

Invitation to the Third Forum on Housing, Land and Property (HLP) Mogadishu, 24 May 2017

Drought displacement, HLP and urban solutions

Excellency, Partner and Colleague,

The Norwegian Refugee Council, UN Habitat and the Somalia Protection Cluster cordially invites you to the third '**Housing, Land and Property Forum**'. **The event will take place on Wednesday, 24th May 2017 at Amisom VIP in Mogadishu from 10:00 – 12:30hrs.**

The forum aims to bring together authorities, humanitarian agencies, development partners as well as interested donor institutions to discuss some of the multi-layer dynamics that are hindering the promotion, protection, enjoyment and exercise of HLP rights, most of which are inextricably linked and fundamental to the attainment of comprehensive urban solutions in Somalia. This forum takes place amid ongoing humanitarian response to devastating droughts across the country.

'**Drought displacement, HLP and urban solutions**' is the official theme of the Forum, specifically chosen to bring to the fore a discussion that remains largely marginal in the debate around drought and relief.

Partners have mobilized efforts over the course of the last six months to prevent the transition of a severe drought into famine. In parallel, the Protection Cluster has reported a spike in the number of forced evictions. From November 2016 to March 2017, forced evictions directly affected an estimated 68,058 IDPs in urban settlements and the phenomenon is becoming increasingly prevalent. The purpose of this Forum is to look at how the current trends of displacement will (or could potentially) affect Housing Land and Property dynamics in urban settlements, which remain the primary destinations for IDPs. More specifically, the Forum will focus on such issues as forced evictions, HLP dynamics in new and existing settlements, the role of informal institutions, Municipalities, District Commissioners, as well as other national and international partners in the protection of HLP rights.

We would be privileged by your attendance and look forward to your participation. The detailed programme of the event will be circulated in due course. Meanwhile, kindly register no later than 21st May 2017 by confirming your attendance to Mohiadin Mohamud Abdirahman (mohiadin.mohamud@unhabitat.org, +252618333044) and Liban Abdullahi (liban.abdullahi@nrc.no, +252618304288).

Yours sincerely,

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