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Joint Event: Rights to Land and Secure Tenure

IHC Global and Habitat for Humanity International's Solid Ground Campaign will be co-hosting an event to celebrate World Habitat Day on October by focusing on the critical issue of land. Co-sponsored by the Housing and Urban Development Division of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the session will address the right to land and secure tenure and the New Urban . Moderated by IHC Global's Judith Hermanson, the event will feature Anne Myers from the Solid Ground Campaign, Anthony Piaskowy of USAID, CEO of Landesa Chris Jochnick and Robin Rajack from the IDB. Panelists and attendees will discuss a variety of issues, including land banking, formal and informal systems of tenure, land tenure and gender and tenure and technology.

When: Monday, October 3, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Where: Pew Conference Center
901 E Street NW, Washington DC 20004

UN Summit: Disasters Contribute to Migrant Crisis

The UN Summit on Refugees and Migrants occurred earlier this week in New York, in response to the refugee crisis that has left 60 million people displaced around the world. Participating governments emerged from the meeting with an unprecedented declaration that emphasizes the role of environmental degradation, climate change and natural disasters in the

ongoing global migrant crisis. The "New York Declaration," is a sign of a turning point in governmental response to the migrant crisis, and it contains commitments to discover the root causes of the crisis and create sustainable, humane solutions to the issues that migrants and refugees face.

For more on the summit and the declaration, click [here](#).

Danish Institute for Human Rights Review of the SDGs

The Danish Institute of Human Rights recently published a paper reviewing the importance of human rights in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs. The Institute have reviewed the Agenda through the lens of their extensive experience in human rights monitoring and have arrived to the conclusion that, "the paper argues that incorporating human rights principles and mechanisms into the Follow-up and Review of the 2030 Agenda will be crucial to realize the Goals and the commitment to 'leave no one behind'." The authors also argue that this contribution will increase the coherence and understanding of the Agenda as a whole.

The paper is now available in French, Spanish and English and can be found [here](#).

IHC Global Presents Paper at Columbia University

IHC Global CEO Judith Hermanson presented a paper entitled "Informal Settlements and Inclusive Growth" at the 2016 International Conference on Sustainable Development on September 22 during a session exploring Innovation in Technology and Governance for Socially Inclusive Growth. Her paper links the concepts of comprehensive in situ informal settlement upgrading and inclusive growth strategies as a way towards achieving Global Goal 11, presenting case evidence from Morocco and Columbia. Find it on our website. The conference keynote was given by HE Prime Minister Andrew Holness of Jamaica.

Find a link to the conference and topics addressed [here](#).

Habitat III News

- IHC Global will be actively participating in a number of Networking and Side Events at Habitat III, presented both by IHC Global and by IHC members and partners. IHC Global is also seeking input on the most important actions that can be taken under the NUA to change lives. To support us on our road to Quito, visit our [GoFundMe page](#).
- Click [here](#) to read the final draft of the New Urban Agenda.

- The Habitat III organizers have released a "program at a glance" of the conference. Check it out [here](#).
 - **There are 7 days left to register for Habitat III.** The deadline is October 1. Click [here](#) to register. To become a partner in the Habitat III implementation plan, sign up [here](#).
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In the News and Around the Web

- New data visualization has revealed where the "fragile cities" are. Read more [here](#).
 - National Geographic and United Technologies have launched "Urban Expeditions," exploring sustainability in cities. Learn more [here](#).
 - Greenbiz lays out what cities can do to catalyze sustainable development [here](#).
 - Read an interesting perspective on cities that says that they cannot be reduced to just big data and IoT [here](#).
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Informal settlement in Badra, Mumbai. In the next 15 years alone, India will have to build 7.5-9.7 billion square feet of commercial and residential space each year to keep up with its rapid urbanization. *Source: WIRED*

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