



THE INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE FEDERATION

ONU FIABCI AND THE UNITED NATIONS

Since 1954 FIABCI has enjoyed special Status at the United Nations, with which it acts as a Consulting body, and such relationship has strengthened over time. Notably, FIABCI holds **Non-Governmental Consultative Status** with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (Ecosoc). ECOSOC serves as a central forum for discussing international economic and social issues, and for formulating policy recommendations. FIABCI participates with the United Nations Center on Human Settlements (HABITAT) seeking solutions to our world's housing problems. The United Nations has a unique role to play in helping solve what former UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan refers to as "Problems without Passports."

FIABCI is the global advocate for advancing human settlements and the driving force for environmentally sound, sustainable development. Neither of these goals can be reached without a sharp focus on the importance of Property Rights. Working with the initiatives established by the High Level Commission for the Legal Empowerment of the Poor, FIABCI is an active member of the United Nations Real Estate Advisory Group.

Through the FIABCI Non-Governmental Consultative Status with The United Nations Department of Public Information, delegates assist with promoting worldwide UN sessions and events. In addition, FIABCI contributes to the annual UN-DPI Conference each September.

The United Nations Habitat Commission recognized FIABCI work by awarding its Deputy President, E. René Frank, the Scroll of Honor.

FIABCI representatives and delegates have actively participated in every World Urban Forum with dedicated sessions and by promoting dialogues among the various members.

A concrete example of Fiabci-UN joint initiative is the one involving **Ukraine**. This region was particularly affected by the sub prime crisis and the ensuing international collapse and **Unece** (United Nations Committee for Economy and Social Issues) promoted a round-table conference in Kiev (Ukraine) on 18th June, on the topic of sustainability in the housing market, supported by FIABCI. The round-table conference "Towards sustainable real estate markets in Ukraine" was attended by international experts, professional associations and private sector representatives, who exchanged opinions and views on the current situation of the Real Estate market in Ukraine and on how to adapt and apply the principles of the Unece Policy Framework to the situation of the country. The conclusions of the round-table conference will be the basic principles of a workshop that will cooperate with the Ukrainian Government in developing specific market reforms and policies for the real estate sector.

The subject of sustainable development of the real estate markets is a theme of worldwide interest and complexity. The work of the round-table conference was introduced by world president Enrico Campagnoli.