

**COP28 Parallel Event**



# #HousingMatters

## Taking Action on Low Carbon & Inclusive Housing



By the year 2030, about 3 billion people will require access to adequate housing. The provision of affordable housing has become an urgent imperative. Housing serves as our first line of defense against the challenges of climate change. Housing represents more than just a roof over our heads; it encompasses the provision of essential services for people to live with dignity and access opportunities. Confronting the housing crisis can evolve into a pivotal opportunity to address climate challenges more effectively. Housing can significantly reduce carbon emissions through efficient housing policies, the adoption of low-carbon materials and the promotion of zero-waste practices—essential for mitigating the environmental footprint of the housing sector. The session will discuss successful approaches and will be the opportunity to launch the “Housing Matters” global campaign touching upon interconnected topics, through a holistic approach to act together.

**Thu 7 Dec 2023**

**REGISTRATION:**

**10:30-11:00 AM**

**SESSION:**

**11:00 AM to 01:00 PM**

**VENUE:**

**Middle East Cities Center**

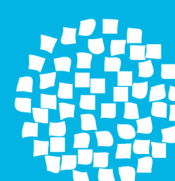
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**Because housing matters, we need to unite and act **together.****



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### OPENING SESSION

- **Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif**, Executive Director, UN-Habitat
- **Dr. Mahmoud Alburai**, Director, Middle East Cities Center, American University in Dubai

11:20 - 11:50 AM

### Campaign Launch and Engagement Stage: #HousingMatters

- **Mr. Neil Khor**, Director, External Relations, Strategy, Knowledge and Innovation, UN-Habitat

## ENGAGEMENT STAGE

**NAMES TO BE CONFIRMED**

11:50 AM - 12:20 PM

### The Debate – Decarbonizing Housing for Livable Cities

- **Mr. Edmond Chammas**, President and CEO, Enterprise Business Solutions WLL
- **Mr. Aref Boualwan**, Chief Initiatives & Startups Officer, Consolidated Contractors Cy
- **Mrs. Sue Bridge**, President, Royal Town Planning Institute
- **Dr. Aditya V. Bahadur**, Principal Researcher, International Institute for Environment and Development

12:20 - 12:50 PM

### Education for Employment: Towards a Green and Sustainable Habitat

- **Eng. Mariam Aljenaibi**, Head of Innovation and Future Foresight Center, Agriculture and Livestock Department
- **Omran Al Hajri**, Team leader Construction safety, Complains & Emergency, Dubai Municipality

12:50 - 13:00 PM

### CONCLUSION

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