

# HLP Solutions for Displaced Persons



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## World Urban Forum (WUF) 12, Cairo, Egypt

6 November 2024, 17–18:30, Multipurpose Room 6

WUF Dialogue theme 6: The loss of home

Communities affected by displacement in the context of development, climate change and conflict share a common human right to remedy. This panel of experts and rights holders from Europe, Middle East and North Africa (MENA) will share how to achieve restitution of housing, land and property.

Convenor/moderator:

Mr. **Joseph Schechla** is a founder and the Cairo-based coordinator of [Habitat International Coalition's Housing and Land Rights Network](#) (Egypt/Switzerland).



### The Panel:

Speaker 1:

Mr. **Anwar Majanni**, legal advisor to [The Day After](#) (Syria/Türkiye), chairs the Syrian Peace and Justice Organization (APJD) Board of Directors and is a member of the Constitutional Committee for Civil Society.



Speaker 2:

Mr. **Michael Cholod** is chief executive officer of [The Peer Social Foundation](#) and [The Peace Coalition](#) (Canada/Ukraine).



Speaker 3:

Dr. **Sultan Barakat** is [Professor in Public Policy at Hamad Bin Khalifa University](#) (Qatar) and Honorary Professor at the University of York, known for pioneering the study of war-torn societies and their recovery.



Speaker 4:

Dr. **Balakrishnan Rajagopal** is [UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing](#), and [associate professor of Law and Development, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\)](#) (United States).



Discussant:

Ms. **Rania Almadhi** is director of the [Alternative Refugee Center](#), in Geneva, and a member of [Housing and Land Rights Network](#) Executive Board (Switzerland).

