



## — SAVE THE DATE —

On **16-18 March 2016**, **PRAGUE** is hosting  
the **HABITAT III REGIONAL MEETING**  
as part of the global process towards the  
**NEW URBAN AGENDA**

The Czech Republic will host the “European Habitat” meeting next March 2016, as part of the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development - Habitat III.

This Habitat III official meeting is focusing on the **UNECE region**, which is home to 20% of the population and covers 56 member states. Its main focus will be on Sustainable Housing in Liveable Cities.

Sustainable housing plays a key role in human quality of life in general. The positive impact of housing can be increased through application of the following principles: environmental protection, economic growth, social inclusion, citizen participation and cultural adequacy. Development of sustainable housing faces many challenges caused in particular by globalization, demographic changes and the recent economic crisis. In some cases urbanization has led to urban sprawl, which has had a negative impact on existing settlements and has reduced the land available for other uses. In other cases, urbanization has been uncontrolled, creating and expanding informal settlements, whose residents may lack security of housing and social and physical infrastructure.

The preparatory process towards a New Urban Agenda should discuss how to ensure **access to decent, adequate, affordable and healthy housing for all**, with due attention to reducing the impact of the housing sector on the environment.

Join us at this exciting opportunity to discuss the challenges of Sustainable Housing in Liveable Cities.

Save the date for Prague!  
Registration will be open soon in  
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