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International Permanent Secretariat Human Rights and Local governments

The International Permanent Secretariat "Human Rights and Local governments," an association of French law (Act of 1901), created in 2007, is a permanent structure based in Nantes (France), charged with two main complementary missions, namely to:

- Help strengthen and develop international networks of actors in human rights, in particular actors in the field (NGOs and local governments);
- Organise the World Forum on Human Rights in Nantes every two years, with a view to bringing all the actors together.

This forum was created from its inception (2004) at the initiative of UNESCO (SHS), to support the networks of actors involved in the protection, respect, and implementation of human rights by strengthening solidarity between these diffe-

rent actors (policy makers, activists and NGO leaders, academics and international experts, representatives of international organisations, etc.). During the World Forum on Human Rights, everyone is invited to converse freely, **exchange knowledge and good practices and debate on equal footing.**

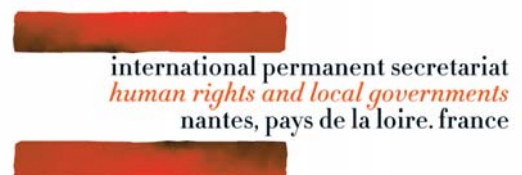
The secretariat was established with the support of the **Nantes Métropole** (Urban Community of Nantes), the **Western Loire (Pays de la Loire) Region**, the **Department of Loire-Atlantique** and the **City of Nantes**, and works in close cooperation with its different partners.

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Embracing Human Rights at Local Level

According to the (by now classic) triptych, the States - and consequently the public authorities - have a triple obligation: to respect, protect and fulfil human rights. Public authorities must therefore not only respect human rights but they also have to ensure that human rights are fully respected, in particular in relations between individuals. They must also fulfil human rights, i.e. mobilise adequate means and resources to ensure the full force of such rights, whether they be civil and political rights (CPR), or economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR).

Cities, local governments and local authorities are among those “public authorities” which, as regards ESCR in particular, can make a difference by fostering rights in the fields of housing, health, employment, but also education and leisure, and “participation in cultural life.” This is particularly true with economic, social and cultural rights whose realization is achieved progressively. It is significant that the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights henceforth mentions systematically “the obligations of non-state actors” and, in particular, those of local authorities.

Taking such account of human rights at the local level entails the mobilisation of all actors, private and public, through initiatives of original partnerships and new types of solidarity that facilitate the “willingness to live together.” It should be possible to take stock of “good practices” that are emerging on the matter, at the institutional level or in an informal framework.

Since the second World Forum on Human Rights held in Nantes in July 2006, the focus has been on “human rights in the city” and on the role of “local governments” in human rights, acting alone or through networks such as the Conference of European Cities for Human Rights or the European Coalition of Cities against Racism. On the international scale, however, a synergy on human rights with the world federation of local authorities **United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)** proved indispensable.

At the last world congress of UCLG held in November 2007 in Jeju (South Korea), the International Secretariat “Human Rights and Local governments” (known by the French initials SPIDH) was entrusted with heading the working group on the World Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City, under the purview of the working group on “Human Rights and Local governments” of the Committee on Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy (CSIPD) of UCLG, chaired by Elói Pietá, Mayor of Guarulhos, Brazil and co-chaired by Ricard Gomà, Deputy mayor of Barcelona, Spain.

The task of this working group is to draw up and disseminate the **World Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City**.



The World Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City

As political and human organisations, local governments (municipalities, regions, provinces, etc.) are full-fledged actors for guaranteeing, implementing and promoting human rights. In view of their competencies, they bear particular responsibilities for the concrete implementation of the rights of all human beings present on their territories, independently of their nationality.

Consequently, the local policy makers brought together in UCLG wanted to draw up a reference charter on the implementation of human rights by local governments, i.e. the **“World Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City.”** International in scope, this charter is bound to become an implementing instrument for inclusive public policies. It aims to bring into force, on the territory of the largest number of local authorities throughout the world, a certain number of rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the two international covenants arising out of the Declaration.

The local authorities have thus undertaken to recognise, protect and implement the following rights: the right to the city, rights to participatory democracy, rights to peace and security in the city, the rights of children, the rights to essential public services, the right to culture and diversity, the right to housing, the right to water, energy and food, the right to the environment, to public transport, to sustainable urban development.

There is an ‘agenda’ (local action programme) for each right, defining the commitments undertaken by the city for the implementation of that right. This agenda, like the entire project of the Charter, is in line with a **participatory, continuously assessed approach**. Consequently, a timetable (with short and medium-term objectives) and criteria for assessing the implementation of each right will also **be defined with all the actors of the city** (citizens, social movements, the civil society, agents of the communities, elected officials, etc.).

The aim is to have the Charter-Agenda adopted by the general assembly of members at the World Congress of UCLG in 2010.

In addition to the work on the Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City, a certain number of actions have been initiated by the Permanent Secretariat:

Actions in progress

- **Creation and development**, in partnership with the international federation of local authorities UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments), of an active network bringing together the largest number of actors involved

in the defence, protection and implementation of human rights at **local - but also national and international - level**.

- Implementation of an efficient international communication tool: **a trilingual interactive web platform**, open to contributions from all actors in human rights, through a system of personal access rights; announcement and development of this tool throughout the world.





Sharing the information

The SPIDH has set up an interactive work platform open to all interested participants, a sort of “virtual forum.” The aim is to bring together actors from all categories on an equal footing so that they can work together to take up the existing and emerging challenges to human rights, and in so doing to strengthen solidarity between all those who work in this field. **Online workshops** can thus be created on different topics, accessible through a system of access rights (personal codes).

- **Organisation of the World Forum on Human rights every two years.** The 4th World Forum on Human Rights will be held from 28 June to 1 July 2010 (see page 5).

- Dissemination of (basic and practical) information and knowledge, **organisation of exchanges between the members of the Nantes Forum network**, focusing as a matter of priority on local action “inspired” by human rights, in particular through the electronic media.

- Participation, within UCLG, in the creation of an *international observatory on social inclusion*, which will be instrumental in assessing the implementation of human rights at local level.

- **Promotion of actions** to respect, protect, and implement human rights pursued by the local authorities (or on their territories), alone or through networks.

- **Participation** by all appropriate means and with all the partners concerned, **in the discussion and action on human rights**, as reference actor at international level on the topic of human rights and local governments.

Ways and means

The Permanent Secretariat in Nantes is an association headed by a **mixed board of directors**, composed of representatives from the public authorities and the civil society. This board of directors is chaired by **Emmanuel Decaux**, professor of international public law at the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas, a member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee of the United Nations. It operates thanks to cross-financing from **Nantes Métropole / Urban Community of Nantes, the Regional Council of Western Loire, the County Council of Loire-Atlantique and the City of Nantes.**

It is headed by a team of three permanent staff members proficient in legal aspects, the running of public institutions, the organisation of events and communication.



The World Forum on Human Rights Nantes, France

The World Forum on Human rights is a biennial event organised for the first time in May 2004 by the City of Nantes, at the initiative and with the support of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation).

In 2006, the organisation of the 2nd World Forum on Human rights received financial support from Nantes Métropole (Urban Community of Nantes), the Western Loire Region, the Department of Loire Atlantique, the City of Nantes, the Caisse des dépôts, the International Organisation of French-speaking Countries and Governments, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DGCID). The editorial responsibility of the event has been devolved to Nantes Métropole, with the advice of an international scientific committee.

This second Forum was attended by 1 200 participants and speakers of about 70 different nationalities.

At the end of the 2nd Forum (10 -13 July 2006), it was decided to create an ad hoc structure in particular for the intellectual and financial organisation of the 3rd forum, scheduled for July 2008. A permanent secretariat was consequently created as an association (Act of 1901) in February 2007.

The 3rd World Forum on Human Rights was held from 30 June to 3 July 2008. It was attended by nearly 2 500 participants and speakers representing some one hundred different nationalities (not including schoolchildren). In all, nearly 3800 people actually attended the Forum in 2008, compared with 1200 in 2006. Some 400 of these 3 800 people were speakers who organised and/or participated in the different plenary sessions (4) and roundtables (39) organised by the Forum or by different organisations, the entire programme having been validated by the scientific committee (see composition p.8).

“How to live and act together in a world in crisis” **4th World Forum on Human Rights in Nantes** (28 June – 1 July, 2010)

The 4th World Forum on Human Rights will be held in Nantes from 28 June to 1 July, 2010.

The general theme will be : **“How to live and act together in a world in crisis?”**.

Within this framework (consequences of the crisis on the promotion and the implementation of human rights), some specific themes will be discussed each day:

- **Freedom, equality, fraternity... identity?**
- **Are human beings free to express themselves and believe?** Freedom of opinion, thought and belief questioned...
- **Work and globalisation : where do human rights stand?**
- **Technologies and human rights**

And, for the first time in this 4th Nantes Forum, there will be a special focus on the topic of **Rights, Food and Land**.



Objectives attained

The objectives set for this 3rd World Forum on Human Rights were attained in terms of both quality (see box on p. 5) and contents.

On the advice of a scientific committee representative of the different constituents of the target public, the 3rd Forum was divided into four major topics, from the global to the local, in accordance with the subtitle of the event: *From universal principles to local action.*

1. A "general" topic referring to the 60th anniversary of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948 - 2008) - 60 years after... the topicality of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights** which was broached in particular during the official opening evening (Monday, 30 June) through a roundtable moderated by Stéphane Hessel, French ambassador, a deported resistance fighter, major witness of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

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2. A topic relating to the condition of enforcement of human rights against the background of globalisation: **Human rights between globalisation and international solidarity** (Tuesday, 1 July).

3. "Europe," in conjunction with the launch of the French presidency of the European Union on 1 July 2008. This topic - **Which Europe for Human Rights? Which Human Rights for Europe?** -- gave rise to a joint operation (Wednesday, 2 July) between the Nantes Forum and the Summer University of International Solidarity held in Nantes from 2 to 5 July with some 800 participants representing the main French NGOs.

4. A topic relating directly to the raison d'être of the Permanent Secretariat "Human Rights and Local Governments:" **Local Governance and Human Rights: Effectiveness within Everyone's Reach?**

A plenary session (general organisation of the Forum) and roundtables (various organisations) were devoted to each of these themes.

Productive partnerships

Furthermore, it is worth noting the quality of the events associated with the Forum that were held at the Cité internationale des congrès Nantes Métropole (International Convention Centre), and in particular:

- **The general assembly of the World Coalition against the Death Penalty** (more than one hundred people), followed by a conference - discussion with the public of the Forum (Sunday, 30 June).

- **The creation of the International Coalition of Cities against Racism in Nantes**, followed by a conference - discussion with the public of the forum (Monday, 30 June) in the presence of Pierre Sané, assistant Director-General of UNESCO; Mohamed Sajid, Mayor of Casablanca, Member of Parliament and President of the Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism; the President of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism, and representatives of the coalitions of Latin American, North American, Asian and Sub-Saharan African cities.

- **The introductory session of the CRID Summer University of International Solidarity** that was attended by more than 400 people (Wednesday, 2 July), followed by a plenary session co-organised with the Forum, in the presence in particular of P.V. Rajagopal, leader of the Landless Farmer Movement in India; Catarina de Albuquerque, Chairperson of the working group on the additional Protocol to the United Nations International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, etc.



Special event organised with the CRID Summer University of International Solidarity ©Phil Journé



Personalities present

It would be tedious to mention here all the personalities present at the 3rd World Forum on Human Rights. It is worth mentioning nonetheless the increased presence of representatives and experts of the UN system and, for the first time, of a representative in office of the French government, **Rama Yade, Secretary of State for International Relations and Human Rights**, who attended the official opening of the Forum (Monday, 30 June 2008).

It is also worth underscoring the presence of **Stéphane Hessel**, French ambassador, former resistance fighter, major witness of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948; and finally, the presence of **Albert Jacquard**, French scientist and humanist, founder of "Right to Housing", at the closing session of the Forum.

Non exhaustive list :

Among the UN representatives and experts were such guests as:

- Catarina de ALBUQUERQUE, Chairperson of the United Nations working group in charge of negotiating a draft optional protocol to the Covenant on economic, social and cultural rights
- Amady BA, Head of the Jurisdiction, Complementarity and Cooperation Division, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
- Saâdia BELMIR, member of the United Nations Committee against Torture
- José BENGUA, member of the Advisory Committee at the Human Rights Council
- Général Jean COT, former commander of the UNPROFOR (during the Yugoslav war)
- Luis GALLEGOS CHIRIBOGA, Ambassador of Ecuador to the United Nations, member of the UN committee against Torture
- Doru Romulus COSTEA, Diplomat (Romania), President of the Human Rights Council
- Wataru IWAMOTO, Director Division of Social Sciences Research and Policy, UNESCO
- Asma JAHANGIR, lawyer, Pakistan's supreme court, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion and belief
- Hatem KOTRANE, independent expert, member of the Children's Rights Committee
- Antonio PAPISCA, Director of the Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples at the University of Padua (Italy), holds the UNESCO chair on human rights, Italy

- Paulo Sérgio PINHEIRO, law professor, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation in Myanmar (Burma)
- Ibrahim SALAMA, Chief of the Treaties Branch of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Pierre SANE, UNESCO's Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences
- Magdalena SEPULVEDA, independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty, expert with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Argentina
- Philippe TEXIER, Counsellor at the French Court of Cassation; Chairperson, Committee on economic, social and cultural rights

Representatives of national and international NGOs:

- Samir AMIN (Egypt), Director of the Third World Forum in Dakar, Senegal
- Souhayr BELHASSEN (Tunisia), President of the International Federation for Human Rights
- Yves BERTHELOT, Chairman of CFSI (French Committee on International Solidarity) and of PEKEA
- Paul BOUCHET, lawyer (France), former Chairman of ATD Quart Monde
- Rony BRAUMAN (France), former President of Médecins sans frontières
- Reed BRODY, in charge of the European section of Human Rights Watch in Brussels

- Rachel BUGLER, Eastern Europe coordinator, European Council on Refugees and Exiles, ECRE
- Sylvie BUKHARI DE PONTUAL, lawyer (France), President of FIACAT (International Federation of Action by Christians for the abolition of torture)
- Olivier CLOCHARD, representative of Migreurop
- Jean-Pierre DARDAUD (France), President of Frère des Hommes
- Ousmane DIARRA, President of « Expulsés du Mali » association
- Delphine DJIRAIBE (Chad), lawyer and human rights defender
- Douglas ESTEVAM, movement of the landless in Latin America, Brazil
- Jean-Marie FARDEAU, Head of the French desk, Human Rights Watch
- Simon FOREMAN, President of the French Coalition for the International Criminal Court, France
- Geneviève GARRIGOS, President of the French section, Amnesty International
- Levent KUTLU, Turkish Foundation of Human Rights
- Thibaud LEMIERE (France), President of FASTI
- Meryem MARZOUKI, Chairperson of European Digital Rights
- Gaye PETEK, President of ELELE (Migrations and Cultures in Turkey)
- Patrick PEUGEOT (France), President of CIMADE
- RAJAGOPAL P.V., leader of Ekta Parishad, movement for the landless, India
- Pierre SAGLIO (France), Chairman of ATD Quart Monde



- Ben SEKOU SYLLA, President of the National Council for civil society organisations, Guinea
- Frédéric TIBERGHIE (France), member of the Council of State, President of SSAE (Social Service for Immigrants)
- Flavio VALENTE, FIAN International
- Jingsheng WEI, Chinese dissident, President of Wei Jingsheng foundation, China/USA

Representatives of regional and inter-governmental organisations (excl. the United Nations):

- Hélène FLAUTRE (France), member of the European Parliament, President of the Human Rights Commission in the European Parliament
- Riina KIONKA, personal representative of the Secretary-General of the European Council on Human Rights, European Union
- Martine ROURE (France), Vice-President, European Parliament
- Morten KJAERUM (Denmark), Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, Vienna, Austria
- Angela MELO (Mozambique), Vice-President of the African Commission on Human Rights and Peoples, African Union
- Polonca KONCAR, President of the European Committee on Social Rights (European Union)
- Hugo SADA, Spokesman for the International Francophone Organisation, in charge of peace and human rights
- Anders KNAPE (Sweden), Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe
- Luc VAN DEN BRANDE (Belgium), President of the EU Committee of the Regions
- Geoffrey HARRIS, Head of the Human Rights unit, Directorate General for external relations, European Parliament
- Michael GUET, Committee of Experts on Roma and Travellers, Council of Europe

Representatives of states and national institutions:

- Claire BRISSET (France), Former children's rights defender
- David CHOQUEHUANCA, Foreign Affairs Minister, Bolivia

- Jampal CHOSANG, French representative for the Dalaï Lama, Tibet
- Marc DUBOURDIEU (France), Director of HALDE (High Authority against Discrimination)
- Miguel Angel ESTRELLA (Argentina), pianist, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador
- Michel FORST (France), Secretary General of the National Advisory Commission on Human Rights, UN Rapporteur on the situation in Haïti
- Michel DOUCIN (France), Former Ambassador for Human Rights, Ambassador of France for CSR and bioethics
- Eva ERSBOLL (Denmark), Danish Institute for Human Rights
- Blandine KRIEGEL (France), Philosopher, President of the Integration Council
- Christian LE ROUX (France), Office Director, "Médiateur de la République"
- Sidi Mohammed Omar MANSOUR, representative of the Front Polisario in France
- Lucie OTAHALOVA (Czech Republic), Secretary General of the Government Council for Human Rights
- Joël THORAVAL (France), Chairman of the National Advisory Commission on Human Rights
- Françoise VERGES (France), Historian, President of the French Committee on the memories of slavery
- Sophie VUILLET TAVERNIER (France), Head of the department of legal affairs, international affairs and expertise, "Commission nationale Informatique et Libertés"
- Catherine WITHOL DE WEDEN (France), Research Director, CNRS, expert on migrations
- Rama YADE (France), Secretary of State in charge of Foreign Affairs and Human Rights
- François ZIMERAY (France), Ambassador for Human Rights

Representatives of Local Authorities (excl. regions):

- Jolanta BARSKA (Poland), Mayor of Nysa
- Patrick BRAOUEZEC (France), President of Plaine Commune (Saint-Denis), Vice-President of the UCLG Commission on Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy, France
- Gloria CUARTAS (Colombia), former Mayor of San José de Aparto ; was awarded the 2008 Edit de Nantes prize

- Joseph GAVIDI (Fiji), Mayor of Suva and Member of Parliament; representative of the Coalition of Asian Cities against Racism
- Eduardo MANCUSO, Deputy-Mayor of Guarulhos (Brazil), representative of the UCLG Commission on Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy
- Alok MUKHERJEE (Canada), representative of the Coalition of North-American Cities against Racism
- Logie NAIDOO (South Africa), Deputy-Mayor of Durban; representative of the Coalition of Sub-Saharan African Cities against Racism
- Mohamed SAJID (Morocco), Mayor of Casablanca and Member of Parliament; President of the Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism
- Manuel TORNARE (Switzerland), Mayor of Geneva.

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- Jaume SAURA (Spain / Catalonia), President of the Institute for Human Rights in Catalonia

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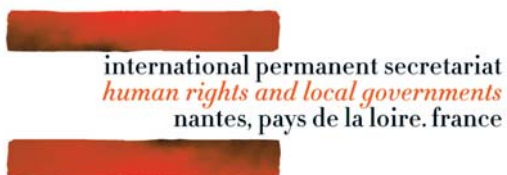
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“All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights [...]”

*Article one of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by
the General Assembly of the United Nations on the 10th of December 1948.*