

PLEDGE

## Commitment to join The Shift



Home should be a place to live in peace, security and dignity.

Unfortunately, housing conditions around the world are fraught. Homelessness is on the rise and people living in homelessness are being criminalized; forced evictions continue unabated; in the absence of affordable housing options, increasing numbers resort to living in informal settlements or encampments without secure tenure or basic services; climate change-related disasters and responses are displacing poor communities; resource extraction is forcing indigenous peoples from their lands; and housing in many cities is simply unaffordable even for the middle class.

These assaults on dignity and life are being accepted by some as fixed features of a new global economic order.

This reality is unacceptable and will result in an unsustainable future. For this reason we join the global movement, The Shift.

We \_\_\_\_\_:

1. Reaffirm that the right to housing is a human right committed to by states across the world through the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international human rights law.
2. Undertake that our actions and decisions will be consistent with the recognition of housing as a human right and not as a commodity.
3. Will take immediate steps to end homelessness and implement the right to adequate housing for all. In this regard and recognizing there is no one size fits all approach, we commit to adopting a rights-based housing action plan that meaningfully engages and addresses the needs of vulnerable populations, with due consideration to the Cities for Housing Declaration.
4. Will establish or support the establishment of human rights-based recourse mechanisms to address systemic barriers to housing.
5. Recognize that all levels of government have international human rights law obligations with respect to housing, and therefore must regulate the private sector in line with these obligations.

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