

Module plan

World Urban Forum 4 Training Event

Alternatives to forced evictions: sustainable settlement strategies

Date/Time: Tuesday 04 November 2008, 9:00 Am -12:00 Noon
 Venue: Room MR2.1 Nanjing International Expo Centre

Programme overview:

Part 1 Presentations		
Introduction	Welcome Programme Introduction of the speakers	Maartje van Eerd - IHS
Lectures		Raquel Rolnick - Special rapporteur for the right to adequate housing
	Evictions worldwide and how do people face evictions	Yves Cabannes –AGFE
	Housing rights and housing rights programme	Claudio Acioly - UN-HABITAT Rasmus Precht - UN-HABITAT
Presentation of the cases	Abuja/Lagos (Nigeria)	Kehinde Williams - Serac
	Rome (Italy)	Cesare Ottolini - International Alliance of Inhabitants
	Naga City (Philippines)	Deanna Fowler - COHRE
	Lima (Peru)	Huairou Commission - Marilu Sanchez - Estrategia, Peru
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Part 2 Exercise and round table discussion		
Exercise	3 groups discuss the 3 statements	

Plenary presentation and discussion	Presentation of conclusions	3 representatives group exercise
	Round table discussion	AGFE members Yves Cabannes, Cesare Ottolini, representatives and audience
Wrap up + closing		Claudio Acioly - UN-HABITAT

Objectives and content

PART 1 PRESENTATIONS	
Objectives	<p>To exchange knowledge and the latest insights into the numbers, causes and trends of forced evictions worldwide and how people experience forced evictions.</p> <p>To learn about strategies applied by NGOs and UN-HABITAT to prevent forced evictions and to develop, and implement and lobby for alternatives.</p> <p>To learn about housing rights and how these can help to pressurize governments to stop forcefully evicting people and to develop alternatives.</p>
Maartje van Eerd	Welcome, introduction of the speakers, introduction of the booklet and the training.
Raquel Rolnik	
Yves Cabannes	<p>Forced evictions worldwide and how do people face evictions</p> <p>Possible solutions, alternatives and pre-conditions</p> <p>Policy implications and challenges</p>
Claudio Acioly Rasmus Precht	What are housing rights and how are they violated by forced evictions.

Which other rights are violated by forced evictions and how can housing rights and other international legislation and treaties help to negotiate or put pressure on governments to withdraw from forced evictions. What is the UN-HABITAT housing rights programme about and how can it help organisations and grassroots groups to fight forced evictions and negotiate alternatives with governments.

Cases	Lagos/Abuja- Nigeria - SERAC – Kehinde Williams
	Rome - Italy - AGFE – Cesare Ottolini
	Naga City - The Philippines - COHRE – Deanna Fowler
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PART 2 EXERCISE AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Objectives	To exchange knowledge on the causes, effects and the alternatives for forced evictions.
	To exchange knowledge on how to lobby and develop strategies on how to convince governments to support and implement alternatives.

THE EXERCISE

Background to exercise

Instructions	Start with a short introductory round of the members of the group
	Assign a representative that will present the outcome in the plenary session
	Select a moderator that will moderate the discussion and control the time
	Fill in the form below
	All the different questions have to be addressed
	After (or during) the discussion the outcome is written down on a flip chart over which will be presented in the plenary session
Timing	The whole exercise takes 60 minutes. The different questions have different timings, please look at the specific question for the timing

1. What are the most prevalent causes of evictions?

Timing question 1: 10 minutes

What communities are most often targeted for eviction?

Who is the one most often calling for eviction?

What stake/role do the evictees have in the eviction? (Why are they calling for the eviction?)

When, in what circumstances are evictions most often used, and are there general causes or are they situation and location specific?

How the eviction is usually carried out/threatened?

2. What are the arguments against forced evictions and what are effects of on the affected communities?

Timing question 2: 10 minutes

What are the most common arguments against eviction?

Which are the most successful arguments against eviction and why?

What are these arguments most often based on?

Who makes these arguments?

Who is the target of the argument against evictions?

Why are these arguments made?

How are these argument delivered?

3. What are the alternatives to forced evictions?

Timing question 3: 40 minutes

What are the most common/successful alternatives to evictions?

What are the most common/successful strategies to prevent evictions?

What are the circumstances that precede the alternative, and what are the specific local conditions that play a role in making these alternatives work?

Who is agreeing to the alternatives? Who carries out the alternatives?

Why are the alternatives successful?

How are the alternatives decided upon? Carried out?

What lessons can be drawn for UN-HABITAT and what should/could others do?

PLENARY PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS AND WRAP UP

Presentation of conclusions	Representatives of group exercises
Round table discussion	AGFE
	UN-HABITAT
	Representatives
	Audience
Wrap up and closing	UN-HABITAT will wrap up the training event by synthesizing the most important issues addressed and the way forward.