



Affordable housing is key to realising the SDGs

How many people do you know who have experienced quarantine and have had to juggle many roles and many people in one room. I have just gone through quarantine myself, and as I reflected on the frosted window and lack of view, lack of light, lack of air and lack of space I thought about the families who live every single day in a space the same size as my hotel room. Not everyone has the luxury of air conditioning to cope with the stifling heat, not everyone has a desk to work or study on and not everyone has the space they need to have the privacy they deserve.

Raising awareness about substandard living conditions is a critical step towards finding solutions and that is why we are so excited to announce our second **Housing Series** webinar. This event will explore why affordable housing is key to realising the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Did you know that at the current rate of progress, Asia and the Pacific region is estimated to meet the goals in 2065, 35 years behind schedule? We know housing is a driver of economic and social inclusion. By providing families a foundation for accessing employment, education, and health services, shelter can be a pathway out of poverty while positively impacting economic growth and sustainable development. Yet when it comes to adequate and affordable housing for all, we are clearly falling behind.

In this fireside chat, our brilliant speakers will explore innovations in affordable housing and building a more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Hong Kong. Having just participated in the preparation call with the speakers Johann Baar, Director of Affordable Housing and Technology at Hilti Foundation, Dr. Mee Kam Ng, Director of the Urban Studies Programme at CUHK and our special guest moderator Olivia Wong, Habitat Hong Kong Board Chair, Habitat International Board Director and General Manager, Environmental & Social Responsibility for MTR Corporation, I can tell you that this is a conversation you don't want to miss.

[Sign up now](#) to find out how affordable housing in Hong Kong could help to achieve the SDGs and what you can do to help Hong Kong catch up with the 2030 goals.

Jo Hayes
CEO, Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong

《房屋講場》系列二：為何可負擔房屋是實現可持續發展目標 (SDGs) 的關鍵
Housing Series 2: Why affordable housing is key to realising the SDGs
31 Aug 2022 1pm - 2pm HKT Ticket price HK\$100

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Voices of Volunteers

We were thrilled to partner with Hilti Asia last month to improve the learning environment at a primary school in Tuen Mun.

One of the volunteers, LK Tong, Regional Talent Acquisition & Employer Branding Manager, shared, "Great to join the charity event partnered with Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong. Although I am not good at painting or drawing, I can still contribute to bringing a colourful school campus to student in Hong Kong. Many a little makes a mickle, let's contribute what we have to our society".

We would like to say a huge thank you to Hilti, our volunteer designer and the principal and teachers at Lok Sin Tong Leung Wong Wai Fong Memorial School. We welcome all local primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong to apply to join our Project School Works programme.

If you are interested, please contact partnerships@habitat.org.hk for more information.

Our local impact

Recently, Allied World HK joined Habitat Hong Kong's Project School Works programme to provide students with a beautiful and improved learning environment. We were so happy that the volunteers from Allied World were able to connect with the students at HKCCCU Logos Academy, contribute and make a difference to the community.

Special thanks to the teachers and the students at HKCCCU Logos Academy for their hard work on this mural painting. This mural was special to the students because it was designed by several of them! Thank you to Allied World for making their designs come to life and creating a more colourful campus for the students to study.

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Our global impact

The 11th World Urban Forum opened in Katowice, Poland last month. Habitat for Humanity International called attention to the enormous need for sustainable, equitable housing solutions. The global housing nonprofit hosted several events at the biennial forum to ensure housing is at the centre of conversations, which will stem from this year's theme: Transforming Our Cities for a Better Urban Future.

At the forum, Habitat emphasised that the global housing deficit is rooted in systemic inequities, which are exacerbated by global stressors such as the Ukraine crisis and other conflicts as well as the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, political instability and migration. A report released by Habitat for Humanity in 2021 found that a critical component of UN Sustainable Development Goal 11 — access to adequate and affordable housing — was one of only a handful of SDG indicators that is regressing. This reversal of previous progress reflects the global housing crisis that continues to affect millions around the world, threatening the world's ability to achieve other goals related to poverty alleviation, including those focused on water, sanitation and health, gender equality and clean energy.

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Together, we build a better future

Habitat Hong Kong is proud to be an NGO partner of ReThink HK to be hosted on 5-6 October 2022 at HKCEC!

Talk to our team at NGO Pavilion at ReThink HK 2022 and let us share with you how and what Habitat Hong Kong has been working on to help Hong Kong become a more sustainable city! Register for your [delegate pass](#) at privileged rates using our Promo Code HHHKP22 by 04 September.

Over 300 expert speakers will share insights on sustainable development over 7 themed Theatres/Stages on 6 key themes: circular economy, cities & mobility, decarbonisation, food & nature, people & purpose as well as redefining value.

You can view the full programme [here](#). Stay tuned with the event updates.

We look forward to meeting you at ReThink HK 2022 on 05 & 06 October!

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Housing in the news

- In Hong Kong**
- Hongkongers in subdivided flats, rooftop huts bear brunt of heatwave ([South China Morning Post](#))
 - Hong Kong housing task forces set up by John Lee to submit reports by September ([South China Morning Post](#))
 - Hong Kong housing chief vows to locate more land for transitional homes ([South China Morning Post](#))
 - More than 200 applicants chase 76 transitional homes ([RTHK](#))
 - Express Flat Allocation Scheme 2022 opens Tuesday, offers 2,000 flats ([The Standard](#))
- In Asia**
- HDB opens first seafront neighbourhood centre in Punggol ([CNA](#))
 - China extends property loans at the fastest pace in three years as mortgage crisis spreads ([CNN Business](#))
- Around the world**
- Hong Kong investor puts \$200m into disability housing ([Financial Review](#))
 - 2022 State of the Nation's Housing report 4 key takeaways for 2022 ([Habitat for Humanity International](#))

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Become a monthly donor now

Please help us to achieve our vision of a world where every one has a decent place to live. Monthly donations help us to be a sustainable organisation and enable us to plan ahead. Become a #HopeBuilder and give families hope for a brighter future.

Become a volunteer

Habitat Hong Kong provides free home cleaning, repair, and renovation services for elderly and low-income families, to provide a healthy, safe and sanitary home. You can join us to provide these families with a decent place to live, sign up to become a volunteer now!

Yes I want to lend a hand!

At Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong, we believe that everyone deserves a decent place to live. We have been serving the community, providing home repairs, renovations, and deep cleaning services to low-income families, elderly and people with disabilities. We hope you can support us by donating and fundraising for us. Fundraising for us means you are making an impact on vulnerable families living in substandard housing. You are helping to ensure we have the resources we need to run our programmes in Hong Kong. Get started with your own fundraiser now!