# Side Event: Promoting Inclusive and Equitable Housing Strategies for All under the New Urban Agenda

| ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS) | Habitat for Humanity International  
Cities Alliance  
Slum Dwellers International  
United Nations Major Group on Children and Youth  
Huairou Commission  
GAP Older Persons Partner Constituent Group  
Asian Coalition for Housing Rights  
Arkham Network Indonesia and the Urban Poor Consortium (members of ACHR)  
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| DESCRIPTION | Livelihood opportunities, education, crime reduction, mental health, and poverty alleviation are just a few of the outcomes that depend on having a safe and adequate place to call home. Inadequate housing conditions have been tied to instability, social fragmentation and violence. Women spend a disproportionate amount of time at home and in informal settlements, where they experience more acutely the lack of basic services, unsafe conditions, health and environmental risks, and fear of eviction. Older urban residents and persons with disabilities often face multiple forms of discrimination and marginalization, restricted participation in decision making, inaccessible public transportation, barriers to the enjoyment of open spaces, low quality or inappropriate housing, and the absence of a secure and adequate income. Close to half of the world’s population is under the age of 25, and around 85% of these youth and children live in developing countries, where cities struggle to provide access education, jobs, services and adequate housing for all.  

People should be at the center of development processes. Empowering groups that have been marginalized or discriminated against is key to ensuring the success of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs. Each group can play a role as leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, and volunteers to support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.  
PrepCom3 is a strategic time to analyze the New Urban Agenda through their perspectives and identify how housing ties into the gender-related and vulnerable population targets in the 2030 Agenda.  

Please join an interactive session that will address equitable and inclusive approaches for housing when implementing the New Urban Agenda. Come to advocate for the role that women, youth, older persons,
persons with disabilities and other groups can play in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, and discuss targets and indicators to measure and monitor progress towards housing strategies that are sensitive and responsive to their needs.