

# NEWSLETTER

THE LEADING WEB PORTAL ON HOUSING



## GLOBAL UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Urban Land Institute (ULI) Fall Meeting 2026:** Dates: October 26–28, 2026, Location: Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami, USA. One of the world's largest gatherings of real estate, land use, and urban development decision-makers. [Read more.](#)
- **Cityscape Qatar 2026:** Dates: October 27–29, 2026, Location: Doha Exhibition & Convention Center (DECC), Doha, Qatar. A premier property investment and development exhibition in the Gulf region. [Read more..](#)



### FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

#### ZAIGHAM MAHMOOD RIZVI

Decent and Affordable housing, in a well-designed and disciplined habitat is a global challenge affecting millions of families. While design of such a housing and habitat is an academic challenge, provision of decent and affordable housing is a market challenge. Rising land prices, construction costs, and rents make it increasingly difficult for low- and middle-income households to find safe and decent homes. Countries around the globe and in different regions are adopting different solutions, depending upon their socio-economic conditions. These challenges emerge from design of social housing to low-cost construction materials and technologies, to urban migration, emergence of slums, and then challenges of slum upgrading. At the platform of ACASH (Advisory Center for Affordable Settlements & Housing), we believe that every family deserves a safe, affordable, and dignified home, in a habitat equipped with internal and external physical and digital infrastructure.

## GLOBAL HOUSING NEWS

- **UBS Global Real Estate Bubble Index Ranks Zurich and Tokyo at Highest Risk:** The **UBS Global Real Estate Bubble Index 2026** showed elevated risk levels in key major urban hubs. Zurich and Tokyo were identified as the markets most stretched relative to economic fundamentals. [Read more.](#)
- **Global Private Real Estate Fundraising Drops to Multi-Year Lows:** Data released by With Intelligence in collaboration with S&P Global revealed a significant slowdown in global institutional real estate capital deployment. Global private real estate fundraising reached \$81.7 billion, representing one of the lowest levels in the past decade. [Read more..](#)

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEWS

### PAKISTAN

- **STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN: Simplified Housing Finance Documentation:** Amendments in prudential regulations (PR-HF-7) standardization and simplification.
- Banks/DFIs need only title and ownership related documents listed in Annexure-B.
- Signed acknowledgment of documents given to the borrower.
- Property mortgage via equitable or registered mortgage.
- for financing up to PKR 5 million. Option to mark lien in land records. [Read more..](#)

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEWS

### ASIA-PACIFIC REGION (IUHF).

- **Malaysia :** Malaysian budget 2026: stability as the catalyst for next property growth phase Malaysia's Budget 2026 signals a shift toward steady, confidence-driven policymaking. Facing global uncertainties and domestic cost-of-living pressures, the government projects 4.0–4.5% GDP growth. [Read more..](#)
- **Nepal:** Nepal's housing loan growth slows to 4.07 percent Residential housing loans in Nepal are growing sluggishly despite banks prioritizing the sector and offering competitive rates. Nepal Rastra Bank data reveals loans under Rs 20 million extended by commercial banks rose just 4.07 percent . [Read more..](#)