



**STATEMENT OF INTENTION
TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

Background:

The International Housing Association (IHA) recognizes that there are residential construction challenges specific to developing countries.

In an effort to effectively advance the housing needs of these countries, the IHA is committed to create channels of communication for the global housing industry to focus on these challenges. The resulting discourse will allow for exchanges of ideas and information by the broader industry in an effort to advance residential construction availability in affected countries.

For the purposes of the IHA, the definition of “developing countries” shall refer to those countries a striving to advance the levels of income, health, education and living standards enjoyed by their citizens, inclusive of housing.

Intent:

The IHA Members, designated as “we” in this public statement, have a common interest in advancing the needs of developing countries. In pursuit of this, we intend to do the following:

- We will work to identify and discuss the challenges which confront an individual country’s residential construction needs.
- We will exchange knowledge as it relates to how the housing and human settlement needs are addressed around the world.
- We will share best practices and successful strategies that have been implemented in IHA member countries in order to assist developing countries that may have similar challenges.
- We will utilize relevant organizations to raise the awareness of the international community with respect to the needs of developing countries.

- We will collaborate with each IHA developing country as it works towards addressing its specific housing needs.
- We will encourage efforts to alleviate poverty and influence socio-economic improvements in all IHA member countries.
- We will engage with existing industry organizations, associations and interest groups to further raise awareness about the housing challenges that confront developing countries.

Review Commitment:

This statement is not intended to be legally binding on any of the IHA Member Organizations. No cause of action will arise with respect to compliance, or lack thereof, of any signatory party to the guidance and intent expressed in this Statement. This Statement is not intended to create, nor does it create, any right, benefit, or privilege, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against any of the IHA Member Organizations supporting this Statement.

The IHA Members will conduct a biennial review of this Statement of Intention and ratify or revise it, based upon consensus.

This statement became effective as confirmed by the members on November 10, 2016.

This statement was reaffirmed on March 2, 2024.