

Housing for All in the New Millennium: Toward Vancouver 2006

Description of event:

The goal of this workshop is to focus housing as a priority of the development agenda in the years ahead. Helping people around the globe achieve better housing or shelter must be a matter of conscience and action across the world. The session in Barcelona will lay the basis on the work that is needed to be carried out over the next two years to achieve this goal. It is intended that the results and recommendations will be prepared and presented by an International Shelter Coalition at the 2006 Third World Urban Forum to be held in Vancouver on the 30th anniversary of Habitat I. Presentations will address housing finance, land and property rights, and other housing policy issues.

Name of organization:

Habitat for Humanity International.

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Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is an ecumenical Christian movement dedicated to eliminating housing poverty and homelessness from the face of the earth, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, HFHI and its affiliates in more than 3000 communities in 92 nations have built more than 160,000 homes with low-income partner families with no-profit, zero-interest mortgages. In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labour---sweat equity---into building their Habitat houses and the houses of others.

Partner organizations:

Habitat for Humanity International, National Association of REALTORS, World Bank, United States Agency For International Development(USAID), Mortgage Bankers Association, ShoreBank Advisory Services, Cities Alliance, Inter-American Development Bank – Multilateral Investment Fund, International Finance Corporation, Prague Institute, Harvard University Joint Center on Housing Policy, Fannie Mae, Institute for Sustainable Communities, among others.

Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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