

Technical Session Why is it so expensive to have a house?

Date: 19 December 2023, Time: 12:00 - 13:30

## **Background and Objective**

Adequate housing is a human right and one of the most pressing human needs, essential for the achievement of several interconnected human rights (dignified life, housing, health, education, etc.) and SDG 11. Adequate housing shortages affect most countries in the Arab region. In conflict or natural disasters locations, provision of adequate housing become a priority, due to the large percentage of destruction in the housing stock.

The event will shed light on some of the key underlying factors that render housing and land increasingly unaffordable and what policy and programmatic interventions proved successful to address these challenges.

Participants will have a better understanding of causes and solutions for the provision of affordable housing and land in the region.

## Agenda/ Questions to be addressed

- How to increase the availability of adequate housing through the enhancement of land registration, land and property taxation and the regulation of the rental market.
- Cases from reconstruction and disaster response contexts will be included.

## Moderator:

• Ombretta Tempra, Land Specialist, UN-Habitat and Global Land Tool Network

## Speakers

- Ombretta Tempra, Land Specialist, UN-Habitat and Global Land Tool Network
- Jamal Gledan; Regional Center for Remote Sensing of North Africa States (CRTEAN)
- Marwa Ahmed, Urban Development Fund
- Abir Zaatari, American university of Beirut

\*Simultaneous interpretation will be available in Arabic and English





