

Achieving SDGs in times of global crises



Side Event 3

Localizing Sustainable Development Goal 11 by Centering Community Knowledge

 5 JUNE 2023, 13:15-14:15

 Conference Room 9

SUMMARY

Across the globe, cities are looking for innovative strategies to reduce spatial inequality and realize a more inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable urban future, in alignment with Sustainable Development Goal 11. Neighborhoods level community-driven planning often catalyzes more prosperous, inclusive, and equitable urban transformation. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the University of Chicago will host a panel discussion exploring models of community driven-transformation and urban regeneration. The program will feature new ideas, tools and best practices including: (1) community-driven planning fostered by the Choice Neighborhoods program, a signature HUD place-based grant program for comprehensive community development, (2) the Million Neighborhoods Initiative, a comprehensive mapping and analysis of human development and informality in every neighborhood in the US and Sub-Saharan Africa, supporting the localization of sustainable development goals and community-driven planning and advocacy; (3) CROCUS, Community Research on Climate and Urban Science, prospective tools for community residents to gather on-the-ground data capturing climate impacts at the neighborhood scale; (4) the Safe Water Initiative in Kenya conducted by the Development Innovation Lab which has tested several approaches to distribute dilute chlorine solution for treating drinking water in in semi-urban and informal settlements, and (5) the UN-Habitat Urban Regeneration Flagship Programme. The discussion will share community-engaged transformation planning, implementation, and innovation adoption strategies as well as lessons and tools for localizing SDG goals.

Objectives:

- Share innovative ideas and tools for localizing SDG goals.
- Exchange innovative inclusionary and equitable housing and urban development policies.
- Share community-engaged planning, implementation, innovation adoption, and urban regeneration strategies.
- Invite other Member States and stakeholders to offer insight on best practices and lessons learned.

Organizer(s)

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (<https://www.hud.gov>)

The University of Chicago (<https://www.uchicago.edu>)



Achieving SDGs in times of global crises



Moderator

Alaina Beverly, Assistant Vice President for Urban Affairs, The University of Chicago, USA

Speaker(s)

- Solomon Greene, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA
- Luís Bettencort, Inaugural Director of the Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation at the University of Chicago, USA
- Cristina Negri, Director and Lead Principal Investigator CROCUS, Director of the Environmental Science, Argonne National Laboratories, USA
- Grace Makana Barasa, Kenya Country Director, Development Innovation Lab, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics at the University of Chicago, Kenya
- Javier Torner, Programme Management Officer, Urban Development Specialist, Lead – Inclusive Urban Regeneration Programme, Planning, Finance and Economy Section, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat



THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO



UN-HABITAT



Development
Innovation
Lab at University
of Chicago

**Mansueto Institute
for Urban Innovation**

