Nomination for GAP CSO Co-Chair

Statement of Jane Katz, Director of International Affairs & Programs

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As co-chair of the Civil Society Partner Constituent Group, I ask your support in my re-election. Representing Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), with prior experience in the public and private sectors, I bring an extensive professional network and collaborative policy work with stakeholders, including engagement with platforms and coalitions.

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity has helped millions of families and individuals improve their living conditions through direct services and advocacy efforts. We are a non-governmental, ECO-SOC accredited global organization with consultative status. HFHI has had a long-standing relationship with UN-Habitat and engages in UN processes through our regional and local advocacy efforts.

Since being elected co-chair, our CSO PCG has grown from about a dozen participants to close to 200 individuals and/or networks representing varied sectors. We have made significant progress influencing outcomes of the SDGs and NUA through our participation in Habitat III preparatory and thematic meetings, policy units and high level UN meetings by being inclusive in presenting diverse opinions and by joining with other PCGs to achieve our goals.

Moving forward, I hope to continue our efforts in influencing global development agendas; engaging new partners; and developing and sharing regional and local innovations and practices. I am excited to help drive and facilitate the work of the PCG to attain the NUA and the SDGs with you. I hope to lead a smooth transition as co-chair and to continue to work in partnership for the future.

Photo:
CSO Roundtable at WUF 9, Kuala Lumpur
Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN Habitat (L), Lorena Zarate, HIC (C), and Jane Katz, HFHI (R)
DECLARATION:

I declare to be a voting member of the Civil Society Organization PCG of the General Assembly of Partners and not running for another office other than co-chair of the CSO Group.

ORGANIZATIONS/NETWORK POSITIONS

- Chair of the CSO Group and Standing Committee of the UN-H World Urban Campaign
- Vice President and Washington Representative of Global Urban Development
- Advisory Board representing the Urban Cluster of the Global Land Tool Network
- Term expiring as Co-Chair of the Society for International Development-Washington (SID-W) Infrastructure and Urban Working Group
- Term just expired as Co-Chair of the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group of InterAction
- Habitat for Humanity Main Representative for ECO-SOC
- Habitat for Humanity is a member of Cities Alliance