



SPECIAL EVENT:

Unlocking Housing Solutions through National Urban Policies

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UN Campus, Gigiri, Nairobi

Background

Housing is a key pillar of sustainable urban development, with direct links to resilience, equity, climate adaptation, and quality of life. National Urban Policies (NUPs) offer a unique framework to align housing with national development priorities, address affordability, upgrade informal settlements, and integrate housing into urban planning and climate strategies.

The **Global State of National Urban Policy 2024**—jointly developed by UN-Habitat and the OECD—analyzes how NUPs are being implemented in 78 countries and highlights how housing is being addressed across planning, legal, financial, and governance dimensions.

This 30-minute high-level spotlight session will zoom in on key findings of the report and inspire Member States to further integrate housing in their urban policy frameworks to accelerate progress toward SDG 11.1 and related goals.

Objectives

- Highlight how National Urban Policies are driving housing reform and delivery.
- Share insights from the GSNUP 2024 report, with a focus on housing.
- Inspire Member States to strengthen housing dimensions in NUP implementation.

Format & Agenda (30 Minutes)

Time	Segment	Speakers
13:00 – 13:05	Opening Remarks	UN-Habitat Executive Director
13:05 – 13:15	Key Insights: Housing & NUPs from GSNUP 2024	UN-Habitat
13:15 – 13:25	Country Reflections (2–3 countries, 3 mins each)	Senior government representatives
13:25 – 13:30	Closing & Call to Action	UN-Habitat / OECD