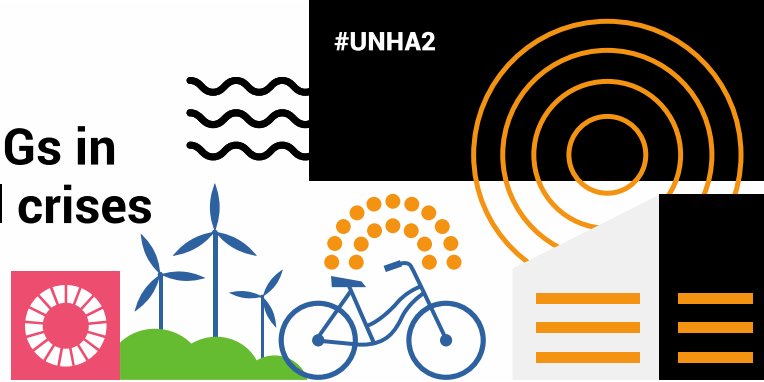



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## Side Event 6

### *New Approach to Affordable Housing Policy: Towards Access to Housing for All*

 Monday 05 JUNE 2023, 13:15 – 14:15

 Conference room 13

#### SUMMARY

Housing has always been considered an essential component of a productive and healthy society. Housing plays a catalytic role in economic development, employment generation, poverty reduction and mitigation of vulnerabilities found in cities. Any investment in housing has an immediate impact on cities and their economies, and has a profound influence on people's life.

Consequently, Governments have developed a variety of policies, plans, and regulations to harness the opportunities and address challenges related to the suitability, affordability, and sustainability of their housing plans and programmes. The provision of adequate housing at scale must be well connected with housing market dynamics and strategically count on partnerships with private parties, nongovernmental organizations and civil society. More inclusive and innovative finance mechanisms ranging from government funds and guarantees, community savings to microfinance should be promoted at scale and target those in greatest need. Many countries have been able to achieve housing affordability by means of committed directives and regulations of the middle and low-income housing sector.

Over the past few years, the housing sector has faced a variety of challenges. As a result of global phenomena, these challenges have posed a significant threat to the sustainability of the housing sector in some nations, whereas others have managed to overcome these challenges through the improvement of their housing policies.

This Side Event will provide the opportunity to discuss the scope and importance of housing policies and innovative and successful proposals from governments and partners to bring housing to the centre of the implementation of the SDGs. Presenters will share experiences and solutions that can be implemented to resolve challenges related to:

1. Global impact of COVID on the housing market
2. Affordability and housing finance
3. Population growth and demand
4. Policies and regulations



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