

***Summary by the President of the UN-Habitat Assembly of the High-Level Dialogue on Adequate Housing for All***

The High Level Dialogue on Adequate housing was held on the 29th of May from 3 to 7 pm and it was co-chaired by France and Kenya. The Dialogue was opened by a high-level panel and was enriched by contributions by 1 deputy prime minister, 24 ministers, 5 vice ministers, 19 government delegations and 2 partners.

Delegates welcomed the UN-Habitat 2026–2029 Strategic Plan, commending its focus on housing, land and services, and called for transforming commitment into action.

Adequate housing was reaffirmed as a cornerstone of dignity, equality, and sustainable development, with delegates recognizing its role in advancing global goals including poverty eradication, job creation, and inclusive urbanization.

A variety of housing delivery models were presented, with broad agreement on the need to integrate housing with infrastructure, mobility, services, and livelihood opportunities to create liveable communities.

Securing equitable land tenure, especially for women, Indigenous peoples and marginalized communities, was highlighted as essential for sustainable and equitable housing systems.

The financial dimension of the housing crisis was a key concern. In response, a wide range of financial strategies and tools were discussed. These included the strategic use of land and land-based financing mechanisms, such as land value capture and land readjustment, to mobilize domestic resources and unlock investment. Inclusive and scalable financing instruments must align with broader urban development strategies to ensure sustainability, equity and scale.

Delegates emphasized the need for collaborative multilevel governance and partnerships, calling for active participation of households, communities, local governments, civil society, and the private sector to scale housing solutions.

Housing was repeatedly highlighted as a foundation for post-crisis recovery, durable solutions, conflict resolution and peacebuilding. Delegates stressed that housing systems must be responsive to the needs of displaced populations, returnees and communities rebuilding after conflict or natural disasters.

Climate-resilient housing emerged as a core priority, linking the housing sector to climate commitments and long-term environmental sustainability and resilience.

Speakers stressed the need to respond to rapid urban growth through densification, sustainable land use and smart planning.

Cooperation, through multilateral initiatives, regional urban forums and bilateral partnerships, was recognized as a vehicle for innovation and knowledge-sharing.