

Housing Policies/Civic Participation

Moderator,

Thank you for allowing Canada to comment on the policy papers and discussions on the thematic meetings that have taken place this afternoon.

Nous sommes ravis d'avoir l'occasion de prendre part à ce dialogue sur les questions importantes en matière de logement. Pour les pays développés et ceux en voie de développement, le fait d'accroître les options de logement abordable représente l'un des principaux objectifs du Nouvel agenda urbain.

The expansion of housing will support the achievement of the SDGs, especially target 11.1, as well as those goals and targets focused on poverty alleviation, health, economic development, social cohesion, gender equality and environmental sustainability.

Canada recently reinforced its commitment to playing a national leadership role in supporting affordable housing and seniors housing through a 10 year investment in social infrastructure. These investments will support new construction and repair of housing, as well as provide assistance for low income Canadians, including seniors, indigenous peoples, Canada's northern population, new immigrants and other vulnerable groups.

Canada has also committed to support the repair and retrofit of existing social housing. This will improve water and energy efficiency of older housing developments, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving the quality of housing for Canadians. Canada is focusing on supporting innovation in the financing and delivery of affordable housing solutions, leading to a wider range of options for Canadians.

We will work with all levels of government, municipal authorities, indigenous groups and other stakeholders over the coming year to develop a national housing strategy that will address the range of housing and homelessness challenges facing us today.

In the context of the declaration, we must highlight that investments in affordable housing as well as cultural and recreational infrastructure, will improve the quality of life of all and will strengthen communities, making them a better place to live.

Thank you/Merci