

MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Invitation to the Regional Conference

Leave no one Behind - enhancing regional cooperation in the framework of housing and urban transformation

April 7th, Tirana, Albania

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Minister of Urban Development, Mrs. Eglantina Gjermeni, we are pleased to invite you to the Regional Conference organized by the Ministry of Urban Development of the Republic of Albania in partnership with the United Nation Economic Commission for Europe.

In the light of the New Urban Agenda, adopted in Quito, Ecuador last October we strongly believe that urbanization as one of the pillar, issues addressed in this document will further contribute, in making our cities resilient, inclusive and bringing social cohesion. The New Urban Agenda is a guidance, for our future actions, in addressing social, economic and environmental sustainable development of our countries, as well as closing the gap between urban and rural areas.

Leave no One Behind, is one of the principles that we have all agreed, to integrate in our national policies. This conference will act as a start - up working platform based on the positive values and measures of the New Urban Agenda, aiming for a more integrated and sustainable social, economic and environmental future of our region.

The Regional Conference will take place in Tirana, Albania on the 7th of April, 2017 at Balsha Conference Room, Hotel Tirana International.

The objective of the Conference is:

- to discuss and share our governmental commitments and achievements on issues related to sustainable housing and urban development;
- to enhance regional cooperation within the frames of New Urban Agenda and the UN Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing.

The Ministry of Urban Development of the Republic of Albania will have the pleasure to cover the accommodation expenses for one night (6 April 2017) for the Minister and two associates.

We would kindly ask you for a pre - confirmation of your participation via email within $March~15^{th}$, 2017 at $\underline{Diana.Lika@zhvillimiurban.gov.al}$

Upon confirmation, in the due time you will have the Draft Agenda of the conference.

We are looking forward to welcome you in Albania.

Kindest regards,