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The program of the 2nd FPLA planned on 10, 11 and 12 June 2010 in GETAFE - SPAIN

The network 'Forum of peripheral local authorities' for interdependent metropolises and the UCLG committee "Peripheral cities" have just finished a several months session of consultations and debates on the program of the 2nd FPLA, which will take place in Getafe (Spain) from the 10th to the 12th of June 2010.

The debates were productive not only on the 23rd of November of 2009 in Getafe, but also on the 9th of December in Nanterre during the seminar "Peripheries, hearts of metropolises in solidarity" (Saint-Denis - France – 7th and 8th of December), the meeting "Metropolises in solidarity" (Canoas - Brazil – 26th and 27th of January 27) and the special session of the 5th AFRICITIES' summit "African popular urban peripheries speak to contribute to sustainable metropolises in solidarity" (Marrakech – 16th – 20th of December 2009). Those exchanges had been taken into account along those of Ecatepec (Mexico - August 2008), Bondy (France - October 2008), Belem (Brazil - January 2009), Barcelona (May - 2009) and several e-mail exchanges.

On the whole, they are tens of peripheral local authorities of Europe, Africa, Latin America, Australia and Middle East, which contributed to make the 2nd World Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities for interdependent metropolises a great place to exchange experiences, with the common will: to contribute to sustainable and democratic cities and metropolises in solidarity.

To make known our engagements...

We all share the same will of taking the best of our past and present commitments to create rights for the city (public services, public space, living place, democracy...), in conditions of fast urbanization, in order that peripheral cities could not to be only territories of relegation or "cities dormitories" any more.

Regarding our practices, exchanging on our common elements, is the best way to show our actions to everyone, our territories, the inhabitants who live there with difficulties but also their aspirations, their mobilizations, their hopes, their stories. It allows us to take into consideration in the debates metropolises in our mainly urban global world.

... to contribute to interdependent, sustainable and democratic metropolises

We are convinced that to answer the challenges of social inclusion, of a right to the metropolis for all, of the necessary changes to answer the climatic challenge and of the sustainable development, of a democratic and participative governance, a strategy of co-operation and interdependent development between the territories, requires to apprehend the metropolises starting from the diversity of the places, of the needs of local authorities and of their stories, in order to avoid the risk of privileging only one point of view.

The program of the 2nd Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities for interdependent metropolises, emerging from our debates, would like to develop our glances, our commitments, our needs for interdependent, sustainable and democratic metropolises, to confront them with the approach of other metropolitan actors, in particular the "centre cities", the civil society, to feed them with the researchers' reflections.

In Getafe the 10th, 11th and 12th of June, we will adopt a final document as contribution to the 3rd congress of United Cities and Local Governments (UCGL).

Let's inform other local authorities of peripheral cities from our hinterlands, countries and continents about this program!

Let us meet in Getafe on 10, 11 and 12 June 2010