IAI Memory Chat CC 16 November 2012
Taking stock in preparation for 2013

Agenda:
1. Report of Committee of accounts and partnerships
2. Evaluation of the Urban Social Forum in Naples
3. Evaluation of the World Zero Eviction Days – for the Right to Housing 2012

4. Evaluation of partnerships underway (FHP, Misereor) and progress report on negotiations (The Basque Country Government, Oak, Oxfam, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Church of Norway).
5. Report on the preparation of *Africities*
6. Launch of World Assembly of Inhabitants process (WSF Tunis, 26-30 March 2012)
7. AOB

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Considering the time restraints for participants, items 2 and 6 are to be discussed immediately. Items 1 and 4 will be presented in the report of Committee of accounts and partnerships meeting which took place on 13 November 2012.

The remaining items will be left to be discussed during the IAI CC meeting via Skype which will take place Friday, 23 November 2012 at 17:00 GMT.

2. Evaluation of the Urban Social Forum in Naples
[Cesare]:
Here are some statistics from the Urban Social Forum in Naples:
There were over 400 participants from approximately 35 different countries, from every continent and almost every network as well as 42 events. Click here for more information.

Impact:
There was limited impact in the city itself at a social level, from the public and in regards to relations with the local authorities. Nevertheless, was created the Forum Permanente d'Azione per il Diritto alla Città (Collective Permanent Action Forum for the Right to the City) which will develop the contents and methodology.
Very important concerning the contents: in particular the relationship with the Forum for Water and Via Campesina and the inaugural dialogue, has matured the Call to Defend Common Goods for the Future of Cities and Territories into strategic priority to strengthen the convergence of rural and urban inhabitants struggles
Encouraging for the construction of dialogue, especially with HIC, and for alliances, particularly with Via Campesina.

Very rough with UN Habitat given their neoliberal choice has established a historical rupture with most social organizations, not only with USF.
Problems:
Organization (logistics, communication, information), due to delays and lack of experience in the local organizing committee.
Budgets, even though this was a completely self-manages initiative with the help of volunteer and without any support from local institutions.
In general, the evaluation is positive given that the IAI has grown and implemented a cornerstone for our strategic lines 2011-2016 despite difficulties.

[Alessio]: I think collaboration with VC is very important.

[Cristina R.]: For me, the IAI relationship with VC was the most positive output of USF.

[Alessio]: I agree.

[Cesare]: Two days ago, our friends from VC wrote to me confirming that they would soon send us their evaluation and possible proposals. Specifically, we are trying to see support for the fight against land grabbing and joint initiatives for the WAI.

[Alessio]: That's great.

[Cristina R.]: In Argentina, we support VC's initiatives and Miguel told me that we are to have a meeting with them.

[Cesare]: What do you all think about the relationship with other networks? And about the obvious break with UN-Habitat?

[Alessio]: It's great working with other urban networks and VC. It was good to criticize/break off from Habitat.

[Cristina R.]: Regarding HIC, I think that they've opened a space for dialogue because they do not have any other options. I have not notices their presence or their works like before. However I think that we have to take advantage of this time to continue building the lines on the Mega-events.

[Alessio]: I agree.

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[Cesare]: HIC is in the most dangerous stage of it's change: they are waiting to have a new secretary general within one year, Lorena is open but very weak, without support in the historical focal points outside of Latin America. Especially in Africa and Asia, they are almost nonexistent. I had meeting in Geneva with her in which I assured our support for her line of renovation.

This means launching WAI with an agreed process on various levels, as soon as possible. This is why we've set up a Skype call with the Liaison Committee and to launch a call. However, we also have to take Ana's line into account, as expressed by those who are truly in charge at HIC, sent to the ICWSF list: only run events in the suburbs of Tunis, not the WAI. Therefore, to avoid any misunderstandings, I have officially registered the IAI for the WSF, and announced the WAI 2013.

[Pedro]: This way Ana reaffirms her traditional and sectarian positions. Let's move forward.

[Alessio]: Perhaps it is possible to qualify in the sense of organizing a "stage" in the WAI process (and not a WAI like in Dakar).

[Cesare]: Africities is a stage, just like ASF (Kinshaha, January 2013) which we will also participate in. In Tunis there will be "A WAI" given that "THE WAI" doesn't exist anywhere.

[Pedro]: We should avoid the mistakes made in Dakar, because we made them as well…. For example, we spent too much money, much more than what the budget allowed.

[Cristina R.]: It's true. All of efforts can't relapse on the IAI.

[Cesare]: That true! However we have the more important responsibility that the WAI is working toward the Urban and Community Way.

[Pedro]: In the Caribbean we have our promotion program which includes: visit to Puerto Rico (December 2012), January in Haiti, for the occasion of the third anniversary of the earthquake from 11 to 18 January 2013. For this, we will need the support from the Coordinating Committee, in other words, its only possible on a regional coordinating level if there is some sort of global support.

[Cristina R.]:
- Proposal: Hold a second meeting regarding the "cartera vencida" (indebted for mortages) at the WSF Tunis 2013 (we need an invitation for the governor of Mendoza).
2. Antena Sur is managing three tickets to the WSF (at least from Argentina to Europe)
3. Antena Sur is available to make "0 Evictions" wristbands as a support to the IAI.

[Cesare]: I suggest to all those working in the Antenas to work on a construction program for the WAI on a local/regional level and to share it.

[Guillermo]: I agree with the proposal of consolidating the WAI with all regarding global networks. In Mexico it is difficult to acquire resources to construct global networks. We have a lackey, sell-out government. I recently attended a "other world" meeting with 200

international guests and HIC support for the Permanent Peoples Tribunal and the money was gained. I don't know where they got it, but the money is there somewhere.

[Cesare]: Proposals:
1. Create a WAI working group in charge of coordinating different aspects (political, methodological, partnerships).
2. Organize a preparatory meeting at a local/regional level, in particular using the WAI memory as a background (it is in SP/FR/EN)
3. Skype calls with other networks in 10 days to launch a call.

What do you all think?
Are there any other proposals?

[Mike Davies]: I agree…but I won't volunteer for any extra work until after Africities!

[Guillermo]: Great leader, Mike. Hugs.

[Cesare]: Since everyone is leaving, can we set the date for the next Skype call? Next week, Friday, 23 November, same time?

[Guillermo]: Ok I agree with the Skype date and time

[Pedro]: Ok, as well as work, on Fridays the National Group on Funds meets up…. Friday 23 November at this time, at 17:00 GMT, one hour later…

[Guillermo]: I agree with Pedro's proposal. Cheers to our leader and I salute the Dominican resistance.

[Pedro]: Yes the country is outraged….. please keep watching the situation. Thanks Memo for your consistent solidarity.

[Cesare]: All right, next CC IAI Skype call to be held Friday 23 November 2012 at 17:00 GMT to discuss the remaining items.

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