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Powering collaboration for housing impact

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needs a decent, affordable home to thrive.

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Dear participants,

Greetings and welcome to the seventh Asia-Pacific Housing Forum. With just over a decade to implement the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, this biennial conference continues to play an important role in connecting multi-sector stakeholders. Our task is to sound a clarion call for housing to be the foundation of a better life.

The theme for this year’s conference is “Powering collaboration for housing impact.” We continue to see amazing things happen when committed policymakers, responsible businesses and a caring civil society work together. However, addressing the escalating challenges of affordable housing will require a concerted and ongoing commitment. Our combined housing efforts drive and catalyze action as well as contribute to achieving the sustainable development goals.

I would like to invite all who have a stake in a peaceful and prosperous future to join forces. Together, let us work toward the vision that everyone in the world will have a decent place to live. Affordable, decent homes in thriving communities.

Dear delegates,

It is our honor to welcome you to the seventh Asia-Pacific Housing Forum in Bangkok. The conference is even bigger this year with the preliminary events that have been held in Bangladesh, New Zealand, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Cambodia. These locations served as key platforms to address local housing issues and challenges with relevant stakeholders.

In a region as diverse as Asia-Pacific, we face challenges ranging from climate, poverty to conflict and inequality. To make the arduous journey toward sustainable development, we need strong partnerships and continuous commitments, hence we are pleased to unveil exciting side events. These include a brand-new training course that will provide participants with the knowledge and tools for building disaster resilience through secure land tenure. The Innovation Awards feature creative pitches for construction technology, community initiatives and spatial planning, and partnerships and policies.

We also have the privilege of hosting two Urban Thinker Campuses that are UN-Habitat initiatives for promoting sustainable urbanization. These events comprise a Youth Congress where young people get to voice their opinions and share solutions for affordable housing as well as Collaborative Housing Partnerships with the aim of establishing a practitioners network to improve the effectiveness of Asia-Pacific’s housing ecosystem.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Rick Hathaway
Vice-President, Asia-Pacific
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In partnership,

Jonathan T.M. Reckford
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For half of the world's poor⁠1 who call Asia-Pacific home, poverty is not their only problem. They also have to compete for jobs and face issues of urban mobility, air pollution, water contamination and climate disasters, among others. Having a decent home to live in may be farther from their minds.

When housing is seen as a process and not a product, its catalytic role as a ladder out of poverty for low-income families becomes clearer. People who live in safe, adequate and affordable housing are better able to withstand shocks, crises, and calamities. These changes also benefit the larger community, reducing inequality and building resilience against economic and natural disasters.

Despite housing being a catalyst of sustainable development, the road to a peaceful, prosperous future is still lined with challenges. At the same time, opportunities for effective participation and collaboration abound. Everyone who has a stake in a sustainable future by 2030 needs to drive the transformation in the region. Sector events such as the Asia-Pacific Housing Forum serve to encourage inclusive and participatory partnerships among all stakeholders, from governments to businesses to civil society to individuals.

Every two years, the Housing Forum welcomes practitioners and stakeholders who come together to tackle issues, discuss solutions and promote low-cost, affordable housing as a driver of economic growth. Since the inaugural conference in 2007, a total of 5,000 participants have not only shared common ground but also presented diverse views through insightful plenaries and engaging tracks. Under the theme of “Powering collaboration for housing impact,” the 2019 conference will feature topics ranging from technology to resilience under the following tracks:

- Impact to the max
- Promoting inclusion amidst rapid urbanization
- Fostering resilient cities and communities
- Responsive housing technologies

This September, join more than 400 participants from the public, private and civil sectors in fostering resilience and building social impact through housing.

¹ 2016 Statistical Yearbook for Asia and Pacific by UNESCAP.
Ahead of the seventh Asia-Pacific Housing Forum, engaging discussions on local housing and innovative solutions had taken place in several locations in 2019. Bangladesh kicked-off the first of several preliminary events that spanned New Zealand, where the first-ever Pacific Peoples Housing Forum was hosted; Hong Kong; India; Indonesia, the Philippines; and Cambodia.

**Bangladesh**

April 23-24 | Hotel Lakeshore, Dhaka

The two-day event focused on topics such as Bangladesh’s housing challenges, policies and plans; affordable, alternative and inclusive housing technologies; the role of the market and private sector in affordable and resilient housing; and disaster risk reduction and response, and climate change adaptation. Government representatives included State Minister for Social Welfare Sharif Ahmed who urged development organizations and other agencies to work together in ensuring adequate homes for the most marginalized groups. Keynote speaker Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, an economist and a former adviser to a caretaker government, called for policy makers to be strategic instead of aspirational in creating urban housing solutions. Delegates, who also came from the academia and civil society, concluded with several priorities for action. These include improving informal housing and promoting affordable, resilient housing materials.
New Zealand
May 17 | Fale Pasifika, University of Auckland City

More than 100 delegates at the inaugural Pacific Peoples Housing Forum heard from key speakers such as Jenny Salesa, New Zealand’s Minister for Building and Construction, and Penehuro Fatu Lefale, international climate and policy analyst. The three essay competition winners from Fiji, Samoa and Tonga were also part of a youth panel. The May 17 event concluded with recommendations for more and better homes for Pacific people including a potential rent-to-buy option from the Kiwi government and increasing access to housing finance.

Hong Kong
July 11 | KPMG China, Prince’s Building

At a closed-door roundtable, leaders from various sectors discussed how Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong and other nonprofits could drive multi-sector collaborations for tackling affordable housing and other challenges. More than 50 participants later joined separate group discussions. The group that tackled the topic of resilience actively called for improved preparedness strategies by businesses and governments in addressing current and future climate change threats.
**India**

July 18-19 | India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

The country’s housing challenges at hand called for a multi-stakeholder, integrated and holistic approach, more than 340 delegates learned at the India housing forum. Vulnerable groups, in particular, require a housing ecosystem ensuring food security, clean water and health, educational and livelihood opportunities. Other discussions centered on rural and urban housing needs; sustainable sanitation; disaster management; the connection between technology, financial institutions and corporate social responsibility; and youth and community. Besides the Umbrella Campaign that was launched to raise awareness of disaster preparedness and build community resilience, the first-ever Housing Coalition was also unveiled. The latter, a multi-sector group, aims to provide knowledge management, capacity building, funds and resources, technology and more to support and empower marginalized communities in India.

**Indonesia**

July 25 | Jakarta Design Center

About 100 participants from the Indonesian government, corporations, academia and housing practitioners were present. Dwityo Akoro Soeranto, Director of Integrated Settlement Infrastructure, Ministry of Public Works and Public Housing, called for more collaboration between the government and affordable housing stakeholders such as corporates, non-profit organizations, communities, and other parties. During the week of the conference, an exhibition featuring academic research and Habitat for Humanity Indonesia’s projects was held from July 24 to 29 in the Living World Alam Sutera mall. Following the forum, about 30 participants visited Habitat Indonesia’s project in Mauk, Tangerang. With support from Pelita Harapan University for the 2019 preliminary event, Habitat Indonesia is set to harness more academe support. It is announced that Trisakti University will partner with Habitat for the next Indonesia housing forum in two years’ time.
Philippines
July 29-31 | New World Hotel, Makati City, Manila

The housing forum in Manila, the Philippines, had the distinction of being the first Urban Thinkers Campus to be hosted by Habitat in the Asia-Pacific region this year. An UN-Habitat initiative, the Campus aims to be a platform for all stakeholders and partners to promote sustainable urbanization. In his keynote address, Eduardo Del Rosario, chair of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, provided updates on the government’s housing programs. He also announced the establishment of the new Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development that will be the main and sole entity for planning and policy-making, regulations, program coordination, and performance monitoring for all housing, human settlements and urban development concerns. About 300 delegates joined intensive breakout sessions covering topics ranging from land ownership as the key to socialized housing, public-private partnerships, housing and climate change to building disaster-resilient communities and cities. At the Youth Congress, young people were called on to take a lead in achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 11 of sustainable cities and communities.

Cambodia
July 30 | Battambang Provincial Hall

Four in 10 of the more than 190 participants at the Cambodia housing forum held in Battambang province were local community members who highlighted the concerns of informal settlers. They presented their priorities including land tenure security, safe housing, effective drainage and concrete roads to an audience that included the local government, the private sector, academia and civil society. Habitat Cambodia will continue to support these needs for individuals under the Urban PASSA project. The participatory method aims to develop local capacity to reduce shelter-related risks by raising the community’s awareness and developing skills such as joint analysis, learning and decision-making.
# Conference Program

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**Youth Congress**  
Youth in the house!

**Urban Thinkers Campus Collaborative Housing Partnerships**

* By invitation only

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**Youth in the House!**

The Youth Congress is an excellent opportunity for young people to speak up on housing challenges and share their ideas or solutions. A gallery will be set up to showcase creative initiatives. What’s more, you will be part of a global community. The Youth Congress has been declared an Urban Thinkers Campus, an initiative of UN-Habitat that gives a platform for stakeholders to promote sustainable urbanization.

**Strengthening Land Tenure Security for Disaster Resilience**

In Asia-Pacific, the world’s most disaster-prone region, land tenure issues can bring extra complexities to reconstruction efforts following catastrophes. At the first-ever training course organized during the Housing Forum, participants will learn to navigate complex land management policies and regulations. Participants will also be equipped with various pro-poor land tools and techniques to facilitate housing recovery and increasing community resilience. The course is jointly conducted by Habitat for Humanity and the Netherlands' ITC-University of Twente. Certificates will be presented upon successful completion.
Innovation Awards

The Asia-Pacific Housing Forum celebrates emerging innovation that promotes affordable, resilient housing through the Innovation Awards. We called for pitches in the categories of construction innovation; community initiatives and spatial planning; and partnerships and policies. A total of 10 finalists are selected from 60 applications from Asia and around the world. At the Housing Forum, the finalists will be presenting their innovations in person, and the winners in the respective categories will be recognized at the Networking Dinner.

Urban Thinkers Campus on collaborative housing partnerships

The aim of this Urban Thinkers Campus is to generate interest in establishing a network in the Asia-Pacific region committed to improving the effectiveness of the region’s housing ecosystem. This is in addition to its interaction with adjacent sectors such as urban planning, community resilience and important global cross-cutting themes such as gender, climate change and migration, and achieve a more robust alignment with global frameworks, including the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda.
At BASE, we focus on affordable housing solutions geared toward social development and impact. Through intensive research and technology, training and value chain development, BASE continues to share the Cement Bamboo Frame Technology through programs designed to answer the need for quality housing using environment friendly and alternative building materials.

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