

## **UPU National Meeting, August 2009**

### **Workshop of knowledge production “Housing and Citizenship”**

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#### **General Goals:**

- Develop community leaders' ability to become agents of their own fate as well as of the development of their territories.
- Develop the leaders' proposals and the government's capacity for action.
- Encourage due reflection on key concepts directly linked to the efforts and goals of IAI and the grassroots movement.

#### **Learning Process Goals**

These goals are to be able to relate specific problems with their causes and the consequences they produce in order to present alternative solutions. These solutions should be viable from a practical point of view but also radical in terms of getting to the root of problems and solutions.

- Manage specific city, land and housing issues; participate actively in the debate concerning these issues; make proposals and negotiate positive action benefiting the population with the proper authorities.
- Strengthen relationships and promote unity among the different local actors, generating positive synergies for improving the population's quality of life.
- Stimulate the self-esteem, cultural identity and moral values of the population as a precedent for a collective project for change.

#### **Audience**

Leaders of the Foro Urbano de Ushuaia, Red de Habitat and Red Patagónica de Habitat.

#### **Methodology**

The meeting will have as its methodological criteria the collective production of knowledge which, by integrating the experience of the participants, combines expository techniques with group work.

The group work will structure the learning process, permitting the participants to reproduce this dynamic in areas where it may be required in the future. The conceptual contribution will be built on this process, assuming the modalities and style that the group requires.

The modality of the work is a Meeting.

#### **Considerations**

The dynamic of the workshop consists of the production of group work with criteria such as:

1. Creating a favorable environment

With the permanent goal of facilitating the group's accomplishment of the jobs for which it was convened, it is necessary to generate confidence among the participants; this promotes cooperation and contribution to getting the job done.

2. Application of specific dynamics and techniques

This educational concept demands the application of different techniques than those familiar in formal education; this will result in the work becoming that of the group and not of the individual; relationships will be participative, not competitive and a democratic, rather than authoritative, climate will prevail.

In this manner the group's creativity will be developed based on the participants' permanent knowledge, which will be incorporated during the course of the workshop.

### ***Agenda***

#### ***From experience to conceptualization***

- Presentation of the workshop by Red de Habitat, Red Patagónica de Habitat, Foro Urbano de Ushuaia
- Presentation of the participants
- Expectations
- Goals and Methodology
- Work agreement

#### **Key Themes**

- Participants' distinct experiences
- State – Citizenship

#### **Knowledge production**

- NUS (Segregated Urban Nucleus)
- Continuum of Exclusion – Social Extinction

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