

The Challenges of City Financing: Habitat's Professionals Forum

Description of event:

Key discussion issues will include:

- Sources, options, mechanisms, problems and strategies of city revenue generation.
- Experiences of city development financing and management in both developing and developed nations, as well as in countries with economies in transition.
- Strategies, options and mechanisms for adequately financing the provision of municipal services - the de Soto agenda explored.
- Effective institutional and regulatory frameworks for urban financing policy reform

The event will be preceded by the launch of the joint UN HABITAT - European Union Brochure on Research for Sustainable Urban Development by the Executive Director of UN HABITAT and the Director-General, Directorate General Research, European Commission (EU).

Name of organization:

Habitat's Professionals Forum.

Description of organization:

Platform of international professional non-governmental organizations for sharing experiences from various regions of the world on the financing of city development management and provision of urban services. It was established to promote mutual learning and adoption of good practices in city financing modes and mechanisms.

Partner organizations:

International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP), FIG, IFLA, UIA, SAPI, ANDI.

Confirmed speakers:

Ms Ellen Garetshele, City Treasurer, City of Gaborone, Botswana

Ms. Carmenza Barreneche, Director, District Planning Department, Bogota Municipality, Colombia

Mr. Timo Harmala, Head of Bureau, Real Estate and Public Work Department, Helsinki, Finland

Prof. Om Prakash Mathur, NIPFP, New Dehli, India

Prof. Dr. H. C. Horst Zimmerman, President of the Academy of Spatial Planning, Germany

Dr. Irene Wiese V. Ofen, President of IFHP, Essen, Germany

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