

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the United Nations, UN Habitat and World Vision International request the pleasure of your company at

Humanitarian Response in Urban Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings: Are we Prepared?

A side event to the high level ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment

Tuesday, 16 July: 5.45-7pm
Palais des Nations, Geneva - Room XXV
Refreshments will be served from 5.15pm

This side-event will draw on lessons from current and recent urban conflict contexts. Long running crises in Lebanon, Afghanistan, Palestine, Somalia and Iraq and the current emergency response in Syria all require the need to rethink urban response strategies and apply lessons learnt.

The side event will focus on:

- What lessons have been learnt from past urban humanitarian responses that can be applied to Syria and urban conflict settings?
- What should humanitarian coordination and urban response strategy look like within a protracted and sudden onset urban crisis?
- What role can be played by the private sector?
- How do we adapt refugee responses to urban setting, hosting cities and communities?
- What funding instruments do we need to respond to these challenges?
- What should our next steps be – collectively?

Chair

Kevin Savage Global Humanitarian Research Coordinator - **World Vision International**

Speakers

- **Ansa Masaud**, Shelter Response Coordinator, Syria – **UN HABITAT**
- **Lucy Earle**, Social Development Adviser - **Department for International Development (DfID)**
- **Simone Haysom**, Research Officer, Humanitarian Policy Group - **Overseas Development Institute (ODI)**
- **Flora Tonking**, Researcher - **Arup International Development**
- **Jeff Crisp**, Director of Policy Development and Evaluation - **UNHCR**

Please RSVP by 10 July to: isis_sunwoo@wvi.org