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Expanding Equitable Access to Adequate Housing for those Living in Informal Settlements

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SUMMARY

This session will bring together voices from around the world representing governments, UN agencies, academia, CSOs, and grassroots organizations to make the case for ensuring equitable access to adequate housing for residents of informal settlements. To contribute to this common goal, Habitat for Humanity is implementing two key initiatives: 1) a new five-year global advocacy campaign, Home Equals, that aims to influence policy and systems change globally and 2) the formation of new regional coalitions of housing practitioners in the Middle East/North Africa (MENA), Sub-Saharan Africa and the Asia-Pacific region. The new coalitions are being modeled on the Urban Housing Practitioners Hub that was launched in Latin America during Habitat III (2016).

The session will take these two initiatives and the Global Action Plan on Slum Transformation as the framework to achieve the following objectives:

- Elevate the issue of housing as an essential platform for creating equitable and sustainable urban transformation.
- Provide a platform for policy dialogue and knowledge sharing on the importance of housing as a lever for alleviating poverty, improving developmental outcomes, generating economic growth, and caring for the environment.

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