

# U.S. Conference on Housing, Land, and Property in Crisis Contexts

Howard University  
Washington, DC

June 5-6, 2023



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Day 1: June 5, 2023			
8:30am – 9:10am <i>In person only</i>	<b>Welcome Coffee</b>		
9:10am – 9:20am <i>Streamed online</i>	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Anthony Wutoh, Ph.D., R.Ph., Provost and Chief Academic Officer of Howard University</i>		
9:20am – 9:30am <i>Streamed online</i>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Julien Schopp, Vice President, Humanitarian Team of InterAction</i>		
9:30am – 9:45am <i>Streamed online</i>	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> <i>Lise Grande, President and CEO of U.S. Institute of Peace</i>		
9:45am – 10:30am <i>Streamed online</i>	<b>Issues and Trends in Housing, Land and Property</b>  This session will explore issues around practical humanitarian and long-term development perspectives. Panelists will speak from their experience and discuss some of the ways they have addressed or supported HLP challenges. Panelists will include Chuck Setchell, Senior Shelter, Settlements and Hazard Mitigation Advisor at USAID/BHA; Karol Boudreaux, Senior Land and Resource Governance Advisor at USAID; Ibere Lopes, Housing, Land and Property Advisor at IOM; and Irantzu Serra Lasa, Senior Director, Disaster Risk Reduction and Response at Habitat for Humanity International.  <i>Moderated by: Dahlia Nduom, Assistant Professor of Architecture at Howard University</i>		
10:45am – 12:00pm <i>In person only</i>	<b>Session 1: Collective and Community Land Rights</b> <i>Innovation Space</i>  Crises and disasters often play the role of accelerants to the degradation and loss of communities' lands. This session will look at the barriers communities and practitioners face to secure community and collective rights in the face of these crises. It will also highlight how protecting and strengthening these systems is vital to resolving many of the world's intersecting	<b>Session 2: HLP and Conflict</b> <i>Room 150</i>  This session will focus on how HLP can be a cause of conflict and part of the solution towards establishing peace. Issues such as secondary occupancy need to be addressed in all areas of conflict. Humanitarian and recovery programming can both reinforce conflict or be part of the solution towards durable solutions.	<b>Session 3: Domestic Land Policy and Practice</b> <i>Silcott Gallery</i>  The session on domestic policy and practice investigates the HLP challenges faced by both sudden and slow (or repeated) onset disasters. The session investigates these challenges through the interrelated lens of domestic land tenure, economics, health and architecture to understand best practices and policy in the context of climate change, resilient design, and climate gentrification.



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12:15pm – 1:15pm <i>In person only</i>	<b>Lunch</b>		<b>Market Stalls</b> <i>Space for participants to share case studies, research, etc. related to housing, land and property in crisis contexts. Prior application and approval required.</i>
1:30pm – 3:30pm <i>In person only</i>	<b>Training</b> <i>This training has a capacity limit of 40 attendees. Participants MUST register specifically for the training in advance. This is <b>not</b> an open session.</i>	<b>Coffee and Informal Networking</b>	
4:00pm – 6:00pm <i>In person only</i>	<b>No host happy hour</b> <i>Sankofa Café and Bookstore (2714 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington DC 20001)</i>		



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Day 2: June 6, 2023			
8:30am – 9:05am <i>In person only</i>	<b>Welcome Coffee</b>		
9:05am – 9:15am <i>In person only</i>	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Dr. John Anderson, Dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture of Howard University</i>		
9:15am – 9:30am <i>Streamed online</i>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Vincent Houver, Chief of Mission, Washington, D.C. of the International Organization for Migration</i>		
9:30am – 9:45am <i>Streamed online</i>	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> <i>Sarah Charles, Assistant to the Administrator of USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance</i>		
9:45am – 10:30am <i>Streamed online</i>	<b>Networks, Coalitions and Movements: Challenges and Opportunities for Enacting Change on Housing, Land and Property in Moments of Crisis</b>  Representatives from different networks, coalitions, and movements, including Jim Robinson, Co-coordinator of the HLP AoR of the Global Protection Cluster; Madiha Waris Qureshi, Director of Strategic Communications at Rights and Resources Initiative; and Derrek Niec-Williams, Executive Director of Howard University Campus Planning, Architecture and Development, will discuss the challenges and opportunities in coordination around housing, land, and property in crisis contexts. Panelists will answer the question: how do we build networks and coalitions that can advocate on HLP issues?  <i>Moderated by Sarah Fuhrman, Director of Policy at InterAction</i>		
10:45am – 12:00pm <i>In person only</i>	<b>Session 1: Imagining “Ideal” HLP Responses</b> <i>Silcott Gallery</i>  During this session, participants will be asked to imagine a (near) future where there is a continuous and effective HLP response across the phases of response - before, during and after crises. They will be asked to identify what conditions are necessary to make this possible.	<b>Session 2: HLP and Climate Innovation Space</b>  This session will explore the challenges posed to HLP rights and tenure security as a result of climate change and environmental degradation. There will be three main focus areas: impacts of climate change on access to housing in the United States, strengthening Indigenous community land tenure and leadership for climate mitigation and adaptation, and gendered impacts of climate change on women’s access to land. Key speakers from New America,	<b>Session 3: HLP and Gender Room 150</b>  This session will delve into the specific challenges that internally displaced and refugee women face in accessing their housing, land, and property (HLP) rights and how this impacts their socioeconomic empowerment and their ability to achieve durable solutions. The session will examine case study examples across refugee and IDP contexts to understand barriers to



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		<p>Cadasta and Landesa will lead breakout groups covering each of these topics. The session will then bring everyone together to share actions and learnings.</p>	<p>accessing HLP in policy and in practice, as well as discuss pathways to ensure women in displacement and in conflict zones have improved access to their HLP rights.</p>
<p>12:15pm – 1:15pm <i>In person only</i></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>		
<p>1:30pm – 2:30pm <i>In person only</i></p>	<p><b>Discussion on Outcomes and Coffee</b></p> <p>The intended output of this conference is to develop an outcomes document to be used in advocating for the importance of HLP in humanitarian and development programming within organizations as well as with donors and governments.</p> <p>In this session, participants will validate the outcomes and action items that came out of the discussions held over the two days to feed into an outcomes document.</p> <p><i>Facilitated by Joseph Ashmore from the International Organization for Migration and Mohamed Hilmi from InterAction.</i></p>		
<p>2:30pm – 3:00pm <i>In person only</i></p>	<p><b>Coffee</b></p>		
<p>3:00pm – 3:30pm <i>Streamed online</i></p>	<p><b>Conference Closing</b> <i>Mohamed Hilmi, InterAction and Bradford Grant, Howard University</i></p>		



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