

Global Observance



World Habitat Day Agenda

The Department of Housing and Urban Development in collaboration with UN-Habitat are hosting the events taking place on October 5. People throughout the United States and around the world have joined together to celebrate World Habitat Day 2009. There are celebrations taking place in over 50 countries around the world, and we welcome the public to participate in our Regional celebrations and Affiliated Events organized by WHD Working Group members.

2009 World Habitat Day October 5

Opening Ceremony - 8:45 am - 11:00 am

Location:

National Building Museum
401 F St NW # 215
Washington, D.C.

Featured speakers

- Melody Barnes, Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council
- HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan
- UN-Habitat Executive Director Dr. Anna Tibaijuka
- Dr. Judith Rodin, President, Rockefeller Foundation
- Jon Bon Jovi, Member of the U.S. World Habitat Day Honorary Committee

The official kick-off for the 2009 World Habitat Day global observance will feature remarks by members of the World Habitat Day U.S. Honorary Committee. The Opening Ceremony will also include a special video created by YouMedia, celebrating the voices of Chicago youth, Building and Housing Social Foundation (BHSF) World Habitat Award Presentations and 2009 Habitat Scroll of Honor Presentations.

Forum on Livable Communities - 3pm - 5pm

Location:

Howard University
Cramton Auditorium
2455 Sixth St. NW
Washington, DC 20059

Featured speakers

- White House Office on Urban Affairs Director Adolfo Carrion
- HUD Deputy Secretary Ron Sims
- UN-Habitat Executive Director Dr. Anna Tibaijuka
- Deputy Mayor of Washington D.C. Valerie Santos Young

Hosted by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Howard University, this event will showcase a variety of perspectives in addressing the 2009 World Habitat Day theme "Planning Our Urban Future." The program begins with principal presentations on "Planning Our Urban Future," eventually giving way to a structured response session which will allow invited guests to share domestic and international innovations that promote public engagement in planning livable communities.

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