

UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (HABITAT III) to take place in Quito, Ecuador in October 2016. The attached document provides background on the purpose and activities of the initiative.

> The first task for the collaborators of the Global Housing Research Initiative is to recommend bibliographic references for the initiative's literature review. The literature review is focused on research and evidence about housing in Latin America and the Caribbean published since 2000 in the following thematic areas:

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- >> · Low Income Housing and Informal Settlement/Slum Upgrading
- >> · Land Use, Management and Policy
- >> · Housing Finance and Investment
- >> · Housing Policies and Enabling Environment
- >> · Social Organization

>> Furthermore, we are looking at these themes with a sub-regional lens as follows:

- >> · Mexico
- >> · Central America
- >> · Caribbean
- >> · Andean Region
- >> · Brazil
- >> · Southern Cone

>> We welcome any bibliographic recommendations that fit these characteristics. We are interested in both research produced through traditional academic institutions (universities, think tanks, research centers, etc.) as well as through individuals and institutions more directly related to housing practice (governments, NGOs, multilateral organizations, chambers of commerce, etc.). While case studies and descriptive research are certainly valuable, the Global Housing Research Initiative is particularly interested in identifying research and/or program evaluations that document the outcomes or impact of various housing approaches on the well-being of low-income urban communities in the region.

>> In order to facilitate our knowledge sharing, we have created a simple, Google Sheet, which you can access using this link. We ask that when submitting your bibliographic recommendations, you include your name and the title, name of the author, publisher, and the year of the reference, as well as a link for it (if possible). Should you prefer to complete this work offline, you can fill in and return the attached excel document.

>> We would like all your submissions to be in by Friday, May 6th.

>> Again, thank you for your contribution.

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