

Please join the International Housing Coalition for a discussion of:

Informal Settlements in the U.S.: Sharing Lessons Learned at Home and Abroad

Friday, October 7, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

5th Floor Conference Room, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC USA

In the United States today, there are people living in informal settlements without access to basic shelter, electricity, water and sanitation. For example, in Texas alone, more than 400,000 people live in these conditions. In recognition of World Habitat Day, please join us for a discussion on informal housing settlements in the United States and abroad, and the lessons we can learn from international shelter efforts across the globe.

The program will include:

Keynote Address, **Mercedes Marquez**, Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (invited)

Followed by a Panel Discussing Featuring:

- **Moises Loza**, Executive Director, Housing Assistance Council
- **Julian Baskin**, Senior Urban Specialist, Cities Alliance
- **Caroline Wanjiku Kihato**, Visiting Scholar, Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University

Moderated by: **Chris Herbert**, Director of Research, Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University

Light breakfast will be available.

Please RSVP to culp@wilsoncenter.org with your name and affiliation

Location: Woodrow Wilson Center at the Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW ("Federal Triangle" stop on Blue/Orange Line), 5th Floor Conference Room. A map to the Center is available at www.wilsoncenter.org/directions. **Note: picture ID is required to pass through security.**

This event is being co-sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Center, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Housing Assistance Council, and the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University.