



Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing

I. Questionnaire

For her next report to the General Assembly 70th session, the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living and on the right to non-discrimination in this regard, Ms Leilani Farha, seeks to focus on priority issues for the preparatory discussions towards the development of a New Urban Agenda (UN Conference on Sustainable Urban Development- Habitat III, 2016) from the perspective of the right to adequate housing and related human rights.

In this regard, she aims to outline key issues that require a human rights perspective in their construction and implementation. The Special Rapporteur will also identify, where possible, synergies for States and other relevant actors between the post-2015 Sustainable Development goals and targets, and Habitat III.

In this context, it is essential for the Special Rapporteur to receive contributions and views from Governments participating in these processes. Answers to the following questions would greatly assist the Special Rapporteur in developing her initial views in the lead up to Habitat III:

1. What role will national and international human rights standards on the right to adequate housing play in informing your positions and proposals for Habitat III? Can you please provide concrete examples in this regard?
2. One aspect for discussion in the context of Habitat III will likely be “social cohesion and housing”. What public policies, programmes or plans are being considering or have been put forward by national or subnational level governments related to “social cohesion” (for example: non-discrimination and equality) and the right to adequate housing? Please specifically reference any policies, programmes or plans aimed at ensuring inclusive housing for disadvantaged groups such as migrants and refugees, women, young people, older people, and people with disabilities in urban centres.
3. In light of the fact that subnational and local governments play an essential role with respect to the implementation of the right to adequate housing, what plans and procedures does your Government intend to implement to ensure they are engaged in the lead up to Habitat III as well as with respect to the implementation of commitments coming out of Habitat III?
4. What interesting or unique housing policies, programs or good practices consistent with the human right to housing does your Government intend to highlight through the Habitat III process? Please provide examples both from local, subnational or national levels of government, and, if applicable, from non-government actors as well.

5. Please reflect on mechanisms used to monitor compliance with Habitat II (1996) at the national level that have proven effective and, if possible, provide examples. What kind of mechanisms would your Government envisage as part of the monitoring and implementation of Habitat III?

II. Submission of Responses

Kindly, please identify links or provide copies of any law, regulation, policy or other document related to your answers. Due to limited capacity for translation, we kindly request that you submit your answers, if possible, in English, Spanish or French and, **no later than 14 June, 2015.**

Please send your responses preferably via email to: srhousing@ohchr.org, or to:

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Thank you for your contribution