



Background and Objective

Adequate housing is a human right and one of the most pressing human needs, essential for the achievement of several interconnected human rights (dignified life, housing, health, education, etc.) and SDG 11. Adequate housing shortages affect most countries in the Arab region. In conflict or natural disasters locations, provision of adequate housing become a priority, due to the large percentage of destruction in the housing stock.

The event will shed light on some of the key underlying factors that render housing and land increasingly unaffordable and what policy and programmatic interventions proved successful to address these challenges. Participants will have a better understanding of causes and solutions for the provision of affordable housing and land in the region.

Moderator:

Ombretta Tempra, Land Specialist, UN-Habitat Global Land Tool Network

Speakers

- Ombretta Tempra, UN-Habitat Global Land Tool Network
- Marwa Ahmed, Urban Development Fund, Egypt
- Abir Zaatari, American university of Beirut
- Jamal Gledan, Regional Centre for Remote Sensing (CRTEAN)

Agenda

The session will revolve on how to increase the availability of adequate housing through land management, including enhanced land registration, land and property taxation, regulation of the rental markets, and other tools.

- Ombretta Tempra: Interactive session and framing presentation, 20 min.
- Marwa Ahmed: Egypt's experiences on promoting housing affordability through land tools (e.g. land classification, revenue generation, involvement of private sector), 15 minutes.
- Abir Zaatari: Lebanon's experience in promoting housing affordability through land-based interventions, 15 minutes.
- Jamal Gledan: Reflecting on the opportunities of promoting housing affordability in Libya through land-based interventions, 15 minutes.
- Moderated discussion with questions and comments from the floor, 20 min.
- Final reflections from the speakers.

This Session will be organized as a hybrid event. To participate over Zoom, please [register here](#).

**Simultaneous interpretation will be available in Arabic and English*

