

**Campaign Update**  
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**PARTICIPATION:**

In our last call we spoke about opening the campaign beyond HIC. I have received the name of three organizations. I encourage the group to send more contacts.

From my end, I have information that Europe is moving steadily with lots of communication and planning actions. Latin America has many plans, and I will be talking to them this week. I have received a few emails from Asia and there are a few groups planning activities for October. In Africa there is some movement, but more development is needed. I need to gather more info from North America.

**NEED:** Please send more names and contact information.

**COMMUNICATION:**

I have met with our part-time IT person and in the next week we will have a website. Documents have been created and translated and are ready to go up. I have also started a blog that will go up with the site, as well as a listserv dedicated to the campaign.

Still building the media list. Please send contact information you have for your region.

**NEED:** Many issues have come (MDGs, Women and Shelter, etc) up and I need a short and concise paragraph on each issue. I will be sending you an email with the list that I have. Please help with describing these issues for the website.

**RESOURCES:**

With HRLN we are carrying out research on evictions and privatization issues - the Whistle Blower Project. In addition, HIC is also collecting success stories from our members in order to pull out some strategic practices to share with all.

We have prepared several "how-to" materials to our members on topics such as how to carry out an action campaign, internet organizing and media development that are ready to go on the website.

**NEED:** Please send us the "how-to" materials that can be shared among members and allies so that we can learn from each other and not reinvent the wheel.

**GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & SLOGANS:** We have not identified specific goals for the campaign. Instead, we have advanced in three key themes – evictions, privatization and a sustainable environment. We are also working with the slogan "In Defense of Place & Livelihood" offered by HIC's President Enrique Ortiz. In short, Place and Livelihood refer to housing and the environment, but further, to poverty and other larger justice issues.

We are part of a large community of allies still identifying international goals that include and go beyond housing issues. It may be smart to have goals and objectives for the housing and land rights work of HIC.

PARTNERS: Beyond the HIC membership, we are working with several partner that include but are not limited to all those in Berlin and the Rostock meetings, and members of the WSF Urban Spot. Currently our partners are very, very Europe heavy.

Thank you so much for reading and let's continue to participate in making it all happen!!!

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