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Event Recap: Cities in the Age of Insecurity

IHC Global was pleased to be part of a panel on "Cities in the Age of Insecurity." The event was hosted by the Atlantic Council at their headquarters, in partnership with the Woodrow Wilson Center, the US National Committee for Habitat III, and IHC Global.

The panel, part of a series of events organized by the US National Committee, aimed to unpack the connections between national and community-level security, and continuing urbanization. Dr. Nancy Stetson, the US Special Representative for Habitat III at the US Department of State gave opening remarks about the importance of urbanization and the importance with which the US State Department views the upcoming Habitat III conference.

A panel moderated by Atlantic Council Senior Fellow Dr. Peter Engelke addressed the issue of urban centers and insecurity through different lenses. Dr. Ian Klaus, US State Department Senior Advisor for Global Cities, spoke about the increasing importance of cities from the Department of State's perspective, Eric Rosan, Director of the Prevention Project spoke about counter-terrorism work at the city level and IHC CEO Judith Hermanson spoke on the panel, discussing IHC's views on inclusiveness in cities, and the way that inequality- manifested by the close to 1 billion people living in informal settlements and marginalized communities around the world- relates to rising insecurity.

Read a blog post on the conversation [here](#). Read Dr. Hermanson's full statement [here](#).

Habitat III Call for Networking/Side Events Extended

This week the Habitat III Secretariat has once again extended the deadline for applications for Networking and Side Events at Habitat III in October. Applications may be submitted through the official Habitat III website until **June 30th, 2016**.

You may have already submitted applications, but if time ran out and you are still interested in joining or hosting an event, you have an additional week to submit the proposal.

You can find more information about both events and apply [here](#).

USAID Released New Research on Community Land Tenure

Recently, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) released new research on community land and natural resource tenure. Many governments are approaching land tenure in a new way, by establishing the rights of a group to obtain tenure over a community's land.

While the research largely focuses on land tenure in rural areas and indigenous communities, it can be applied to urban areas as well. Mexico, for example, has successfully reformed and regularized community land tenure processes for *ejidos* (communal land), including their urban counterparts, *solares*.

Read the briefing [here](#), and the full report [here](#).

Urban Breakfast: Right to the City and Cities for All

With the zero draft going through revisions, it is more important than ever to make sure that the New Urban Agenda does right by cities. Join the Habitat III Directive, the Global Platform for the Right to the City, Ciudades y Gobiernos Locales Unidos and the Ford Foundation for the next in the Urban Breakfast series leading up to Habitat III, to discuss the right to the city in the New Urban Agenda.

Attendees unable to join in person may participate via phone and/or WebEx.

WHEN: Wednesday June 29, 8 AM-10 AM EDT
Registration and Breakfast: 8:00-8:30 AM
WHERE: Ford Foundation

To RSVP, email Jo.Cook.ContingentWkr@fordfoundation.org

Expert Roundtable: Transforming Cities

The Ford Foundation will also be hosting an expert roundtable featuring the German Council on Global Change's new report, "Humanity on the Move: Unlocking the Transformative Power of Cities," and a full presentation by Dirk Messner, Director of the German Development institute. The event will serve as a platform for open exchange on issues critical to the global development debate.

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In the News and Around the Web

- Read a City Lab article that explores what happens to nations when urbanization doesn't help [here](#).
- Check out this Guardian Cities article on which cities are the most corrupt in the world and how urban corruption is measured [here](#).
- Listen to this World Bank report on how to support half the world's displaced populations and 60% of refugees that now live in urban areas [here](#).



71% of the global urban population will live in a Low Elevation Coastal Zone by 2025.

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