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Side Event

More than Housing Reconstruction

The Right to Adequate Housing in Disaster Relief and Recovery

Friday, 21 October 2011

From 1.15 to 2.40 pm | Room E, North Lawn Building, United Nations, New York

United Nations Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing as a Component of the Right to an Adequate Standard of Living

In her report to the 66th session of the General Assembly (A/66/270), the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, Ms. Raquel Rolnik, examines the ways in which disaster relief and recovery efforts have ensured people's access to housing and tenure security.

What are key requirements to ensure adequate housing under international human rights law? How do these differ from current practices? What does 'Building Back Better' really mean for people's right to adequate housing? How are vulnerable groups such as displaced renters, informal settlers or women protected and supported in the wake of a disaster?

The event will bring together governments, humanitarian agencies and donors to discuss some of these challenging questions and reflect on the recommendations proposed by the Special Rapporteur for the deliberate and comprehensive integration of the right to adequate housing into disaster response.



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