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## Weekly Urban News Update

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### **Event: Land Rights, Women and the New Urban Agenda**

IHC Global and Habitat for Humanity International's Solid Ground Campaign will be co-hosting an event to celebrate World Habitat Day on October 3rd 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 Agenda. 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 IDB Lead Specialist for Housing and Urban Development Robin Rajack. 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, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**Where:** Inter-American Development Bank  
1300 New York Ave NW, Washington DC 20577

Click [here](#) to register for the event. Registration is required.

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### **Citiscope Warns of Troubles with Habitat III Implementation**

One of the most complicated issues surrounding Habitat III is how the decisions made and resolutions drafted at the conference will be implemented, and what sort of body will be in charge of doing so. Habitat III organizers have launched an implementation plan, a call for partners to

commit to reinforcing the conference's outcomes, but overall hope that effective implementation will be spurred on by "effective decentralization," from the global stage to local governments. While decentralization- which means transferring governing powers from central to regional and local governments- is a successful tactic in developed, democratic countries, the practice falls short in post-colonial authoritarian regimes and contested political systems. Habitat III must recognize these faults in the system if the New Urban Agenda is to be successful.

To read more on this issue, click [here](#).

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### **Event: World Architecture Day- Donuts with the "Brutalist Donut"**

World Architecture day is on October 3rd this year, and celebrate it with complimentary donuts from Zombie Coffee and Donuts and free tours of one of Washington D.C.'s architectural marvels: the Hirshhorn Building, also known as "the brutalist donut," for its 1970s Brutalism style. With special guests Kriston Capps and Deane Madsen, learn about the Hirshhorn's ingenious design and the architectural revolution currently happening around the world. Earlier in the day, the museum will also give its younger visitors a chance to learn about architecture through a reading of Iggy Peck Architect, in ARTLAB+ Storytime.

**When:** October 3rd

ARTLAB+ Storytime at 10:00 AM

Tours at 12:00 PM, 3:30 PM and 6 PM

**Where:** Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden  
700 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20560

#WorldArchitectureDay

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### **Habitat III News**

- In advance of Quito, click [here](#) to give us your input on what you think the two most important issues to change lives under the New Urban Agenda.
  - Click [here](#) to read the final draft of the New Urban Agenda.
  - The Habitat III organizers have released the full programs for plenary meetings, high-level roundtables, networking events, side events and more. Check it out [here](#).
  - **There is one day 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

- As an example of urban innovation, cities are changing their streetlights to improve health. Learn more [here](#).
  - New peace negotiations in Colombia offer opportunity for the country's urban centers. Find out more [here](#).
  - Poor food is putting the health of half the world at risk. Read these unsettling statistics [here](#).
  - Read about how Stockholm is locked in an urban space battle [here](#).
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Migrant workers wait on the floor of the Beijing West Railway Station. China's migrant population is estimated at 278 million, and the challenges they face every day in crowded cities like Beijing are numerous and devastating. *Source: Washington Post*

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## Spread the Word!

Help IHC Global spread our message by forwarding our newsletter to organizations and people who want to help create inclusive and sustainable cities. Support IHC Global further by becoming a member of our growing coalition. Please join us either as an individual or as an organization! With your membership you will provide meaningful help in addressing the worldwide challenges of urban poverty and inequity. Help IHC Global "change cities for good" and secure a better urban future for us all!

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](#).

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