

OCTOBER 2018: CALL FOR WORLD ZERO EVICTIONS DAYS FOR THE RIGHT TO HOUSING, TO THE CITY AND TO THE TERRITORY

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We are witnessing the great migrations from the countryside to the city, from Africa to Europe, from Central America to the United States, throughout Asia; the evictions of housing and territories promoted throughout the planet by big banking, real estate and construction corporations; the expulsion of inhabitants from the historical and tourist centers of cities; the increase in wars, violence, racism, fundamentalism and poverty.

Without a doubt, it is an adverse scenario that strips society of its human rights and is caused by the neoliberal extractivist economic model that dominates the world, evicting and depriving society and nature. It also intends to deprive us of life and the right to dream and to attack human rights defenders.

In this context, we, the International Alliance of Inhabitants, together with our members, friends and allies, call with joy, solidarity and hope, for the organization, the participation throughout the month of October at events within the World Zero Evictions Days in all countries, promoting the G -local R-Existences for the right to the habitat.

We, the inhabitants of the world, demand our Right to Housing, to the City and the Territory, and we demand a "STOP" to the evictions-spoils with flags, music, dance, multicolored dresses, songs and joy, in all the public spaces of our countries.

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

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Facebook Event

How?

We suggest that you converge your initiatives throughout the month of October, building the common agenda of the R-Existing inhabitants

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We propose:

- To denounce the threats of forced evictions, demolitions, land grabbing, violence against activists: <u>ite.coordinator@habitants.org</u>
- To block evictions
- "Requisition" long term empty housing
- To fight against austerity plans based on neoliberal policies to overcome the crisis
- To fight privatization and the deregulation of the housing and land sector
- To monitor the implementation of the Recommendations of the International Tribunal on Evictions
- and more, even small initiatives (press release, tweets, banner ...)!

We propose that local authorities and supporting governments should coordinate action with movements in order to:

- Declare their territory "eviction-free zones"
- Approve coordinated action plans for "zero evictions and the right to housing, land and the city"
- Set up Popular Funds for Land and Housing
- and more ...

These proposals should form part of local, national and regional platforms and be launched through rallies, sitins, press conferences, delegations, forums, broadcasts and whatever other means may serve to give a voice to those whose Rights to Housing, Land and the City have been violated.

Then, we will decide the next steps together.

If you have not already done so, we ask you to no longer hesitate in:

- Publishing your World Zero Eviction Days initiatives on the FB page "October 2018: World Zero Evictions Days for the Right to Housing, the City and the Territory" and on the website section
- Registering if not yet registered <u>Register now</u>
- Filling in "<u>Datacard of follow up</u> "
- Informing other organizations, movements and networks
- Getting sympathetic local authorities and governments to support us

We will publish the information on <u>www.habitants.org</u>, a website visited by 100,000 people per month, and in the Newsletter, sent to another 130,000 entities in more than 100 countries.

On the <u>www.habitants.org</u> website, it's easier!

Do not hesitate to contact Nicola <u>nicolas@habitants.org</u> in case of any technical issues!