

Building a Housing First Approach & Implementing Inclusive Best Practices

February 14, 2020

1:15 - 2:30 PM

Conference Room 12

There is an estimated 100 million people in the world who are homeless, 15 million people are evicted annually, 1.6 billion people live in inadequate conditions and 883 million live in slums, although International Human Rights law includes the right to adequate housing. The Housing First Approach is intrinsically people-centered and human rights oriented. It provides housing and supportive services for people living on the streets without any preconditions. This side event will highlight the creation of the Housing First approach and its successful adoption into national policy in Finland, the current state of affordable housing, domestically and abroad, and showcase current successful grassroots work while offering venues for action.

Mr. Jyrki Terva, Acting Deputy Permanent Representative of the
Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations

Dr. Sam Tsemberis, Pathways Housing First

James Carras, Harvard Kennedy School

Juha Kaakinen, Y-Foundation (Y-Säätiö)

Jean Quinn, UNANIMA International

Shahin Marjan, lived experience of homelessness

Moderator: **Spyridoula Fotinis**, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



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