

# Achieving SDGs in times of global crises



## Side Event number 40

### *Expanding Equitable Access to Adequate Housing for those Living in Informal Settlements*

 8 JUNE 2023, 18:15 – 19:15

 Conference Room number 8

#### SUMMARY

This session will bring together voices from around the world representing governments, UN agencies, academia, CSOs, and grassroots organizations to make the case for **ensuring equitable access to adequate housing for residents of informal settlements**. To contribute to this common goal, Habitat for Humanity is implementing two key initiatives: 1) a new five-year global advocacy campaign, [Home Equals](#), that aims to influence policy and systems change globally and 2) the formation of new regional coalitions of housing practitioners in the Middle East/North Africa (MENA), Sub-Saharan Africa and the Asia-Pacific region. The new coalitions are being modeled on the [Urban Housing Practitioners Hub](#) that was launched in Latin America during Habitat III (2016).

The session will take these two initiatives and the [Global Action Plan on Slum Transformation](#) as the framework to achieve the following objectives:

- Elevate the issue of housing as an essential platform for creating equitable and sustainable urban transformation.
- Provide a platform for policy dialogue and knowledge sharing on the importance of housing as a lever for alleviating poverty, improving developmental outcomes, generating economic growth, and caring for the environment.

#### Organizer(s)

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