



2.º Foro Latinoamericano y del Caribe de Vivienda Adecuada

Vivienda para la Vida

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Habitat for Humanity International Latin America/Caribbean Region (HFHI LA/C), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Habitat International Coalition (HIC), and Cities Alliance, in collaboration with UN Habitat Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, are pleased to invite you to participate in the 2nd Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Forum “Vivienda para la Vida” (*Housing for Life*); a space for multi-stakeholder collaboration from the public and private sectors, and civil society in general.

OBJECTIVES

In the context of discussions concerning the new Urban Agenda, as well as preparatory events towards the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development - Habitat III, Housing for Life, will attempt to:

- 1. Identify principles** (guiding principles, principles of action, guidelines) for the development of best practices with respect to adequate shelter and human settlements.
- 2. Examine solutions** and innovative experiences in the areas of adequate shelter and human settlements with potential for impact and scalability.
- 3. Promote partnership** among public, private and social actors to engage in innovative solutions, sustainable investment models for adequate human settlements, on an inclusive and sustainable basis.

Considering major changes in the dynamics that have accelerated the urbanization process worldwide (for example territorial, demographic, climatic, social, economic, technological, and cultural changes) the 2nd regional Housing Forum seeks to promote policies, strategies and projects that create more sustainable and equitable urban spaces; raise awareness about appropriate housing and settlements; and promote the right to adequate housing and the city.

PARTICIPANTS:

Approximately 600 participants: representatives of local and national governments, social movements and organizations, NGOs, entrepreneurs, academia, multilateral organizations and cooperatives throughout the region.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- Creation of a **Seed Fund** to support Public-Private partnerships and initiatives at scale which demonstrate the principles of the New Urban Agenda framework. Through related activities we will raise the initial donation and identify additional resources.
- Development of recommendations for Habitat III with **guiding principles, guidelines, policies and principles of action** for all stakeholders
- Launching of the **LAC Network of Cities for Adequate Housing and Sustainable Settlements**
- At least **five strategic public private partnerships** initiated as a result of the Forum
- Best practices Exhibit** of approximately 50 experiences, as well as a Commercial Exhibit of participants from the Construction Sector.

SUBJECTS. The sessions are designed around **five thematic blocks:**

Access to land and security of tenure	Infrastructure (basic services, public spaces)	Affordable financing and market development	Habitability	Vulnerability and resilience
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Each thematic block will address the following aspects	High Level Dialogues
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies/Laws; • Disaster risk reduction; • Multi-Stakeholder Management; • Urban planning and Architecture; • Financing; and • Regional and sub-regional dimensions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adequate Housing and Sustainable Cities; ✓ Adequate Housing, Poverty, and Development; ✓ Adequate Housing and Social Cohesion; ✓ Adequate Housing and Climate Change
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In addition to the plenaries and conclusions sessions, the event offers a best practices exhibition, a Commercial Fair for the Construction Sector, training events and other special activities, such as:

- Round Tables per Sub Regions (Central, South and Caribbean)
- International Cooperation and Social Investors Roundtable
- Government and Local Authorities Roundtable
- Private Sector Roundtable
- Civil Society Organizations Roundtable
- Business Roundtable

ADDED VALUE

For sponsors, co-organizers and participants the Forum offers value in:

- A collective opportunity to **advocate for safe and adequate housing** as a priority on the agenda of public, private and social stakeholders globally and in the region
- Allowing participants, sponsors and organizers to **position and present relevant experiences and examples** in an inclusive context.
- Enabling participants to **reflect and build alternative models and partnerships** that increase impact and make progress towards resolving the problem of inadequate and vulnerable housing within the region.
- An opportunity **to network and create strategic partnerships** to increase the effectiveness of their respective projects

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