



UN-Habitat Yemen Country Office Session on World Habitat Day

Title of Session: Community-Led Housing, Land and Property (HLP) Rights Documentation in Yemen's Recovery Process

Event Date: 6 October 2025

Event Time: 11am-12pm

Event language: Arabic

Meeting Link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MjFiM2M5NTAtZTJiMy00OGlxLThmNGQtMDA1MGJmN2JiMzNh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%220f9e35db-544f-4f60-bdcc-5ea416e6dc70%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22b8596cda-4002-4574-967c-cc35750623ab%22%7d

Partnering Organizations:

Government of Yemen (Ministry of Public Works and Highways; General Authority for Lands, Surveys and Urban Planning)

Short paragraph describing the event

The 60-minute panel session will explore how community-led documentation of Housing, Land and Property (HLP) rights is supporting Yemen's recovery process amid ongoing conflict. Featuring speakers from the Ministry of Public Works and Highways (MoPWH), the General Authority for Lands, Surveys and Urban Planning (GALSUP), and UN-Habitat, the session will demonstrate how the Social Tenure Domain Model creates pathways for displaced Yemenis to return home and rebuild stability. The discussion will examine how securing tenure documentation - often missing for decades - serves as a foundation for resilience and peacebuilding, while addressing the unique challenges of implementing HLP programs in a divided country facing multiple humanitarian crises. Another discussion focus will be the necessity of establishing a functional digital cadaster system to strengthen tenure security of the Yemeni people, and how the Social Tenure Domain Model can be used for its creation. Through technical insight and government perspectives, the session will highlight the critical role of participatory approaches in building trust, strengthening social cohesion, and linking immediate humanitarian needs to long-term urban recovery and development solutions.

On the programme:

“Support to Housing, Land and Property Rights for Vulnerable Communities and Improve Land Tenure Security of Women in Yemen” is a comprehensive initiative designed to address systemic Housing, Land and Property (HLP) rights violations in Yemen, particularly those affecting women-headed households, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and returnees.

Since October 2021, the project seeks to document and mitigate HLP abuses, enhance land tenure security, and strengthen institutional and community capacities to protect these rights. Through a combination of legal assistance, mediation, issuance of occupancy certificates, and the introduction of innovative tools such as the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM), the program aims to bridge gaps in Yemen’s land administration system. By integrating gender-sensitive approaches and fostering collaboration among government entities, civil society, and local communities, the project contributes to social stabilization, reduces displacement risks, and supports durable solutions for urban recovery and peacebuilding in conflict-affected areas. (Project end: March 2026.)

Objective:

To demonstrate how community-based approaches to documenting HLP rights through STDM are creating pathways to stability and return for displaced Yemenis, while addressing systemic land and ownership challenges.

Panel discussion with confirmed speakers:

- Ali Ahmed Hassan – Deputy Minister of Ministry of Public Works and Highways
- Ali Al Jaadi – Vice Chairman of General Authority of Lands, Surveys and Urban Planning (GALSUP)
- Dr. Mohammed Zain – National Programme Coordinator – UN-Habitat

Key visual



Beneficiary receiving HLP Claim Certificate in Aden