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# HOUSING FUTURES: Foresight for Cities

## Delivering Homes for All

### Dialogue

**Date and time:** 24 June 2026 at 11:00

**Duration:** 60 minutes

**Lead organizer:** Metropolis

**Co-organizers:** OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)

## Background

Recently, one question seems to be on everybody's mind, from policy makers to citizens, from businesses to academia: how will the future of housing look in cities and metropolitan areas? Across the world, cities are facing a convergence of pressures: ageing and diversifying populations, accelerating climate risks, rising housing costs, technological disruption, and changing patterns of work and mobility. Cities and metropolitan areas are called to tackle all these challenges, and their actions will shape the urban future of housing.

Recent work by the OECD Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division highlights that housing affordability, energy efficiency, and spatial inequality are among the most pressing urban challenges, with households in many metropolitan areas spending up to one-third of their income on housing and costs rising faster in large cities (OECD 2025). At the same time, the World Cities Report 2024 underlines the need to link housing to climate resilience, inclusive growth, and sustainable urbanisation (UN-Habitat 2024).

Cities and metropolitan areas are implementing innovative systemic reforms that reframe housing as essential social infrastructure to connect people to jobs, schools, and essential services (Metropolis, 2026). However, these solutions are never immediate: for megacities and large metropolises, they require years, even decades, to achieve the scale that is needed. In times of rapid change and high uncertainty, the assumptions on which long-term strategies rest can be fickle. This is why the world's Metropolises are turning to foresight and scenario building to inform their housing strategies.



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This session brings together global city leaders and international experts to explore how housing policies must evolve to respond to potential future scenarios. From Bogota's approach to improving housing conditions for lower-income households, to Rabat and Toulouse's work on affordable housing and urban regeneration, the discussion will highlight how cities are already innovating.

## **Objectives / Expected outcomes**

Participants will leave with:

- Insights on how demographic, climate, and technological trends are reshaping housing demand
- Examples of integrated housing policies linking land use, mobility, and sustainability
- Practical approaches to deliver affordable and future-ready housing systems.

## **Agenda**

**11:00 - 11:05 Introduction by Jordi Vaquer**, Secretary General of Metropolis, The World Association of Major Metropolises, moderating the session.

**11:05- 11:55 Dialogue session** with the following speakers:

- **Fatiha El Moudni, Mayor of Rabat and President of Metropolis**, sharing her city's efforts to address the structural tensions affecting Rabat's housing affordability and access (TBC)
- **Carlos Fernando Galán, Mayor of Bogotá**, presenting his city's current strategy, focused on expanding access to homeownership and improving housing conditions for lower-income households (TBC)
- **Clara Marina Brugada Molina, Mayor of Ciudad de Mexico**, sharing her experience in addressing housing supply, with a focus on social and affordable housing and promotion of inclusive and diverse neighborhoods (TBC)



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- **Lahiani Djillali, Deputy Mayor of Toulouse**, sharing Toulouse's experience in addressing housing supply, with a focus on social and affordable housing (TBC)
- **Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, OECD Director of the Centre for Entrepreneurships, SMEs, Regions and Cities**, presenting key insights from recent OECD work, including the Integrated urban policy to achieve the SDGs, which identifies housing, transport, and energy efficiency as critical, interconnected policy areas for cities (TBC)

**11:55-12:00 Closing remarks by Jordi Vaquer**, Secretary General of Metropolis, The World Association of Major Metropolises