

Rental Housing: An Essential Option for the Urban Poor

Description of event:

Launch of the UN-HABITAT publication entitled “Rental Housing: An essential option for the urban poor in developing countries”. A keynote presentation will explain the background to the research, the status of rental housing globally and the main conclusions and recommendations of the study. This will be followed by comments from the panelists. There will be an open discussion afterwards.

Name of organization:

UN-HABITAT (Housing Policy and Development Section) jointly with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

Description of organization:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

Partner organizations:

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)/Environment and Human settlements Division.

Confirmed speakers:

Mrs. Lindiwe Sisulu, Minister for Housing, South Africa
Mr. Martti Lujanen, Head of Housing and Building Department, Ministry of Environment, Finland
Mrs. Elena Szolgayova, Senior Advisor to the State Secretary, Ministry of Construction and Regional Development, Slovakia
Mr. Selman Ergüden, Chief, Housing Policy and Development Section, UN-HABITAT
Mr. Scott Leckie, Executive Director, Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE)
Mrs. Christina von Schweinichen, Deputy Director, UNECE Environment and Human Settlements Division
Mrs. Emmy Galama-Rommerts, International Council of Women (ICW), the Netherlands
Mr. Magnus Hammer, Secretary General, International Union of Tenants
Professor Alan Gilbert, University College London, UK

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