



**United Nations General Assembly  
Special Session (UNGASS) on the  
Review and Appraisal of the  
Implementation of the Habitat  
Agenda  
(Istanbul + 5)**

**Parallel Dialogue on:**

**FINANCING ADEQUATE  
SHELTER FOR ALL: WHAT AND  
WHERE ARE THE BEST  
EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES  
FOR ENHANCING THE  
MOBILIZATION AND ACCESS OF  
FINANCE FOR HOUSING**

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**Venue: Conference Room 3**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Habitat Agenda committed Governments at all levels, the private sector and all civil society (NGO) actors, to take action in strengthening and enhancing wider accessibility of housing finance systems and to eradicate all forms of discrimination against borrowers, with a view to facilitating the realization of the universal goal of adequate shelter for all.

## HOW BEST CAN THIS COMMITMENT BE ADDRESSED AND REALIZED?

This Parallel Event will present a summary report and conclusions of the Gavle (Sweden) Inter-Regional Seminar on Housing Finance Operations Experiences. This will provide the basis and framework for a broader-based dialogue, exchange and comparison of ideas, experiences and reflections on more effective strategies for leveraging and mobilizing greater resources for sustainable housing finance in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

A panel of experienced actors on the housing finance field will address the session to further explore the issues involved and chart the way forward on how best to improve, promote, and advance on the mobilization and access of resources for housing, especially for the low-income segment of the population.

Representatives of national delegations, managers of Housing Finance Institutions, Development Banks, Government Policy Makers, including leaders of Local Authorities, NGOs, as well as other relevant actors and civil society groups are expected to participate and contribute to the exchange of views and experiences.

### Among the Contributors include:

**Dr. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka**  
*Executive Director, UNCHS (Habitat)*

❖ *Introductory Remarks*

**Mr. Sören Häggroth**  
*State Secretary*  
*Ministry of Finance, Sweden*

❖ *Opening Keynote Address*

**Dr. Marja Hoek-Smit**  
*Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania,*  
*Philadelphia*

❖ *Improving the Poor's access to housing through micro-finance mortgage/lending: The potentials and the limits.*

**Ms. Stephanie Baeta Ansah**  
*Managing Director*  
*Housing Finance Company, Accra, Ghana*

❖ *Contributions of formal Housing Finance Institutions in housing the low-income and the poor: The potentials, the constraints and the option(s) in the experiences of the Africa Region*

**Mr. V. Suresh**  
*Chairman/Managing Director, Housing Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) of India*

❖ *Strategies for financing housing for the low-income and the poor: Experiences from Asian countries.*

**Dr. Yves Cabannes**  
*Co-ordinator*  
*Urban Management Programme (UMP)*  
*Latin America*

❖ *Experiences of community-based models of housing finance and their impact in making adequate shelter accessible to the poor.*

**Dr. Aser Cortines**  
*Director of Urban Development, Brazil*

❖ *The Brazilian Experience to promote adequate housing for low-income groups*

**Mr. Claus Hachmann**  
*President, International Cooperative Alliance, Housing Europe*

❖ *The Role and Contributions of Cooperative Housing Solutions*

**DISCUSSION! DISCUSSION! DISCUSSION!**

**CONCLUSIONS**

**ALL ARE INVITED**

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