



## Event Details

### Title of Event

The Economic Policy Strategy for Sustainable Housing Cooperative Programs

### Organization Details

**Organization:** American Institute of Architects (USA)

**Organization Country:** United States of America

### Summary

Interactive exercises will be interspersed with talks exploring the international cooperative housing movement and its potential to make human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. Lessons from work in Africa and North America will be presented that discuss the potential of cooperative housing to meet housing and community development needs in a variety of geographic, social, and economic contexts. Participants will explore real-world examples and resources for development through the cooperative model. Building from indigenous traditions as well as modern concepts of social justice and democratic decision-making, for more than a century, members have worked together to build and maintain resilient cooperative housing communities. Resident ownership supports both the goals of the families that call these communities home as well as the public objectives established in the UN Habitat Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including eliminating poverty, protecting quality-of-life, and reducing carbon emissions. The population of the world is increasing quickly, specially at cities/urban agglomerations. For example, in 1990 there were only two African Cities with more than 10M Inhabitants: Cairo and Lagos. By 2050, the number of citizens of urban agglomerations is estimated to be two-thirds of Africa. Unprecedentedly large-scale initiatives are required to make homes for existing and anticipated residents. To meet the needs of an urbanizing world, housing initiative must establish and maintain sustainable communities that nurture families in inclusive healthy environments for residents at all stages of life. We cannot afford additional development that results in unsafe environments, abandonment, or the need for unsustainable levels of ongoing subsidy. Cooperative housing provides a proven structure that produces and successfully maintains housing in a manner that supports long-term viability at scale. To deploy cooperative housing development at the required scale, collaboration is required between government, private and non-governmental organizations. Experienced cooperative housing sector managers, intermediaries and funders who have the capability to work efficiently with the majority of the population are also necessary partners. The Cooperative Housing Authority in Africa, resources available through the General Authority for Construction & Housing collaboration, the African Union of Architects ( AUA ) and NGO programs will be discussed along with examples from the USA for successful achievement of the 11th of 17 SDG's Goals through the work of the Connecticut Green Bank, the Urban Housing Assistance Board (UHAB), Telesis Corporation and a myriad of public and private partners.

# Other Organization name

Society of Egyptian Architects and African Union of Architects

## Prospective moderator, speaker(s) or panelist(s)

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1	Simon	Ha	Moderator	Steinberg Architects, International
2	Hoda	El Masry	Panelist	Consultant Engineer for Urban Studies and Public Building Design, Egypt
3	Kathleen	Dorgan	Panelist	Dorgan Architecture & Planning/ American Institute of Architects
4	Raouf	Darwish	Panelist	Society of Egyptian Architects
5	Denise	Everson	Panelist	American Institute of Architects/ E3 Connections
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