



5 October 2026 | Muscat, Oman

World Habitat Day

Adequate Housing for All

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL OBSERVANCE OF WORLD HABITAT DAY 2026

ARRIVAL OF ATTENDEES

(All guests to be seated by 11:00)

10.30 – 11:00

NATIONAL OBSERVANCE HIGH-LEVEL OPENING

11:00 – 11:45

GLOBAL OBSERVANCE HIGH-LEVEL OPENING

11:45 – 12:30

- Opening address by master of ceremonies
- World Habitat Day 2026 video
- Video message from **Nga Kor Ming**, President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly and Minister of Housing and Local Government, Malaysia
- Message from **António Guterres**, United Nations Secretary-General, read by **Anacláudia Rossbach**, Under-Secretary-General and Executive-Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- Welcome address by **Anacláudia Rossbach**, Executive Director of UN-Habitat

UN-HABITAT SCROLL OF HONOUR AWARDS

- Introduction by master of ceremonies
- Award ceremony
 - **Maryam Nawaz Sharif**, Chief Minister of Punjab, Pakistan, representing the Punjab Housing and Town Planning Agency, Lahore, Pakistan
 - **Htoo Aung**, representing Housing NOW, Bago, Myanmar
 - **Thiago Bauermann Gubert** representing Aldeia do Espirado - Tekoa Ara Hovy: Brazil's First Indigenous village established by a Brazilian Municipality
 - **Abdelmalek Ghannem**, Bizerte, Tunisia
 - **Sadiq Khan**, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

12:30 – 12:45

INAUGURATION OF THE EXPO

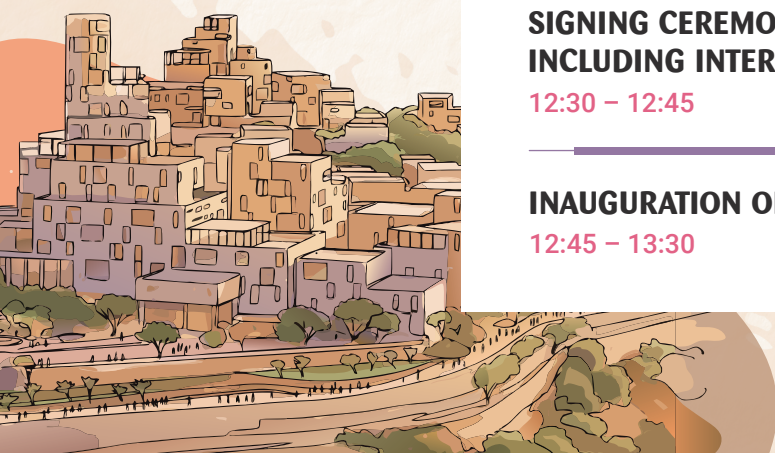
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MINISTERIAL SEGMENT

15:00 – 15:45

FLAGSHIP DIALOGUE: ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ALL

15:45 – 17:00

MODERATOR:

Rania Hedeya, Director, Regional Office for Arab States, UN-Habitat

PANELISTS:

- Elena Carolina Díaz Galán, United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights
- Melani Penjani Chirwa, Programmes Coordinator, Slum Dwellers International (SDI)
- Rony Lahoud, General Director, Public Corporation for Housing, Lebanon
- Sultan Barakat, Professor of Public Policy, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (Qatar Foundation) and Honorary Professor, University of York
- Partha Mukhopadhyay, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, India
- Wendy Werner, World Bank Group Country Manager for Oman

CLOSING CEREMONY

17:00 – 17:20

- Closing session by the master of ceremonies
- Closing remarks, TBC
- Closing remarks by **Anacláudia Rossbach**, Executive Director of UN-Habitat
- Group photo session

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