



**OCTOBER 2019, CALL TO DEFEND THE WORLD ZERO EVICTIONS DAYS: WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO HOUSING AND TO THE CITY AND TO PROTECT THE EARTH**

Seventy million people around the world are living under threat of eviction, on top of which 280 million are set to be under threat of forced displacement because of climate change: enough is enough!

We are witnessing large-scale migrations from the countryside to cities, from Africa to Europe, from Central America to the United States and across Asia. Evictions and the stripping of homes and territories driven by large banking groups, real estate, extractivism, the constraints inhabitants face in moving away from the historical centres of towns and areas of beauty due to the industry of tourism, the forced displacement of territories due to the dramatic rise in global warming, wars, violence, racism, fundamentalism, gender discrimination and poverty. Women are the first victims.

Neighbourhoods and entire regions have been disfigured, their inhabitants forced to abandon their homes when unable to pay their rent or mortgages, or under the guise of mega-projects, sometimes disguised as a way of “protecting the environment”.

These massive infringements of the right to housing, land and the city are caused by limitless development, the foundation of neo-liberalism and neo-colonialism, which are unsustainable to human beings and the environment.

Send your recommendations for re-existing to the World Zero Evictions Days, and propose alternatives to this model:

- Fighting for the right to the security of a decent home and to the land
- Implementing territorial and housing policies covering gender and multicultural issues, and urban regeneration in order to protect a healthy environment without consuming it and contributing to global warming
- Protecting activists fighting for the right to housing and land, human rights defenders and guardians of the future of humanity...

Add your activities to the common agenda of the World Zero Evictions Days with events taking place in several countries around the world!

The official opening will take place in the Dominican Republic for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first guerrilla rebellion against occupation and dispossession, then in the City of (Gwangju, South Korea, 1 October 2019) as part of the World Human Rights Forum, and throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, South America and the Caribbean, leading up to the session of the Tribunal on Evictions (New York, 28 October 2019).

This mobilisation will culminate by the session of the [International Tribunal on Evictions due to Climate Change \(Santiago, Chile, 3–5 December 2019\)](#) at the parallel forum to COP 25 .

We are calling all social organisations re-existing: let us listen to people’s voices and hear about their united fights for human rights and the dignity of inhabitants throughout the month of October!

We invite local authorities, governments and international organisations, especially the United Nations, to support us!

## How to join the World Zero Evictions Days?

We suggest that you regroup your initiatives throughout the month of October to implement a common program of inhabitants r-existing

Throughout October, popular initiatives will be held in several countries around the world in Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, South America and the Caribbean.

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- Denouncing threats of evictions, demolitions, land grabbing, violence against activists: [ite.coordinator@habitants.org](mailto:ite.coordinator@habitants.org)
- Blocking evictions
- “Requisitioning” homes that have been vacant for a long time
- Fighting against austerity plans based on neoliberal policies to overcome the crisis
- Fighting against the privatisation and liberalisation of the housing and land sector
- And more...

Local authorities and solidary governments propose coordinating with the movements to:

- Declare their territories “free from evictions” Endorse policies and coordinated action plans for “zero evictions and for the right to housing and to the city”, based on urban and residential regeneration that protect a healthy environment without consuming it or contributing to global heating, with a focus on gender and multicultural issues
- Build popular funds for land and housing
- And more...

These proposals could be integrated into local, national and regional platforms and relaunched with banners, music, dancing, multi-coloured clothing, songs, marches, sit-ins, press conferences, delegations, forums, programmes and all that will be needed to raise awareness of infringements of rights to housing, land and the city. And there will be other celebrations taking place in public spaces throughout all our countries.

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So, if you have not sent us your material yet, we encourage you to do so asap:

- Register your initiatives in the open space on the [Facebook page](#)
- Inform other associations, movements and networks
- Propose that local authorities and solidary governments support these actions

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