

## Charter of Hasselt

### Common Declaration of Principles

These organizations pledge to work together at an international level in order to achieve a greater impact of their collective efforts to:

1. Cooperate for fair and sustainable development initiatives in active collaboration with disadvantaged people or communities. This process shall follow principles of human solidarity, non-discrimination and will be aimed at promoting their self-sufficiency;

2. Foster the socially responsible role of built environment professionals by stimulating social modes of practice before speculative economic profitability;

3. Encourage 'ethical professionalism' by favouring cooperation and practice in hand with 'ethical trade', and with entities and financing institutions that work for peace-building processes;

4. Identify, disseminate and work alongside public institutions, multilateral organisations and private sector's policies, programmes and sustainable socio-economic systems fostering social equity and urban inclusion

within the built environment;

5. Facilitate the use of appropriate technologies, materials and labour adequate to local values, to the cultural specificity and responsive to the natural environment;

6. Share knowledge, promote discussion, reflection and awareness, and collaborate in the advancement of the 'social production of habitat';

7. Promote the facilitation of trans-national dialogues and long-term partnerships with and within the less affluent countries;

8. Support participatory, democratic, multicultural and interdisciplinary processes and approaches in strengthening community solidarity as a factor of rural and urban social development;

9. Endorse the integration of post-emergency relief interventions into long-term sustainable development strategies;

10. Defend, promote and enable access to adequate and dignified habitat for all as a "Fundamental Human Right".