# Affordable and Accessible GIS for Local Governance

**Description of event:**
Panel discussions on the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) technology to support low-income housing and community development programmes. This event will be collaborating with the UN-HABITAT Global Urban Observatory programme with cases drawn from projects in Mozambique, Mexico, Senegal, Guatemala and South Africa.

**Name of organization:**
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**Description of organization:**
HUD is a federal agency in the U.S. committed to increasing home ownership, particularly among minorities; creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income Americans; and supporting the homeless, the elderly, people with disabilities and people living with HIV/Aids. The Department also promotes economic and community development and enforces fair housing laws.

**Partner organizations:**
UN-HABITAT Global Urban Observatory, U.S. Geological Survey, University Consortium for Geographical Information Science, Instituto Nacional de Estadistica, Geografia e Informatica INEGI (Mexico) and others.

**Confirmed speakers:**
N/A

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