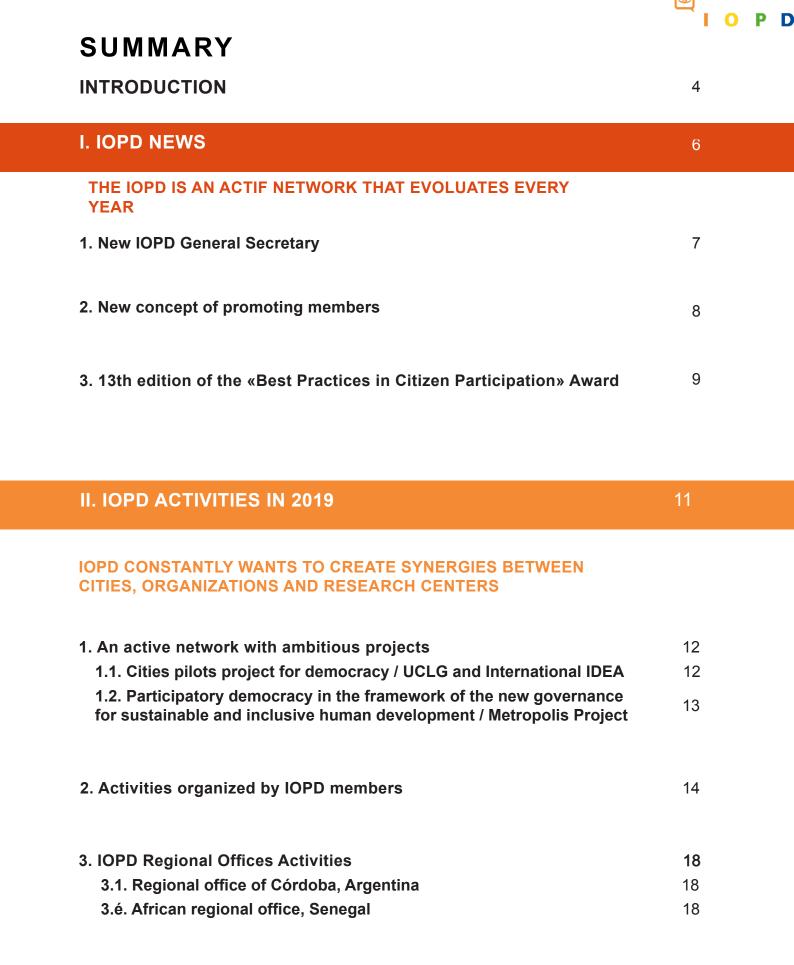


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INTRODUCTION

The International Observatory for Participatory Democracy was set up in November 2001, as part of the European Commission's decentralised cooperation projects. Since then, the network of local governments, municipal entities, research centres and civil society bodies that make up the IOPD has gradually increased its membership, creating new meeting spaces and furthering reflection and the exchange of knowledge on participatory democracy.

Barcelona City Council has held the office of Technical Secretariat since the IOPD was set up. And since 2006, the IOPD has been working with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), under an agreement for the operation and maintenance of the IOPD's Technical Secretariat.

The Technical Secretariat has worked to position the IOPD as a global benchmark centre for the production of innovative knowledge, and to establish it as a space for sharing participatory democracy experiences from around the world.

The report we present below describes the activities and projects carried out by the IOPD in 2019, in line with the network's annual conference calendar.





Ι.

IOPD NEWS



THE IOPD IS AN ACTIF NETWORK THAT EVOLUATES EVERY YEAR

1. New IOPD General Secretary

Marc Serra Solé, Citizens' Rights and participation Councillor at the city of Barcelona, is replacing Fernando Pindado and become the new IOPD General Secretary.

Dear colleagues,

For almost two months now I have had the enormous and agreeable responsibility of being the Citizens' Rights and Participation Councillor, in Ada Colau's second mandate in the Barcelona City Hall.

It is an enormous challenge to continue working on the policies that were introduced by both my predecessor, Councillor Gala Pin, and the Commissioner Fernando Pindado, who designed a new model for participation and the involvement of citizens in the responsibilities of public life in the city.

Among my new responsibilities is that of acting as the General Secretary of the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (IOPD). I would like to assure you that my intention is to persevere in the cooperation and shared learning that the IOPD represents, and also to reinforce the bonds that unite us, in pursuit of improving democracy at the local level.

The new Barcelona city government is the result of a governing pact drawn up by left wing parties, which brings together two distinct traditions, allied to the determination to work side by side for the improvement of the city of Barcelona. This agreement includes a commitment to continue our investment in a model of participation and the co-creation of public policies, which will allow citizens to both play a role and be involved in the governance of the city and the common space that is closest to people's needs.

We must deploy the Agenda for Local Democracy, which we drew up at the assembly held in Barcelona in November 2018, and to do so we will have to keep on debating and sharing the knowledge that each of our towns, cities, metropolises, communities or regions have.

Beyond the commitment reflected in the documents, of both the IOPD and the City Hall, I would also like to make a personal commitment to work with you on behalf of the improvement of local democracy and the development of the mechanisms required for the furtherance thereof. I have previous experience of working with both Human Rights organisations and neighbourhood



movements, such as «Plataforma de Afectados por la Hipoteca» (platform for people with mortgage problems), along with other spaces dedicated to the defence of rights to the city and against gentrification.

I hope that I will have the opportunity to meet you all personally so that we can take an in depth look at the challenges that need to be met and the opportunities to be considered. I should also like to take advantage of the present letter to extend an invitation to all of you to attend the up and coming IOPD Conference, scheduled to be held in Iztapalapa, Mexico.

My very best regards,

Marc Serra Solé

General Secretary of the IOPD Citizens' Rights and participation Councillor Barcelona City Council

2. New concept of promoting members

The IOPD General Assembly met on November 27th, 2018 during the 18th Conference in Barcelona after the creation of a new type of member: the promoter members. States or organizations assume a role in policy management of the IOPD, participate actively in the activities of the network and contribute financially to allow its proper functioning. The idea of its creation is to consolidate the role of the IOPD, grant it the political and economic resources necessary to achieve its objectives.

The current promoters are the Valongo Municipal Council in Portugal, the City of Grenoble in France and the Public Consultation Office of Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

We appreciate their commitment and participation in OIDP.

The goal of the future is to increase the number of promoter members and improve coordination among them.











3. 13th edition of the «Best Practices in Citizen Participation» Award

Every year, the «Best Practices in Citizen Participation» Award is delivered by the IOPD in order to recognize public policies institued by local governments.

At the 13th edition of the «Best Practices in Citizen Participation» Award, 28 proposals have been submitted through the IOPD Participate platform. The entries were received from the following countries: Mozambique, Colombia, France, Russia, Spain, Portugal, Brazil, Argentina and Costa Rica.





The proposals have been judged by panel of experts, after passing through a first stage of evaluation by all members of the IOPD through the IOPD PARTICIPATE platform. The purpose of this initial phase was, on the one hand, to give visibility to all of the proposals and, on the other, to find out the opinions of members with regard to all of the practices presented.

The winner of the 13th edition of the IOPD Award «Best Practice in Citizen Participation» is: Nariño (Colombia): "GANA Municipales, Government of Nariño".

The International Jury elected the five finalists

- Bogotá (Colombia): «Interactive Platform for monitoring commitments between citizens and public agencies: COLIBRÍ».
- Bordeaux (France): «A Participatory Budget with the colours of sustainable development».
- Medellin (Colombia): «New forms of participation in Local Planning and Participatory Budgeting».
- Metz (France): «The dream city:, green, sustainable and caring» by the Children of Metz Municipal Council.
- Eurocity Cerveira-Tomiño (Portugal and Spain): «Advocates for cross-border citizens».

The complete files of the entries will be published in the IOPD's website experiences section.

We especially want to thank all the local governments that took the time and made the effort to present an entry, along with all the institutions that have helped us to share this initiative and the network's collaborating members who, as the Jury, took part in judging all of the different experiences presented.

П.

IOPD ACTIVITIES IN 2019



1. An active network with ambitious projects

1.1. Cities pilots project for democracy / UCLG and International IDEA

UCLG, parent organization of the IOPD and International IDEA International, an intergovernmental organization with the mandate to support democracy worldwide, have signed an agreement to jointly develop knowledge-based resources for the evaluation and study of local democracy. The «pilot cities for local democracy» project seeks to create an effective toolkit for self-evaluation of local democracy.

The project is a two-year process: during the first year, the toolkit for self-assessment will be created jointly between the two organizations and the pilot cities, to ensure that the result toolkit is appropriate for the purpose and is owned of the participating cities.

The IOPD secretariat is working together with the promoter group of this project. Throughout 2019, various work meetings have been held and in November 2019, within the framework of the UCLG Congress in Durban, a first meeting was held with some of the cities that will first use these tools of democratic self-assessment.







1.2. Participatory democracy in the framework of the new governance for sustainable and inclusive human development / Metropolis Project

The cities of Barcelona, Córdoba (Argentina), Madrid and Montreal have partnered to manage a project of pilot cities of the Metropolis organization. The main objective of this project is to strengthen citizen participation in the metropolis through the exchange of practices and peer review of governance initiatives in large metropolitan areas.

The project includes three major milestones. The first trainings, which meet the requirements of objective 1, have as their main objective to educate technical teams (team of officials, technicians or experts on the subject of the cities involved in the project) and exchange experiences on the policies of successful citizen participation. Objective 2 is the launch of toolkits on the Web and dissemination of the web launch of partner cities and international organizations.

During 2019, preparatory meetings for the project were held.

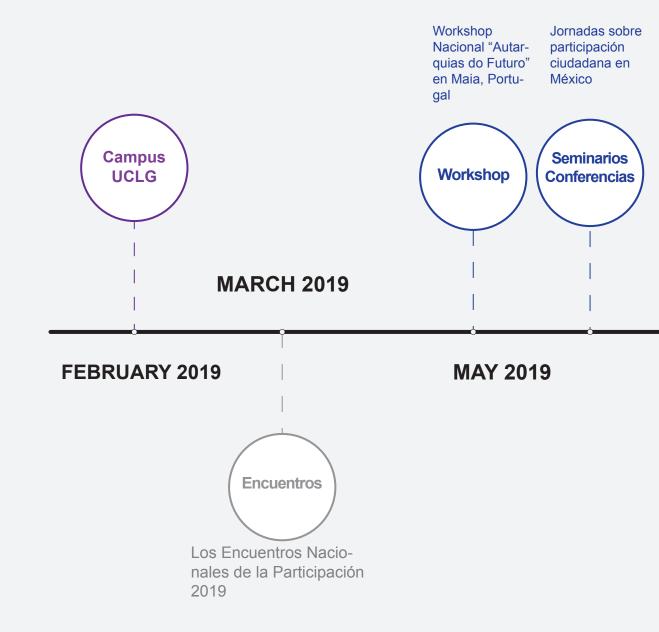




2. Activities organized by the IOPD members

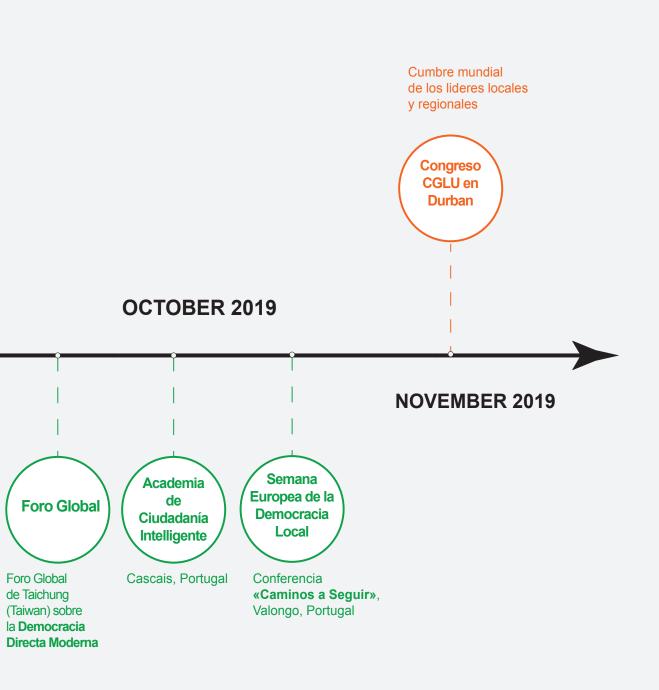
The IOPD is an active network thanks to the commitment of its members who organize various events in all regions of the world.

IOPD ACTIVITIES IN 2019



Participatory democracy continues to grow as IOPD members continually promote its practices.

Source: IOPD





- Fifth UCLG Annual Retreat & Campus

The IOPD participated actively on the fifth edition of the UCLG Annual Retreat and Campus which took place in Barcelona from february 11 to 15th. The event was about improving synergies between the commission, regional sections and other actors who, like the IOPD, represent local communities in the international community.

- 2019 French National Participation Conference

Organized by Décider Ensemble and the Grenoble-Alpes Métropole, the IOPD collaborated in these meetings which brought together more than 800 participants from all over France. With the city of Grenoble, the IOPD facilitated a Workshop dedicated to the exchange of experiences entitled "Interpretation and referendum of citizen initiatives/ experiments and local perspectives".

- National Workshop "autarky from the future", Maia, Portugal

On May 15th, Maia City, in Portugal, Maia hosted a workshop on public policies of local governments where transparency and participation appear as strategic priorities. The coordinator of the IOPD, Adrià Duarte, and the research professor Yves Cabannes, attended to this event, such as José Molina, President of the Transparency Council of the Region of Murcia, and Luis Amaral de Gávea from the University of Minho (Portugal)

- Córdoba, Spain

On May 16th, the IOPD participated at the event Ecosystems for cooperation: networks and democracy at the Córdoba School of Citizen Participation. The school presented the Handbook of good practices in networks, communication and of decentralized cooperation, and the results of the South Road event organized by the school.

- Conferences in Mexico

Fernando Pindado was invited to make several presentations at conferences on citizen participation in the country organizing the 19th conference of the IOPD.

- Taichung Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy (Taiwan)

The IOPD participated at the forum from October 2dn to the 5th, in order to share experiences of citizens participation and to create new alliances with cities and organizations in the region.

- Cascais Smart Citizenship Academy in Portugal



The City Council of Cascais has organized for the second year this space for reflection, debate and co-creation on democracy and citizen participation.

- <u>European Week of Local Democracy in Valongo, Portugal</u>

On October 22nd, the City Council of Valongo organized the «Paths to Follow» conference to reflect on the challenges of democracy and participation. The mayor of Valongo José Manuel Ribeiro opened the conference affirming the role of local governments in the defense of democracy and presenting all the initiatives being carried out by his municipality to involve the population and especially young people in public life.

- World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders in Durban-Ethekwini

The UCLG Congress and World Summit of Local Leaders brought together more than 3000 delegates from around the world in Durban, South Africa. The IOPD organized a session about participatory democracy among with international IDEA and Joburg City. The Mayor of Valongo, José Manuel Ribeiro, the vice-mayor of Sousse (Tunisia) and the vice-mayor of Sfax (Tunisia), Med Wajdi Aydi all participated to the session. One of the main plenary session was about local democracy, as UCLG made it one of its strategic priorities. The participants to the plenary "Reinventing local democracy" were Ada Colau, Mayor of Barcelona, Souad Abderrahimm, Mayor of Tunis, Roland Ries, Mayor of Strasbourg and Amos Masondo, Chairman of the National Council of Provinces of South Africa.

- 19th International IOPD Conference, Iztapalapa, Mexico

The 19th IOPD conference was held from the 8th to the 10th December 2019 in Iztapalapa, Mexico City, with the participation of more than 1200 people from 45 countries.

The conference entitled «participatory cities by right: participatory democracy and the right to the city» was organized in plenary sessions with lectures, discussion tables, territorial tables for the exchange of experiences, popular meetings on the neighborhoods, utopian workshops and art-debate sessions.

Several mayors, councilors and senior municipal leaders, as well as academics and civil society actors, presented different visions and experiences during these sessions. The sessions were held in a participatory methodology for a strong debate and exchange.





3. IOPD Regional Offices Activities

3.1. IOPD Regional office of Cordoba, Argentina

February 2019 - General Assembly of the World Urban Forum in Malaysia

Dr. Ramón Mestre, intendant of the city of Córdoba in Argentina, presented "governance and legal framework" exposition in front of various mayors and local authorities to ensure the mechanisms of citizen participation in the New Urban Agenda.

March 2019 - Mercociudades

Meeting of the executive director, coordinator of the thematic bodies and the permanent Mercociudades Secretary.

November 2019 - Neighborhood entities Congress

27th National and International Congress of Neighborhood entities in Alta Gracia, Argentina.

3.2. IOPD African regional office, Senegal

- February - March 2019: International Local Leadership Training Session (Tunis)

In partnership with Enda ECOPOP, the Center for Training and Support to Decentralization (CFAD) in Tunisia, the United Nations Program for Human Settlements (UN HABITAT). The training session was based on mastery and appropriation of the key skills of the actors (elected officials, technical agents and community leaders of civil society organizations) involved in the improvement of local governance, management of the environment and provision of basic social services.

March 2019: Awareness campaign on participatory budgeting (Ivory Coast)

The project: «Support for the strengthening of local governance in Ivory Coast: capacity building of opinion leaders and animation of community forums for the promotion of the Participatory Budget in the commune of Bouaké» aimed to contribute to the improvement of the decentralization process in the commune of Bouaké through the promotion of the participatory budgeting and the emergence of a culture of citizen participation.





October 2019: First edition of the Best Local Practices Award (Senegal)

This event is in line with the recommendations of the "African Charter of Values and Principles of Decentralization and Local Development" adopted by the Head of State meeting at the summit of the African Union at their 23rd Ordinary Session held in Malabo in June 2014 and the major orientations of the Government of Senegal, in terms of territorial governance and promotion of citizen participation and engagement in public policies.

III.

EVOLUTIONS OF THE IOPD NETWORK IN 2019

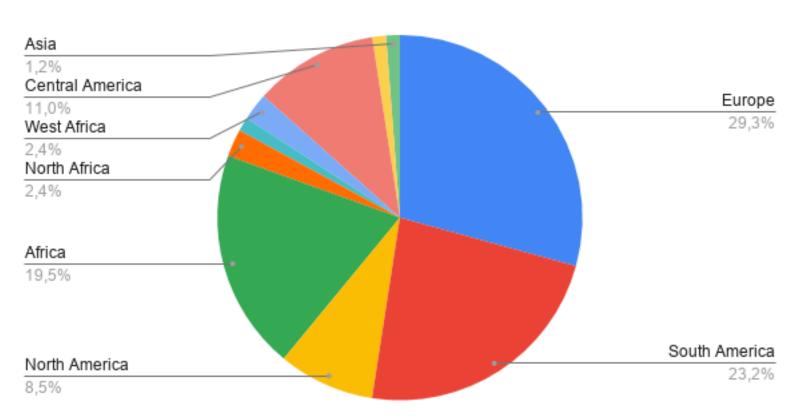
EVERY YEAR, THE IOPD EXPANDS ITSELF ALL AROUND THE WORLD

1. IOPD new members

Every year, the IOPD network expands and welcomes new towns, cities, organizations and research centers from around the world.

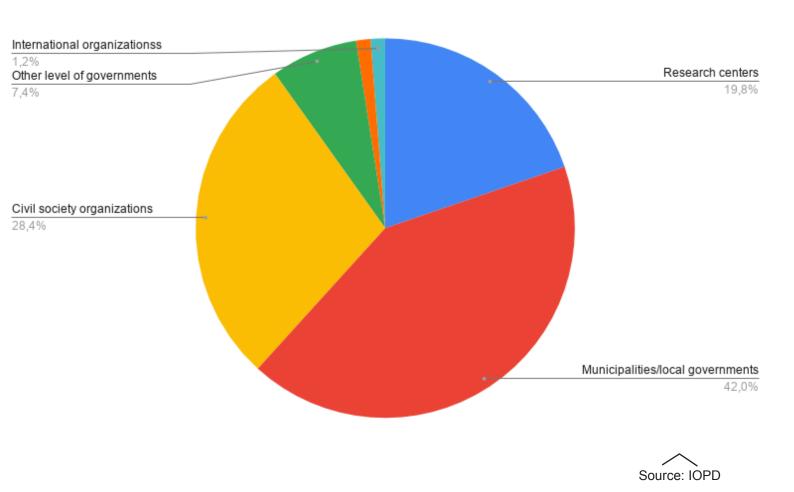
During 2019, the IOPD welcomed 82 new members.

1.1. Geografical origin of the 2019 IOPD new members



Source: IOPD

1.2 IOPD new members typology in 2019



2. Comunication - Newsletter

Communication is an essential aspect of our organisation as, besides publicising our own activities and web content, we also publish news, documents, experiences and other information that may be of interest from IOPD members and the general public.

The Technical Secretariat produces newsletters in the Observatory's various working languages, sends copies to its members and individuals who have signed up for the newsletter, and publishes them on its social media profiles. They cover the latest developments, such as new publications or experiences posted on the website, information on upcoming activities and other news of interest.

Other communications are also sent to members in order to share information such as dates, the Conference program, the good-practice award and the working groups.



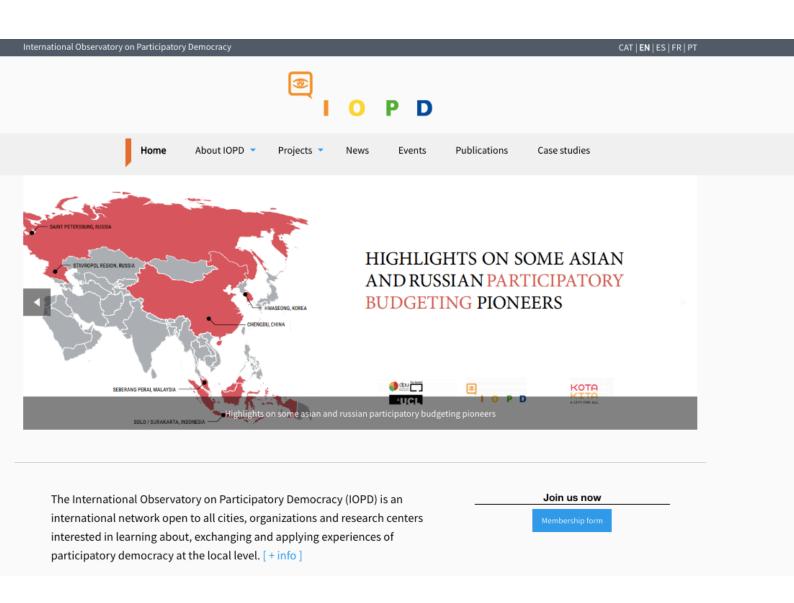
This year, after bringing together the communications of the Secretariat and those of the Annual Conference, since the middle of 2019 most of the bulletins have been focused on the event, and these have been sent using the MailChimp service.

3. Comunication - IOPD websites

3.1. IOPD website

The IOPD website is still the reference for the network as a whole. This year, however, the Technical Secretariat, in collaboration with the Iztapalapa Organization Committee, launched and are running a website for the 19th Conference.

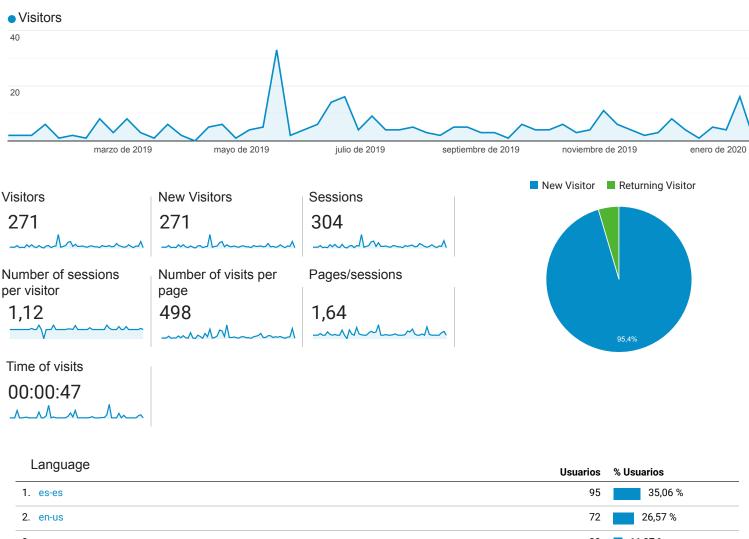
The IOPD web serves to post news of interest in relation to local participatory democracy maters and the IOPD, along with documents of interest to our members, such as articles, publications or the experiences of other towns and cities.







Find out more about the IOPD website with some statistics (January 1st, 2019 - January 21st, 2020):



Language	Usuarios	% Usuarios
1. es-es	95	35,06 %
2. en-us	72	26,57 %
3. es	30	11,07 %
4. zh-cn	25	9,23 %
5. c	16	5,90 %
6. es-419	7	2,58 %
7. es-us	6	2,21 %
8. es-mx	5	1,85 %
9. fr-fr	3	1,11 %
10. ca	2	0,74 %





	País	Usuarios	% Usuarios
1.	Spain	115	42,44 %
2.	France	33	12,18 %
3.	China China	29	10,70 %
4.	Mexico	28	10,33 %
5.	United States	17	6,27 %
6.	Hong Kong	12	4,43 %
7.	● Japan	6	2,21 %
8.	Colombia	4	1,48 %
9.	Germany	3	1,11 %
10	. Netherlands	3	1,11 %

Source: Google Analytics





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3.2. The 19th International Conference website

The 19th IOPD Conference website was created for the purpose of informing those persons attending the Conference or interested in the event, as well as serving as a site for the processing of registrations, the web has seven main pages:

About: General information about the event.

How to collaborate: Information about the ways in which you can collaborate.

Program: Description of all of the sessions.

Speakers: Photos and biographies of all of the speakers at both roundtables and workshops.

Registration: Information regarding the registration process, along with a link to Eventbrite, the company in charge of ticketing for the Conference.

Practical Information: This page includes advice for questions such as where to stay and how to get about during the event.

News: A page that includes brief news bulletins related to the holding of the Conference.



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19th IOPD CONFERENCE Iztapalapa, Mexico, City, 7-10 december 2019









2. Comunication - Social networks

2.1. Network Growth

Social networks are an essential tool for getting in touch with people from all over the world, sharing our contents and gathering lots of information. We therefore work with the following social networks:

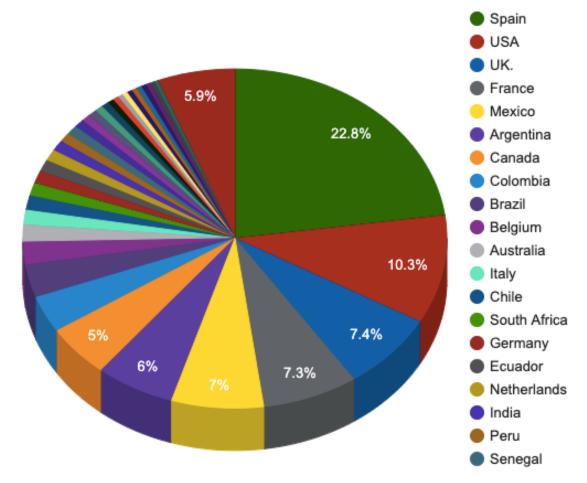


The official Twitter profile **@oidpoipd** has increased its activity by sharing piece of news and interesting links, as well as the institutional information of the observatory. In 2020, the profile has 4 542 followers (before the Barcelona conference in November 2018 it had 3.989 followers), it follows 1.349 profiles.



It's the official IOPD Facebook website. There, information about the webpage and other piece of news with an institutional profile are shared. Until the 28th November 2019, the webpage has 1.700 followers (547 followers in June 2017) and 1.591 "likes".

2.2. Network geografical origin in 2019



3. Budget of the IOPD Technical Secretary

2019**

Income

• City of Barcelona: €70,000

• Valongo City Council: €5,000

• Grenoble City Council: €6,000

• Other: €720

• Total : €81,720

Expenses

• Staff: €47.586,02

• Missions: €16.284,93

• Communications and websites: €5.203,00

• Publications and translations: €4.208,26

• IOPD Award: €889,35

• Other expenses: €1.010,15

• UCLG Costs: €4.589,75

• Total**: €79.771,46

^{**} Surplus of €1.948,54 transfered to the 2020 missions

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ANNEX

Annex n°1: List of the IOPD new members in 2019

Comisión de Participación Ciudadana del Congreso de la Ciudad de México

Honorable Ayuntamiento Municipal de Cacahoatán

Honorable Ayuntamiento de Motozintla

Commune de Sefrou

Programme Concerté Pluri-Acteurs

Conseil Citoyen Mont Mesly-Habette-Coteaux du sud

Commune de Kairouan

UECE's Social Research Center

Association Monde Rural

Programa de Pós-Graduação em Políticas Públicas /UECE

Commune de Diokoul Diawrigne

Mairie d'Abomey-Calavi

Red Nacional de Participación Ciudadana y Control Social (Red PCCS)

Ayuntamiento de Pilar de la Horadada

ciudad de Mèxico

Community Placemaking

Civil Society Development Forum NGO

Ministry of Finance of Sakhalin Region

La Bombeta

Artemrede

CERES - Centro de Estudos das Relações Internacionais

Lemur Laboratori d'Emergencies Urbanes

Kazan City Hall (City Administration)

Commune de Meouane

Commune de Passy

Parlement africain de la société civile

ESCUELA SUPERIOR DE ADMINISTRACION PUBLICA ESAP TERRITORIAL NARIÑO

ALTO PUTUMAYO -REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA

Município de Vila Nova de Cerveira

Red de Parlamentarias Mentoras

Municipio de Oaxaca de Juárez

Município da Maia

Gobernación de Nariño

Foundation Moloda Gromada (Young Community)

Biblioteca Municipal Tomaz Borba Vieira

La Municipalidad de la Ciudad de Córdoba

Direction de la Promotion de la Bonne Gouvernance

Mouvement Ivoirien des Droits Humains (MIDH)

Shipyard Centre for Social Innovation and Research

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

MUNIRED PERU Asociacion de Municipalidades en Red del Peru

Municipalidad de Escobar

Commune de LUKOLELA

Municipio de Milange

Síndico Municipal de Chihuahua

Secretaria de Planeación y Participación Ciudadana de Jalisco

Observatoire des Usages du Numérique au Sénégal

Pythmen Community Development Initiative

Capacity Building International Network

Agir pour la Démocratie la Justice et la Liberté en Côte d'Ivoire ADJL-CI

Code for Albania

ePanstwo Foundation / Code for All

Instituto Distrital para la Protección de la Niñez y la Juventud

Escola do Legislativa Julieta Battistioli

Nations Institute INDC

City of Durham, Budget and Management Services Department

Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG)

City of Brno

Colectivo Insurgencia Magisterial

MASIANDAY FOUNDATION AND PEC SIERRA LEONE

Voces de la educación

COMITE DE PARTICIPACION CIUDADANA DEL SISTEMA ESTATAL ANTICORRUPCION

CHIHUAHUA

Commune de Cocody

Ayuntamiento de Xalapa

San Roque Ciudad

Centro de Estudos e Articulação da Cooperação Sul

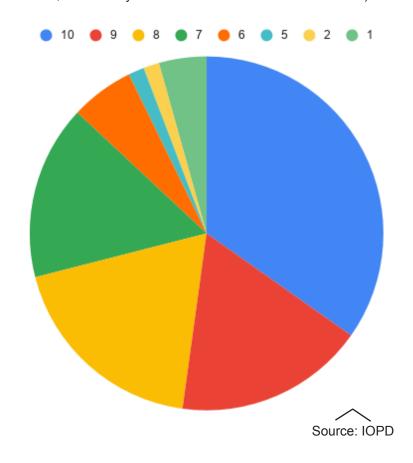
«Instituto Electoral y de Participación Ciudadana del Estado de Jalisco»

Zimbabwe People's Land Rights Movement (ZPLRM)

Annex n°2: Results of the IOPD 19th International Conference by the participants

Answers to the question: Are you satisfied with the contains and dynamics of the territorial exchanges experiences roundtables and the debate roundtable?

Grade (on a scale from 1 to 10, 10 is «very satisfied» and 1 is «not satisfied at all»).



Grade (on a scale from 1 to 10, 10 is «very satisfied» and 1 is «not satisfied at all»).	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Total
In general, are you satisfied with the conference?	29	15	16	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	69
%	42,03	21,74	23,19	2,90	1,45	0,00	1,45	2,90	2,90	1,45	100

Source: IOPD

Note (sur une échelle de 1 à 10, 10 correspondant à «très satisfait» et 1 à «pas du tout satisfait»)	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Total
Êtes-vous satisfaits du contenu et de la dynamique des ate- liersd'utopies ?	18	16	11	2	1	2	1	0	3	2	56
%	32,14	28,57	19,64	3,57	1,79	3,57	1,79	0,00	5,36	5,57	100

Source: IOPD

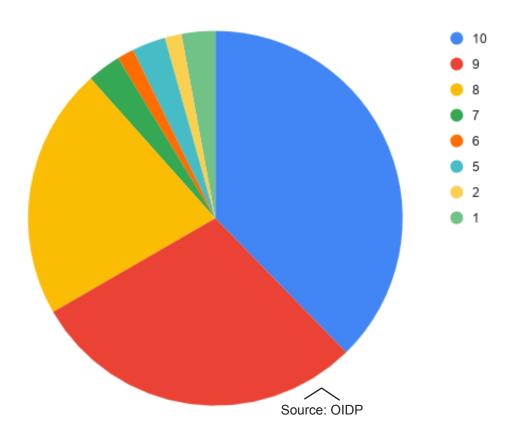


Grade (on a scale from 1 to 10, 10 is «very satisfied» and 1 is «not satisfied at all»).	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Total
Are you satisfied with the content and the dynamics of the networking sessions?	16	15	10	4	4	3	0	1	3	2	58
%	27,59	25,86	17,24	6,90	6,90	5,17	0,00	1,72	5,17	3,45	100

Grade (on a scale from 1 to 10, 10 is «very satisfied» and 1 is «not satisfied at all»).	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Total
Are you satisfied with the content and the dynamics of popular meetings in the neighborhoods?	30	8	5	5	3	1	1	1	2	2	58
%	51,72	13,79	8,62	8,62	5,17	1,72	1,72	1,72	3,45	3,45	100

Answers to the question: are you satisfied with the level and the contributions of the speakers?

Grade (on a scale from 1 to 10, 10 is «very satisfied» and 1 is «not satisfied at all»).





The IOPD work was made possible thanks to its active members' contributions:









