



MEDIA ADVISORY

Opening press conference: Tackling the global housing crisis

Nairobi, 28 May 2025 – As the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly opens in Nairobi, UN-Habitat will hold a high-level press conference to highlight urgent global housing challenges and the Assembly's expected contributions to the solutions. The Executive Director of UN-Habitat, the President of the Habitat Assembly, and the Cabinet Secretary of Kenya's Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development will outline how housing, land, and basic services are critical to tackling poverty, inequality, climate change, and conflict.

The press conference will set the stage for the Assembly's discussions and issue a compelling call to action on the global housing crisis – affecting nearly 3 billion people worldwide – and the need for stronger international cooperation and investment in inclusive urban development.

- **WHO:** UN-Habitat, President of the United Nations Assembly, Government of Kenya
- **WHAT:** Official opening press conference of the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly
- **WHERE:** Press Centre, United Nations Office at Nairobi
- **WHEN:** Thursday, 29 May 2025, 12:00–12:30 p.m. (actual start time depends on conclusion of the Opening Plenary)

Speakers

- **Anacláudia Rossbach**, Executive Director, UN-Habitat
- **Enrique Javier Ochoa Martínez**, President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
- **Alice Wahome**, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, Kenya

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