

Human Rights in the City

Workshop for the Update of the UCLG Global Charter-Agenda

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Background

The year 2021 marked the 10th anniversary of the adoption by United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) of the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City : the first document to propose an international framework for the understanding and implementation of human rights in the city from the perspective of Local and Regional governments.

More than 10 years after its adoption, the deep global transformations and growing inequalities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, UCLG and its Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights kicked-off a participatory process to update the narrative, vision and content this milestone document.

The update process also reflects the increasing engagement of Local Governments for the promotion of Human Rights showcased in the Global Campaign “10, 100, 1000 Human Rights Cities and Territories by 2030” , launched in 2022 by the co-presidents of the UCLG-CSIPDHR. The initiative gathered more than 100 Local and Regional Governments worldwide whose Representatives explicitly committed to the promotion, protection and fulfillment Human Rights. The first results of the Campaign highlighted key priorities for the future of the Human Rights Cities movement; as well as the need to build common frameworks on human rights at local level to address systemic economic, social, political and ecological crises through international solidarity.

The update process of the UCLG Charter-Agenda will reflect the achievements and progresses made by Local Governments in the past 10 years for the promotion of human rights; and will expand the global-local vision on human rights of the Charter-Agenda, building on the results of the Global Campaign.



Objectives

The special session aims at leveraging the update process of the UCLG-Charter Agenda for Human Rights in the City to outline a common international framework on Human Rights at local level, following the requests emerged by the Local Governments participating in the UCLG-CSIPDHR Global Campaign.

The session will have the format of a workshop with working groups and a feedback plenary session. The exchanges will have the objective of reviewing the content of the rights included in the updated structure Charter-Agenda (which is currently under discussion), by identifying specific concepts and ideas which should be reflected in the formulation and content of each rights.

