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Report of the meeting with Misereor in Aachen

15 August 2014, from 9 to 1 pm

Participants:

Misereor: Heads from the urban sector: Marcelo Waschl (Latin America), Klaus Teschner (Africa), Almuth Schaubert (Asia), Isabel de León (Financial Administration, Latin American Department).
IAI: Cesare Ottolini.

Agenda / developed program:

1. **Presentation of the IAI** by Cesare and an in-depth examination of membership, governance and characterisation in relation to other networks (HIC, SDI e ACHR). The essence of the IAI remains raised and recognized. A network of grassroots and expertise, unparalleled anywhere in the world, in the fight against evictions. There is an interest in Strategic Lines, with special emphasis on the Urban Way/Alternative Urban Social Pact/redistribution of resources. They hope that the IAI will play a leading role in the alternative and independent movement towards the UN-Habitat III Summit in 2016 and its follow-up in 2017.

2. **Quick evaluation of projects recently carried out:**

* Advocacy: Recognition of the capacity to deliver, in respect of time and administration. Isabel, after subsequent clarification of the results from the second semester audit, is shown to be satisfied. Klaus underlines that the management in Padova is a positive step, to be repeated in future projects. Cesare submits the second and the final annual reports.

* PAUSF: Enthusiast by the convergent role of inhabitant's organisations implemented by the IAI, noting the capacity to multiply independent participation from the bottom with limited resources. Marcelo will send its observations following analysis of the report submitted by Cesare.

- 3.- **Work on the projects**

Global projects: Availability for one or two three-year projects with an average annual contribution of € 100.000 (between the two). A co-funding of 25% must be guaranteed (that could be the FPH). Approval times: around six months.

Cesare presents two proposals (forms in progress)¹, we haven't expanded on their content.

A regional project: Incidence by Latin America/Caribbean, with an amount of € 100.000 for three years. Cesare presents the proposal (report in progress)². They have expressed their interest in:

- The joint publication of the reports of successful experiences in the theme of popular housing (including its databases, semi-finished; winners of the "First Regional Competition for Popular Housing Alternatives of Latin America and the Caribbean"). An alternative is to do a specific chapter of Misereor, dedicated to publications.
- Support for participation in the event of the 50^o of COPEVI (April 2015 ?)

Including these two points in the project may increase the budget by 10-15.000 euro.

Projects by members of the IAI supported by global coordination, put into action and presented:

ASSOAL: Klaus confirms a very positive evaluation of the meeting with ASSOAL and the availability to support a first national project (a € 10.000), followed by a regional one.

Coophabitat: Positive evaluation, even though there was a delay in the submission of the report. Availability of Marcelo to support a new proposal (€ 25-30.000). He highlights the need to better define objectives and to limit their scope, so that they are achievable.

¹The Urban and Community Way to defend territories and housing. Give more strength to the collective voice of global/local inhabitants, by enhancing their tools.

²Organised inhabitants make progress in the process of their empowerment, to influence the direction of public policies towards dignified housing for one billion of people.

Asia: Schauber confirms that in 2015 she will go to Burma and Bangladesh to look for new trustworthy partners. She is interested in finding Shelter for the Poor. There are no short-term perspectives with India.

Maghreb: The head did not participated, since she was very busy with the Palestinian question. Klaus confirms the positive evaluation "Conferences on the right to housing" in Tunis and the availability of a new specific support.

Afrique du Sur: Klaus confirms the interest in supporting a specific project to strengthen the convergence of inhabitant's organisations at a local level and the Pan-African Network of Inhabitants. They are therefore waiting for the application of the project announced by Amandla (Zimbabwe).

ITE: General interest in the session planned for October 2014, which will take place in Milan. European Union focus and will have a global part, exclusively online. No time to go more in-depth. We might submit a request, 10.000 euro at the most.

In summary: There is a good availability of Misereor which may allow some development in 2015-2017 and may be the leverage to strengthen and/or open up other partnerships.