# General Assembly 66<sup>th</sup> session

# Side Event More than Housing Reconstruction

The Right to Adequate Housing in Disaster Relief and Recovery

# Friday, 21 October 2011

From 1.15 to 2.50 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 66<sup>th</sup> 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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together with

The Permanent Missions of Finland and Germany to the United Nations in New York

has the pleasure of hosting a Panel Discussion on the right to adequate housing in disaster relief and recovery.

## **Programme**

.15	p.m.	WELCOME

Deputy Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ambassador Miguel Berger Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland Dr. Janne Taalas

### 1.20 p.m. OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Raquel Rolnik, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing

### 1.30 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION

### Moderator

Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland Dr. Janne Taalas

### Panelists

Muhammad Waqas Hanif, Advisor Housing and National Programme Manager, Disaster Risk Management, National Authority for Disaster Management, Pakistan

Francisco Irarrazaval Mena, Executive Secretary of Neighborhood Development, Ministry of Housing, Chile

Robin Rajack, Senior Land Administration Specialist, The World Bank

Graham Saunders, Head of Shelter and Settlements Department, International Federation of the Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies

Michelle Yonetani, Senior Advisor on Natural Disasters, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre / Norwegian Refugee Council

### 2:10 p.m. OPEN DISCUSSION (interventions from the floor)

2:40-2.50 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing