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**Global experts on homelessness gather in Quito
Organizations to convene forum on ending unsheltered homelessness**

As the United Nations holds its third ever Conference on Housing and Sustainable Development (Habitat III), experts in global homelessness will also convene in Quito, Ecuador to ensure that people experiencing unsheltered homelessness are not left behind. A forum titled “Measuring and Ending Unsheltered Homelessness” will take place October 17 at 4:30 p.m. in Room MR10, Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana, “Benjamin Carrion.”

Despite known solutions, on every continent people live with no housing or permanent shelter, which negatively impacts both individuals and cities. The side event, hosted by the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH), the Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH) and the European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA), aims to keep the needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness front and center. The event will feature leaders on measurement and solutions from Europe, the United States and Latin America to share successful strategies to measure and end unsheltered homelessness worldwide.

“The people who face the most acute urban housing problem are those who have no housing or permanent shelter at all,” said Nan Roman, president and CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness. “Fortunately, while the scope of unsheltered homelessness is not fully known worldwide, its solutions are: shelter and housing for all.”

“Homelessness has a severe, negative impact everywhere we see it,” said Kat Johnson, director of the Institute of Global Homelessness. “In order to end it, we need to help countries define and measure its scope, and create space to explore and adapt what we know works. This is what we hope to achieve through the forum in Quito.”

Attendees will leave with an up-to-the-minute understanding of international and national action underway to measure and solve unsheltered homelessness. Further, the event will strengthen an emerging network of those working on the issue of homelessness, including researchers, activists, housing and service providers, and consumers.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness is a nonprofit, non-partisan, organization committed to preventing and ending homelessness in the United States. By improving policy, building capacity, and educating opinion leaders, the Alliance has become a leading voice on this issue. Learn more at [www.naeh.org](http://www.naeh.org).

IGH, a partnership between DePaul University in Chicago, USA and Depaul International, an NGO based in London, England, supports the emerging global movement to end homelessness by connecting and equipping leaders, fostering actionable research and promoting effective policy. Learn more at [www.ighomelessness.org](http://www.ighomelessness.org).

FEANTSA, the European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless is an umbrella of not-for-profit organisations which participate in or contribute to the fight against homelessness in Europe. It is the only major European network that focuses exclusively on homelessness at European level. Learn more at [www.feantsa.org](http://www.feantsa.org).