



Minutes of the Second Biannual Meeting of the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy (CSIPD)

Date: 1 November 2006

Time: 9.00 – 10.45 a.m.

Venue: Palais des Congrès, Marrakech (Morocco)

The third meeting of the Committee on Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy (CSIPD) was co-ordinated by the Chair of the CSIPD, the Mayor of Guarulhos, and the Deputy Chair of the CSIPD, a councillor for Saint-Denis.

The meeting began with a review of the agenda and a series of presentations in which each of the 40 participants introduced themselves.

The President briefly reported on the activities of the CSIPD since the last meeting in Beijing and gave a:

- a. Brief historical background: the origins of the CSIPD in 2005, which was set up by the Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion, which itself emerged from the Forum of Local Authorities (FLA) in 2001. The above-mentioned forum was involved in the merger process to form the UCLG.
- b. The goals of the CSIPD:
 - To promote the exchange of experiences (social inclusion and participative democracy with the involvement of civil society).
 - To draw up a series of concepts that express the views of the UCLG on the issues of social inclusion, participative democracy and global citizenship (human rights and immigration).
 - To forge links with the other committees and working groups of the UCLG in a cross-cutting and integrated manner.
 - To strengthen the relationship between the CSIPD and social movements by collaborating with the Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion.

- c. Membership:
- The members of the CSIPD are representatives from cities, provinces and local and regional associations in Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia.
 - Chair: Frente Nacional de Prefeitos (Brazil); Deputy Chairs: Saint-Denis (France) and Montevideo (Uruguay); and the Technical Secretariat of the CSIPD, based in Barcelona.
- d. 2005-2006 Plan of Work and activities:
- Meeting of the CSIPD twice a year: Beijing in 2005; Nanterre and Marrakech in 2006.
 - The creation of three working groups: Social Inclusion, Participative Democracy and Global Citizenship, which have produced the draft version of the texts on the concepts to be worked on in the CSIPD, the outcomes of which will be presented at a subsequent date to the UCLG.
 - Support and publicising of the UCLG 'Millennium Cities' campaign.
 - Support for the Decentralised Co-operation Committee and for the Millennium Development Goals, Peripheral Cities and Culture working groups.
 - The Sixth FLA in Caracas in January 2006.

Following a review of the points on the Work Plan, the Deputy Chair gave a brief report on the meetings of the UCLG Executive Bureau and the World Council, held two days prior to the CSIPD meeting. Reference was made to the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Bureau in Paris on 15 and 16 March and the possibility of holding the CSIPD meeting in Saint-Denis within the framework of the Executive Bureau meeting.

Mention was then made of the existence of the URB-AL project Cities and Citizens for Social Inclusion, being co-ordinated by Montevideo. The members involved in the project, including Saint-Denis, Barcelona and the Andalusian Municipalities Fund for International Solidarity (FAMSI), gave a brief report to the meeting on the project and the need to renew contact with the city of Montevideo to see whether it would be possible to hold the fourth meeting of the CSIPD within the framework of the international seminar on this project.

Mention was made of the Seventh FLA in Nairobi, Kenya, as part of the World Social Forum from 20 to 25 January 2007.

With regard to organisational issues and the technical secretariat, the Ajuntament de Barcelona expressed its intention to cover the costs of the Technical and Executive Secretariat of the CSIPD for the period of one year up to the UCLG World Congress in Jeju.

Following these brief reports, the cities co-ordinating the drafting of the three texts then took the floor:

- a. Global Citizenship: On behalf of the Provincia di Milano, Cités Unies France and Managua, the Diputació de Barcelona has drawn up a report on the drafting of the text, a work schedule and the writing of the Charter-Agenda. Material with the baseline texts was distributed at the meeting. Following the report, the Ville de Saint-Denis reported the fact that a network of cities has been in existence since 2000 and that it has been working in the cities of Barcelona, Saint-Denis, Venice, Nuremberg and elsewhere on the issue of human rights in the city. The next event will be held in the city of Lyon in December. It was suggested to the members of this group that existing initiatives that are already being pursued should be co-ordinated.
- b. Social Inclusion: On behalf of the group consisting of Guarulhos, Seine-Saint-Denis and Santa Coloma de Gramanet, the city of Barcelona gave a report on the social inclusion text and explained the concepts in greater detail and how it could be taken further between now and Jeju. The schedule was mentioned, as was the need to attempt to forge links with the B project on social inclusion co-ordinated by Montevideo.
- c. Participative Democracy: On behalf of Montevideo and Belo Horizonte, the Ayuntamiento de Córdoba discussed the text drawn up by the group and highlighted the need to draw together all the initiatives in this field that are already in existence, as well as the URB-AL projects previously implemented, such as the initiatives co-ordinated by Cordoba, Porto Alegre, Venice, Belo Horizonte, Cuenca and the International Observatory of Participative Democracy (OIDP) in Barcelona.

Following these reports, it was agreed that the groups should develop their themes further by incorporating the issues raised at the meeting. They also need to be able to draw up a specific work plan and schedule for presentation at the meeting in Saint-Denis. It was mentioned that the CSIPD ought to present concrete proposals for further work at the UCLG meeting in Jeju and to be able to launch a database of experiences and a website that will cover existing initiatives related to the theme and which can be linked to the CSIPD website.

Lastly, there was a reminder of the CSIPD meetings and events that need to be included in the committee's updated work plan for 2006-2007:

- Seventh Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion (FLA) – 21, 22 and 23 January 2007, Nairobi (Kenya)
- Extraordinary meeting to prepare for the World Congress in Jeju – March 2007, Saint-Denis (France)
- Fourth meeting of the CSIPD – June or July 2007 (to be agreed), Montevideo (Uruguay)
- UCLG World Congress –28 to 31 October 2007, Jeju (South Korea)

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**List of bodies represented at the
third meeting of the CSIPD in Marrakech
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1. Greater London Authority (United Kingdom)
2. Provincia di Milano (Italy)
3. Ajuntament de Badalona (Spain)
4. Diputació de Barcelona (Spain)
5. Ajuntament de Barcelona (Spain)
6. Conseil général du Val-de-Marne (France)
7. United Cities Slovakia (Slovakia)
8. Rete del Nuovo Municipio (Italy)
9. Région Rhône-Alpes (France)
10. Ayuntamiento de Córdoba (Spain)
11. FAMSI, Fondo Andaluz de Municipios para la Solidaridad Internacional (Spain)
12. Ville de Nanterre (France)
13. Conseil général de Seine-Saint-Denis (France)
14. Ville de Malakoff (France)
15. Ville de Aubagne (France)
16. UNICEF – Rabat (Morocco)
17. Ministry of the Interior – Rabat (Morocco)
18. Ville de Rabat (Morocco)
19. National League of Cities (United States)
20. Ville de Saint-Denis (France)
21. Commune urbaine d'Azilal (Morocco)
22. Prefeitura de Guarulhos and Frente Nacional de Prefeitos (Brazil)
23. Commune de Tata (Morocco)
24. Technical and Executive Secretariat of the CSIPD