

# IMPLEMENTING THE **NEW URBAN AGENDA**

## Side Event Advertisement

Tuesday, 9 May 2017, Venue: Conference room 14

Time: 2:00 pm – 2.45pm.

Nairobi, Kenya

## The fight against slums in Morocco

Organized by Ministry of National Planning, Urban Planning,  
Housing and Urban Policy of the Kingdom of Morocco

### Background

Slums represent a major challenge to modern urban policies worldwide. The high costs of housing and the lack of control over real estate businesses force the poor and the marginalized communities to “occupy” unmanaged plots at the outskirts of big cities and turn them into housing compounds despite lacking basic services. Our side event demonstrates how the Morocco government has been able to address the challenge by adopting efficient urban policies having “city without slums” as their main objective.

### Relevance to the GC26 theme

The side event is a unique opportunity for exploring the complex relationship between the need to integrate marginalized communities and the government’s ability to supply sustainable and affordable housing. It seeks to raise consciousness about the crucial role social housing plays in the integration of the poor and the marginalized by calling upon policy makers to take into account the social and human dimensions in their conception of efficient and modern urban policies.

### Objective

The event draws upon tangible data and resources to show the ways through which the fight against slums has become a social priority in Morocco, involving both the private and public sector in the field of housing and urban planning.