



HLP Solutions for Displaced Persons



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WUF Dialogue theme 6: The loss of home

Communities affected by displacement in the context of development, climate change and conflict share a common human right to remedy. This panel of experts and rights holders from Europe, Middle East and North Africa (MENA) will share how to achieve restitution of housing, land and property.

Convenor/moderator:

Mr. **Joseph Schechla** is a founder and the Cairo-based coordinator of Habitat International Coalition's Housing and Land Rights Network (Egypt/Switzerland).



The Panel:

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Speaker 4:

Dr. **Balakrishnan Rajagopal** is UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing, and associate professor of Law and Development, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (United States).



Discussant:

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Housing, Land and Property Solutions for Displaced Persons and Communities



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Terms:

- Commitments
- Displacement
- Domicide
- Early recovery
- Eviction
- Forced eviction
- Gross violation
- Human right to *adequate housing*
- Obligations
- Pinheiro Principles

Policy coherence

Population transfer

Reconstruction

Remedy (human right to)

Reparation:

Restitution

Return

Resettlement

Rehabilitation

Compensation

Guarantees of nonrepetition


Satisfaction

Forced eviction: CESCR General Comment No. 7

“the permanent or temporary removal against their will of individuals, families and/or communities from the homes and/or land which they occupy, without the provision of, and access to, appropriate forms of legal or other protection.”



Reparation (A/RES/60/147):

- **Restitution:**
 - **Return,**
 - **Resettlement,**
 - **Rehabilitation: all aspects;**
 - **Compensation;**
 - **Nonrepetition;**
 - **Satisfaction of victims/affected persons.**
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The image shows the cover of the 'New Urban Agenda' document. The cover features a white central rectangle with a blue border, set against a background of a colorful, abstract map of a city grid in shades of blue, red, orange, and yellow. The text 'NEW URBAN AGENDA' is centered in the white rectangle, with 'NEW' and 'URBAN' on the first two lines and 'AGENDA' on the third line, underlined. Below the title, there is a small logo consisting of the letters 'H III' in a square box, followed by the United Nations emblem.

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19. Special attention should also be given to countries in situations of conflict, as well as countries and territories under foreign occupation, post-conflict countries and countries affected by natural and human-made disasters.



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30. We acknowledge the need for Governments and civil society to further support resilient urban services during armed conflicts. We also acknowledge the need to reaffirm full respect for international humanitarian law.



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78. We commit ourselves to...the integration of the “build back better” principles into the post-disaster recovery process to integrate resilience-building, environmental and spatial measures and lessons from past disasters, as well as awareness of new risks, into future planning.

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