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UN-HABITAT World Urban Forum: Amnesty International calls on leaders to end forced evictions

As representatives of governments and city authorities of over 100 countries convene in the Italian city of Naples to discuss The Urban Future, Amnesty International calls on all government delegates to the Sixth World Urban Forum to respect the right to housing and stop forced evictions.

Amnesty International delegates will be at the forum in Naples between 1-7 September 2012 to raise awareness about the injustice of forced evictions and about the obligations of national and local authorities to uphold the right to adequate housing.

Kenyan slum resident Jeremiah Makori will be part of Amnesty International's delegation and available for interviews on his experience from Kenya where he is facing eviction of the Deep Sea slum in the suburbs of the capital Nairobi.

Amnesty International at WUF

On **4 September** at 18:30, Amnesty International activists will stage an action at the entrance of the venue of the forum Mostra d'Oltremare, Viale J.F. Kennedy, 54 - 80125 – Napoli calling for an end of forced evictions.

On **5 September** at 09:30, Amnesty International will present to journalists the organization's guide to preventing forced evictions, *Know Your Obligations* in the Sardegna Room.

On **7 September**, a Kenyan journalist and activist accompanied by Amnesty International delegates, will visit the Tor De'Cenci camp in Rome and meet members of the Roma community who also face violations of the right to adequate housing and forced evictions.

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