social Justice in African Cities](#)” within the Africities9 Summit, on 20 May, to deliver the CSO Forum messages.

[Click here to read the CSO Forum statements to Africities9.](#)

Takeaways from the High Level Meeting on the five years of implementation of the New Urban Agenda

On Thursday 28 April 2022 the President of the United Nations General Assembly convened a one-day [High-Level Meeting](#) (HLM) to assess the progress of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) at the UN headquarters in New York. The discussion was centered on member states' reactions and positioning to the [UN Secretary General's Report](#) on the 5 years of NUA implementation.

HIC, the Global Platform for the Right to the City (GPR2C), in collaboration with United cities and Local Governments (UCLG), have actively engaged with this process, calling for an enhanced commitment by member States and key UN agencies to accelerate the implementation of the New Urban Agenda through the right to the city, as a drive for promoting social, territorial and environmental justice, through progressive policies and fulfillment of human rights obligations.

It is the time to overcome inertia, setbacks and support transformative initiatives from the local level, with care and the commons at the center. This cannot be done without political and financial commitment by States, as well as through continued support for the actions being led by civil society, social movements and LRGs. Moreover, it calls for robust and sustained mechanisms for follow-up, with the participation and engagement of a variety of actors.



HIC at WUF11: strengthening the coalition through partnerships, learning and advocacy

HIC From June 25th to 30th, HIC representatives and members were present in Katowice (Poland) to engage in a series of activities in and around the 11th World Urban Forum. The activities developed had a particular focus on networking and coalition building, to visibilize some key points of [HIC's work agenda](#), while strengthening long-standing and new connections.

Taking the opportunity of this first large in-person gathering of HIC members and allies in over two years, a hybrid General Assembly was held on June 25th, as well as a series of strategic conversations both within the coalition and with other stakeholders.

As in previous sessions, WUF11 has been the stage for diverse and, at times, conflicting visions and approaches to urban development. In this sense, it is fundamental to harness and build on the opportunities for exchange and forging of alliances between strategic collectives and groupings. The WUF assemblies and roundtables offered the spaces for that, but were also marked by unevenness in terms of turn-out and participation, with spaces dedicated to grassroots and social movements needing to be more open and coordinated with collectives.

[For more information click here.](#)



HIC Campaign for Political Action for Climate Justice

HIC campaigned during World Habitat Day, Urban October, COP 27 and beyond with the message: Rooting political action for climate justice - recognise and fulfill the human

right to land for all!

This means putting in place the necessary safeguards and mechanisms for all to enjoy a safe and dignified life, regardless of gender, class, race, sexual orientation and physical and mental ability.

Any political action needs to be grounded in the five principles of HIC's Statement on Climate Justice:

1. Fair redistribution and access to international climate finance and citizen's control over financing mechanisms;
2. Recognition and action to tackle the highly unequally produced impacts of climate change ;
3. Democratizing decision-making, while rectifying the historic climate debt accumulated over decades of inequitable development;
4. Acknowledging that climate justice requires conflict-sensitive climate change policies and climate-proof peacebuilding;
5. Building climate justice through nurturing care and solidarity, but also responsibility and accountability.

[Click here to read the full statement.](#)



HIC joins the Call from Abahlali baseMjondolo for accountability for the killings of Human Rights Defenders in South Africa

On 3 October 2022, during the General Debate under Item 8 of the 51st session of the UN Human Rights Council (12 September – 7 October 2022), the organisation Abahlali baseMjondolo delivered a joint statement denouncing the killings of human rights defenders in South Africa, particularly those working to defend land, housing and environmental rights.

Since 2009, twenty-four leaders of the democratic grassroots Abahlali baseMjondolo movement have been killed in South

Africa.

Our coalition strongly condemns the continued killing of AbM members and activists and endorsed this call together with 47 organisations from around the world.

The call against the persecution and assassination of Abahlali baseMjondolo members and land defenders in South Africa highlighted to

- The United Nations Human Rights Council to take a stand against the ongoing murder of the Human Rights Defenders,
- South Africa to urgently establish a national commission of inquiry into these murders to ensure justice for all victims of political killings in South Africa.

We call for an immediate halt to ongoing acts of violence and intimidation toward the community of eKhenana and all informal settlements, and for the broad protection of all land rights defenders in South Africa, in line with the UN General Assembly Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

[For more information, click here.](#)



HIC appoints three new and unique Wisdom Keepers

The title of HIC Wisdom Keeper is bestowed by HIC Board on HIC members to signify that the recipient is a keeper of valuable knowledge, resulting from recipient's commitment to HIC over time, of its evolution and the strive for people-centered and sustainable development of human settlements.

The Board confers the wisdom keepers the membership of HICAcademy and the privilege to enlighten HIC to continue its mission.



During the HIC General Assembly held in December 14 2022, the Coalition endorsed three new Wisdom Keepers: Ifeyinwa Ofong, Lorena Zarate, Shivani Chaudhry.

Our Coalition greatly appreciates the commitment of these three individuals and we are honored to be able to count on their extensive experience in fulfilling HIC's mission.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Extraordinary General Assembly – HIC Institutional Review

On Wednesday 14 December 2022, HIC invited to Members, Friends and Allies to join the [HIC General Assembly 2022](#) to reflect on current challenges, debate strategies and priorities, and look ahead.

This meeting included feedback from the consultants on the overall process, an overview of the survey results, and a discussion on the way forward.

Through the Institutional Review process, HIC aimed to recognise and value our diversity, to grow together from our differences, to honour our legacy while making room for renewal, to strengthen our Coalition across all regions, and to sharpen the focus of our work and its impact across HIC's four thematic pillars.



The Global Platform for the Right to the City

During 2022, members and allies of the Global Platform for the Right to the City (GPR2C) had another very engaging and productive year of collaborative work and mobilization around the world. Whether through regular participation in our strategy-setting working groups or sharing your organizations' demands and proposals on social media campaigns, your active support and contributions made possible to promote several activities and to advance a number of concrete outcomes.

At the international level, our **advocacy efforts** were focused on three main international processes/gatherings:

- a) the follow up of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) at the [United Nations High Level Meeting](#) (New York, April 2022);
- b) the [11th edition of the World Urban Forum](#) (WUF) (Katowice, Poland, June 2022); and, c) the [United Cities and Local Governments \(UCLG\) Congress/Town Hall](#), in articulation with the [12th World Human Rights Cities Forum](#) (Daejeon and Gwangju, South Korea, October 2022).



At these events, GPR2C members engaged in critical dialogues with a broad range of civil society organizations, local and national governments reinforcing the understanding of the right to the city as a fundamental driver for social, territorial and environmental justice. Building on the legacy of the Habitat III process, we produced calls for an enhanced commitment by member States and key UN agencies to accelerate the NUA implementation through progressive policies and the fulfillment of human rights obligations.



The UCLG preparatory process and 7th World Congress were a key space for strengthening interaction and collaboration between civil society networks and the political leadership of the local and regional governments to define a shared vision and action plan for the years ahead. [The GPR2C was in charge of facilitating the thematic Town Hall on the Commons](#), a year-long effort that resulted in a policy paper including key definitions, examples and recommendations to foster commoning practices that advance the right to the city and the municipalist agendas. A wide range of goods and services can be protected and reconfigured as commons: housing and land; food systems and agro-ecology; basic services (water and sanitation, energy, waste management, internet access); culture and education; knowledge, information and digital rights; safe and accessible public spaces and livelihoods; natural resources and ecosystems. The paper claims that these local initiatives play a crucial role to address the current socio-economic and ecological crises, while at the same time experimenting more democratic mechanisms for decision-making and collective management. (Find out the Commons paper below).

These advocacy efforts were accompanied by **communication campaigns** on social media that mobilized hundreds of organizations and activists around the world: a) [International Women's Day](#): Right to the City means Cities Free From Discrimination; b) [World Urban Forum](#) : Cities and Human Settlements with Quality Public Spaces; c) [World Day for the Right to the City and Urban October](#): Reclaiming the Right to the City through Commoning; d) [Human Rights Day](#): Strengthening urban-rural linkages to advance the Right to the City



Furthermore, as always, the GPR2C joined and supported members and allies initiatives under the right to the city umbrella, such as: a) [“Our neighbourhoods, our rights, our cities”](#) Campaign for the improvement of neighbourhoods and popular housing in Latin America, to enhance local actions and strengthen strategic work, articulating in regional terms to make our voice heard and achieve the changes we need; b) The [Transformative Cities 2021–2022 people's choice award](#), an opportunity for progressive local governments, municipalist coalitions, social movements and civil society organizations to popularize and share their experiences of building solutions to our planet's systemic economic, social, political and ecological crises; c) the [process towards a](#)

[new Chilean Constitution](#), an exciting historical political experience with the inclusion of the right to housing and the right to the city; d) the collaboration with [Crítica Urbana](#), a magazine of urban and territorial studies for reflection and action.

At the same time, during this year several GPR2C members were also actively involved in **collaborative learning and collective knowledge production**. Among the main outcomes are four additional thematic papers, intended to explore and deepen key conceptual and programatic contents related to the right to the city:



to the city and connected with the Agenda 2030 and the New Urban Agenda. It is an open exercise, that we hope can be discussed and improved by other organizations in places around the world during the coming months.



[Inclusive citizenship in cities and human settlements](#), going beyond the traditional top-down and state-centric perspective to provide a new definition that explores alternative forms in which citizenship is “differentially experienced” by women, men, youth and older persons, racialized groups, indigenous peoples, LGBTIQ+ communities, migrants and refugees.

[Cities and human settlements free from discrimination](#), clarifying the different dimensions and instruments to address it, taking into consideration the axes of discrimination approach; the institutional, spatial and structural discrimination, as well as the theory of intersectionality.

[Cities and human settlements with quality public spaces](#), exploring their multidimensional character and functions (i.e. urban; cultural, artistic and performative; political; environmental; virtual) and their relevance to the effective implementation of the right to the city.

[Beyond urban-rural linkages](#): the defence of territories and cities for life, focusing on the social and environmental function of the territory and highlighting concrete strategies in different regions.

Additionally, together with GPR2C members in Barcelona, we produced “[Toward the implementation of the Right to the City](#)”, a guide for monitoring municipal policies targeted at advancing the right to the city. It contains a set of 22 indicators related with the eight components of the right

HIC Allies

HIC advocated before international Forums

Arab Forum for Sustainable Development (UN Economic and Social Council for Western Asia)
Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)
Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDaW)
Committee on Global Food Security (CFS)
Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP)
Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
Conference of Parties (CoP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), , convened by UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
Human Rights Council (HRC)
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)
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 in the field of cultural rights
UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to adequate housing
UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment
UN Special Rapporteur on human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation
UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants
UN Independent Expert on Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity
UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food
UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders
UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967
UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
United Nations Division for Palestinian Rights (DPA)
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

HIC Funders in 2021

Arab Land Initiative/Global Land Tool Network/
Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (BMZ)
Brot für die Welt
Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation (ACCD)
Comisión Nacional de Vivienda (CONAVI)
Food and Agricultural Organization
FoodFirst Information and Action Network International
Global Affairs Canada
Misereor
Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung
Wellspring Philanthropic Foundation (WPF)
Wellspring Advisors

HIC International Allies

10 Tooba
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
Bretton Woods Project
Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies
Centre d'Études et de Documentation Économiques, Juridiques et Sociales
Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
Cities for Adequate Housing
Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism for relations with the Committee on World Food Security (CSIPM)
Cities Alliance
Coalition for the International Criminal Court
CoHabitat Network
Commission Amazigh Internationale pour le Développement et les Droits de l'Homme
Debt Justice
Displacement Research and Action Network (DRAN), Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance
Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Network (ESCR-Net)
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 Network on the Question of Palestine
Global Platform for the Right to the City
Global Policy Forum
Global Protection Cluster

Global Rights, Rules and Responsibilities
 Habitat for Humanity International
 Housing, Land and Property Area of Responsibility (HLP AoR)
 Huairou Commission
 Human Rights and Climate Change Working Group
 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 Service for Human Rights
 International Tibet Network
 International Trade Union Confederation
 Kashmir Law and Justice Project
 Knowledge in Action for Urban Equality (KNOW)
 La Via Campesina
 Land Portal
 Landesa
 Loss and Damage Collaboration
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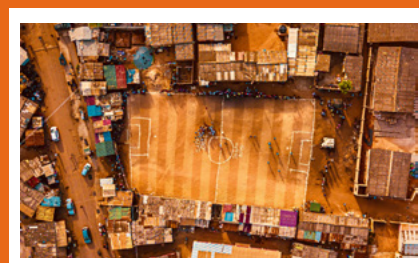
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