



## **Housing and Property Restitution for Refugees and Displaced Persons: Implementing the Pinheiro Principles in the Middle East and North Africa**

Third Arab Land Conference, Rabat, Morocco

20 February 2025 from 9:30 to 11:00 – Blue Room and online

Interpretation available in Arabic/English/French

### Keynote speaker:

**Dr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro**, Chair, Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic

The year 2025 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the approval of the Principles on Housing and Property Restitution for Refugees and Displaced Persons, also known as the Pinheiro Principles. Through consultations, case studies and joint work, the FAO, IOM, OHCHR, UN-Habitat, NRC as well as UNHCR, have been gathering good practices from throughout the Middle East and North Africa related to securing the resolution of housing and property restitution issues for refugees and displaced persons. This is all put forward in this joint publication which testifies to how the realization of the right to housing and property restitution for refugees and internally displaced persons is key to creating durable peace and for the realization of related human rights. Many years in the making, the publication is more relevant today than ever, as a tool to overcome the many challenges to the realization of these rights in the region and beyond. During this session we will hear from key experts and actors on housing and property rights that are working in and on the Middle East and North Africa, who will share their experiences from past work and their vision for the way forward in the region.



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Moderated panel discussion with:

- **Ombretta Temptra**, Human Settlements Officer – Land Specialist, Global Co-Coordinator, Housing Land and Property Rights Area of Responsibility, Arab Land Initiative Coordinator, **UN-Habitat**
- **Fidaa F. Haddad**, Senior Programme Officer (Forestry) - Team Leader Greening Agriculture - Secretary of the Near East Forestry and Range Commission - Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa Region, **FAO**
- **Jim Robinson**, Co-coordinator, Global Housing, Land and Property Area of Responsibility, **NRC**
- **Ahmed Mansour**, Regional Coordinator Habitat International Coalition's Housing and Land Rights Network (**HLRN**) (TBC)

Moderator:

**Therese Arnesen**, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights