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UPCOMING EVENTS (GLOBALLY)

- **World Urban Forum (WUF13): "Housing the World":** Location: Baku, Azerbaijan | Date: May 17-22, 2026: This is the single most significant global event for housing this year. Convened by UN-Habitat, the 13th session focuses on the theme of "Safe and Resilient Cities."
- **MIPIIM 2026: The "Housing Matters!" Initiative:** Location: Cannes, France | Date: March 9-13, 2026: While traditionally a commercial real estate summit, the 2026 edition of MIPIIM (the world's leading property market) took a hard pivot toward the residential sector with the "Housing Matters!" program.
- **Housing 2026: The "Warm Homes" Revolution:** Location: Manchester, UK | Date: June 22-25, 2026: Although hosted in the UK, this event has become a global benchmark for Climate-Ready Housing.



ABOUT US

Advisory Center for Affordable Settlements & Housing (ACASH) promotes affordable housing and sustainable urban development through research and policy support.

OUR AIM

ACASH manages a vast resource hub focused on housing and related matters. It offers resources on affordable housing & settlements from around the World by providing information on housing development, finance, policies, & construction methods.

HOW WE HELP?

We facilitate authentic and timely information, on settlements and housing, which is the key factor in efficient decision making.

WHAT WE DO?

Our purpose is to manage resource reservoir/ information to provide rich resources for affordable housing and settlements.

HOUSING NEWS

- **EU Proposes "Anti-Poverty Strategy" Amid Housing Crisis:** The European Commission recently proposed a landmark set of measures to combat a housing crisis that has seen prices rise by 60% since 2013.
- **Renting Becomes the "Global Standard":** Affordability has reached such a breaking point that renting is no longer just a phase for the young but a permanent state for many people.
- **The "Global Mismatch": Luxury Booms vs. Mass Vacancy:** A 2025/2026 trend identified by the World Economic Forum highlights a global "mismatch" in housing. While cities like San Francisco are seeing a luxury housing revival fueled by AI-generated wealth, other regions are dealing with "ghost" properties.