

International Union of Tenants (IUT)
Networking Event NE26:



UN HABITAT World Urban Forum VI
3 September 2012, 17.00-19.00 h

Pavilion 6, Room 4, Mostra d'Oltremare, Naples, Italy

"Tenants make cities – cities need affordable rental housing"

The rise of housing prices has been the key driver of income inequalities. Living in run down quarters and neglected neighbourhoods creates inequities since it reduces the access to good education, good jobs and public services. The discrimination by address is a matter of fact. Having a high rate of rental housing is a fundamental to reduce housing prices. Indeed, the most developed countries have a high share

of rental units in their housing stock. Increasing the supply of affordable rental housing would promote a sustainable economic growth and a fairer society. IUT claims that the security of tenure and the right to an affordable and healthy housing should be at the basis of all welfare systems.

Don't miss this networking event!

Working languages: ENG & IT (interpretation provided)

Moderator: **Magnus Hammar** (IUT Secretary general)

SCHEDULE

17.00 – 17.30

Welcome by **Massimo Petterlin**

(SICET – tenant union of Italy, secretary national)

Sven Bergensträhle

(IUT President)

"IUT's longstanding mission for affordable housing worldwide"

Guido Piran

(SICET – secretary general)

"A tough rental market: place Italian tenants high on the political agenda"

Questions & Answers

17.30 - 18.00

Barbara Steenbergen

(IUT Brussels head of EU office)

"European Commission: advocate or opponent of social rental housing?"

Alejandro Cercas

(Member of the European Parliament)

"Building a new European agenda for social housing"

Questions & Answers

18.00 – 18.45

Claudio Acioly

(UN-HABITAT – head of capacity development unit)

“Rental housing: home to hundreds of millions.

The global housing strategy of UN HABITAT”

Prof. dr. Marja Elsinga

(technical university of Delft, NL)

“Stop promising universal home-ownership: the road to tenure neutral policies”

18.45 – 19.00

Conclusions by **Magnus Hammar**

(IUT Secretary general)

Questions & Answers

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IUT is a Non-Governmental Organisation, founded in 1926 in Zürich, Switzerland, with the purpose of safeguarding the interests of tenants, and promotion of affordable healthy rental housing throughout the world. IUT is a democratic, non-party political organisation. As of January 2012, IUT has 61 member associations in 45 countries.

IUT has Consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council and the ECE, Economic Commission for Europe-Committee on Housing and Land Management, and with participatory status with the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France. IUT is member of the European Housing Forum. IUT considers housing as one of the

fundamental rights in society, and therefore needs to be addressed locally, nationally and internationally. Adequate and safe housing is also one of the fundamental pillars for peace and security in Europe and elsewhere in the world. Lack of affordable housing and homelessness are major ingredients in social exclusion. IUT and its members promote and work for acceptance of the Tenants Charter, available at www.iut.nu in all major languages. Housing, the labour market and social justice are closely linked together and at the EU level these have to be acknowledged as one depending on the other. Special measures have to be taken regarding countries in transition in the Central and Eastern European region.