

Local and regional participation in the Universal Periodic Review and SDG process, in relation to the right to adequate housing

SIDE EVENT

6 October 2021 13h00 - 14h30 CEST

In person : 9 avenue de la Paix &

online via ZOOM

The side event will be held in the margins of the 48th session of the Human Rights Council and of the SDG11 roundtable co-organised by the Geneva Cities Hub, UNECE and UN-HABITAT. It will also be held in the margins of the UNECE Ministerial meeting on housing which will support the regional exchange of experiences and good practices for promoting access to affordable, adequate and resilient housing in liveable cities

The side event will be preceded by light lunch

The side-event will examine:

- How the experience of local and regional governments (LRGs) in the framework of the SDGs follow-up and review mechanisms could be adapted and/or replicated with the UPR?
- What have been the benefits and challenges of enhanced participation of LRGs in UN intergovernmental processes?
- What role the UN agencies/entities can play?
- How can tools already put in place to facilitate civil society participation in UN processes be adapted and/or replicated for the LRGs?
- Why would States encourage the participation of LRGs in UPR?

Moderator

- **Ms. Virginia Brás Gomes**, Senior Consultant GCH and member of the Advisory Board of the Geneva Human Rights Platform (former CESCR President)

Welcome

- **Ms. Kamelia Kemileva**, Co-director, Geneva Cities Hub
- **Ms. Sara Hoeflich**, Director, Learning, United Cities and Local Governments

Key Note speaker

- **Mr. Miloon Kothari**, former Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing

Discussants

- **Mr. Robert Lewis-Lettington**, Chief, Land, Housing and Shelter Section, UN-Habitat
- **Ms. Nargiz Arupova**, Programme Manager, UPR-Info
- **Ms. Doris Andoni**, Head, Housing Policy Ministry of Finance and Economy (Albania) and Chair of the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management
- **Mr. Gianni Magazzeni**, Chief of Branch, OHCHR

A light lunch will be provided by the Geneva Cities Hub from 12h45 on site

COVID certificate required