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Rocky Mountain West Habitat III Regional Convening

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in partnership with the University of Colorado at Denver School of Public Affairs welcome you to the regional convening as part of U.S. preparations for the [United Nations' Habitat III Conference](#). At Habitat III, participants will develop a "New Urban Agenda," an action-oriented outcome document that addresses 21st century challenges and harnesses the tremendous potential of cities to promote sustainable development.

Livestream: <https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/285405976>

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Rocky Mountain West Habitat III Regional Convening Executive Committee Members:

Paul Teske, Dean, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado

Rick Garcia, Regional Administrator, Region VIII, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Heather Lafferty, CEO, Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver

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Julie Brewen, International Chair, Colorado National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials

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Rick Padilla, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development, Denver Office of Economic Development

Peter Kenney, Principal, Civic Results Metro Mayors Caucus

U.S. Rocky Mountain West Convening in preparation for UN Habitat III

8:30-9:00 a.m. Check-in and Networking Coffee

Many thanks to The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Denver Branch for sponsoring the Coffee & Networking portion of today's event.

9:00-9:15 a.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks

Paul Teske, Dean and University of Colorado Distinguished Professor, School of Public Affairs

Rick Garcia, Region VIII Administrator, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

9:15-9:20 a.m. HUD Secretary Julián Castro address to the United Nations (video)

9:20-9:30 a.m. What is Habitat III? Rocky Mountain West connection to Quito 2016

Salin Geevarghese, Deputy Assistant Secretary, HUD

Panel Presentations-Past 20 Years and Best Practices

9:30-10:45 a.m.

Securing Housing Options for All

This panel will examine the challenges that urban growth brings to cities in providing housing options, such as increased rental housing costs, high transportation costs, and the lack of affordability that often force families and individuals to live on the streets. Addressing these challenges begins with effective participation among all levels of government and civil society to create policies that enable people to connect to opportunities that can lead to a better quality of life. We will discuss how these challenges require us to think differently about addressing homelessness, affordable housing, and opportunities for jobs, quality schools, and places that promote activity and health.

Moderator:

Kelly D. Edmiston, Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Speakers:

Dace West, Executive Director, Mile High Connects, Denver, CO
The Honorable Ralph Becker, Former Mayor, Salt Lake City, Utah

11:00-12:15 p.m.

Economic Mobility and Social Equity

This panel will use a neighborhood-specific lens to analyze the importance of community participation in decision making and planning processes to address poverty, management of local resources, economic inequality, and health. In the years ahead, we need to foster vibrant, people-centered communities that promote development, innovation, and cultural diversity. We will hear from community representatives about ways to best approach economic growth, education, and health on a local level. There will be discussion on how to foster an enabling environment for investment and innovation, to ensure all residents have the opportunities and skills to participate in today's economy.

Moderator:

Benoy Jacob, PhD, Director Center on Local Government, UCD

Speakers:

Jennifer Irving, Director of Regional Equity, Thunder Valley CDC, Pine Ridge, SD
Gabriel Guillaume, Executive VP Local Initiatives & Strategy, LiveWell Colorado

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH Featuring Keynote Speaker - Tjada D'Oyen McKenna, Habitat for Humanity International, Chief Operating Officer

A Global View of Housing and The New Urban Agenda

Habitat for Humanity International has long maintained a vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. The global dimensions of housing poverty and how Habitat works internationally should play significant roles in keeping housing at the center of Habitat III and the New Urban Agenda.

1:40-2:50 p.m.

Sustainable and Resilient Urban & Rural Development

In recent years, significant social, economic, environmental, and technological factors have emerged that have left our cities and towns vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters. Panelists will highlight some of the ways communities are responding to disasters and the importance of working with neighborhoods to develop frameworks for effective planning and management that will take into account information, research, insight and analysis to build stronger, more resilient cities and economies. We will discuss participatory planning for disasters that will enable both urban and rural communities to resist, absorb, accommodate, and recover from the effects of a disaster in a timely and efficient manner, focusing on protecting the most vulnerable of our communities.

Moderator: Peter J. Park, LLC, City Planning and Design

*Speakers: Clark Anderson, Principal, Community Builders, Glenwood Springs, CO
Molly Urbina, Executive Director, Colorado Resilience and Recovery Office
Rob Bennett, President, National EcoDistricts, Portland, OR*

Group Discussions-The Next 20 Years

3:00-4:15 p.m.

Break-out Discussions

This session will include moderated group discussions focusing on policy and development activities that promote housing options, economic mobility, and sustainability and resilience over the next 20 years in the Rocky Mountain Region. Participants will break into three groups and are encouraged to bring forth ideas and experiences that will be documented for the ‘U.S. 20/20 Report,’ which will be presented to the U.S. Delegation as it prepares for the convening in Quito, Ecuador this Fall.

Group #1 Moderator: Julie Brewen, International Chair, Colorado NAHRO

Group #2 Moderator: Ismael Guerrero, Denver Housing Authority

Group #3 Moderator: Jaime Gomez, Colorado Housing Finance Authority

4:15-4:45 p.m.

WRAP UP SESSION – Where do we go from here?

4:45-6:15 p.m.

RECEPTION – Epernay Lounge 1080 14th Street, Denver