UN-HABITAT, 23rd Session of the Governing Council: Side Event

Housing the Future: A new Global Housing Strategy to the year 2025

Thursday 14 April 2011
2.30-4.30 pm
Conference Room 12

The challenge of adequate housing for all

UN-HABITAT works to address the global affordable housing challenge and promotes equitable access to affordable housing by all segments of society. It seeks to improve the living conditions in existing slums while promoting a range of affordable housing alternatives to avert existing slum expansion and new slum formation.

Global Shelter Strategy to the Year 2000

It has been more than 20 years since the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Global Shelter Strategy to the Year 2000 (GSS 2000). The strategy was a milestone in housing policy and practice by providing guidelines, promoting national housing strategies as well as advancing improvements in housing conditions in more than 100 countries.

Global Housing Strategy to the Year 2025

Building from the pioneering GSS 2000, UN-HABITAT is currently developing and launching a Global Housing Strategy to the Year 2025. Since the formulation of GSS 2000 in 1988, there have been significant political, economic, social and environmental changes throughout the world. A global shelter strategy that reflects the challenges and opportunities for a 21st century is therefore timely.

While a new Global Housing Strategy that reflects today’s world is urgently needed, what would it look like? What are the key dimensions of land and housing that would underpin a 21st century shelter strategy to improve access to affordable land and housing?

Join us for this landmark side event!

This event will initiate discussions about the Global Housing Strategy to the Year 2025. The event will review the GSS 2000; showcase UN-HABITAT’s current shelter work initiatives, programmes and tools; and launch five new housing sector publications that review affordable housing practices and programmes from around the world.

The event is interactive: the future of affordable housing and the Strategy to 2025 is discussed, debated and delineated by all attendees. A number of publications and technical guide recently developed will be distributed to participants as input to the discussions.

The outcome of this event will contribute to set the stage for a new vision of housing and to initiate the roadmap towards a Global Housing Strategy to the year 2025.
Programme

14:30 - 14:35  Official opening and introduction: Housing the Future: towards sustainable urban development
   Chair - Government representative from Uganda

14.35 - 15.15  Panel One: GSS 2000 and the state of adequate housing for all
   Keynote presentation on Lessons learned from GSS 2000
   Feedback from best practices and lessons learned – Cities Alliance
   Adequate Housing for All, vision and way forward
   Mohamed El Sioufi, Head Shelter Branch, UN-HABITAT
   Why does the housing sector matter?
   Claudio Acioly, Chief Housing Policy Section, UN-HABITAT

15.15 – 15.30  Discussion and Coffee Break

15.30 – 16.00  Panel Two: Global ways forward and the GHS 2025
   UN-HABITAT initiatives and tools towards GSH 2025
   Christophe Lalande, Housing Policy Section, UN-HABITAT
   Housing Profile: The experience of Uganda
   Presentation of the Housing Profile Uganda – Ministry of Housing Uganda
   Housing Practice: The experience of Ethiopia
   Launch of the Housing Practices series – Ministry of Housing Ethiopia
   Housing challenges in the ECE region
   A country experience – Dr. Hugo Priemus, Delft University of Technology

16.00 – 16.30  Roundtable discussion: What is the potential shape and focus of GHS 2025?
   All panelists and audience
   Conclusions and way forward
   Mohamed El Sioufi, Head Shelter Branch, UN-HABITAT

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