

Access to Basic Services for All

Description of event:

The event will particularly focus on the right to water and sanitation. It will discuss options for an international framework allowing access to basic services for all.

1. To present and comment on the new version of the working paper on access to basic services
2. To network with potential partners such as NGOs, governments, the private sector, programmes and agencies of the United Nations to support the initiative
3. To present some concrete case studies where a need for a Declaration of Principles on Access to Basic Services would have been useful
4. Proposition of elements for a Declaration of Principles

Name of organization:

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UN-HABITAT and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

Description of organization:

United Nations agencies dealing with human rights, human settlements and training.

Partner organizations:

Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE)

Confirmed speakers:

H.E Ms Nonceba Lindiwe Sisulu, Minister of Housing, South Africa
H.E Mr Xavier Darcos, French Minister Delegate for Cooperation, Development and Francophony
H.E Mr Olivio Dutra, Minister of Cities, Brasil or represented by H.E Ms Erminia Maricato, Executive Secretary, Minister of Cities, Brasil
Ms Mary Jane Ortega, Mayor of San Fernando, Philippines
Mr Marcel A. Boisard, Executive Director of UNITAR
Ms Elisabeth Gateau, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments
Mr Yves Berthelot, UNITAR
Mr Björn Stigson, President of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (or represented by Mr Robert Martin, Program Director)

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