

## WORLD HABITAT DAY

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[World Habitat Day](#), which we celebrate on 4<sup>th</sup> October this year, was first designated by the [United Nations](#) in 1986 as a way to let people reflect about sheltering conditions in cities around the world, raise awareness on our [human right](#) to adequate shelter and inspire a feeling of our own [responsibility](#) in the habitat we will leave to future generations.

This year, the theme is “[Better city, better life](#),” and the day will aim to “highlight our collective vision of a [sustainable](#) urban world that harnesses the potential and possibilities, mitigates [inequalities and disparities](#), and provides a home for people of all cultures and ages, both rich and poor.” [Events](#) will be held at the Shanghai World Expo 2010 as well as around China and will feature discussions on a variety of subjects, including [sustainability](#), [urban development](#), the [environment](#), [economy](#), cultural heritage, [science and innovation](#).

As part of Article 13’s [United Nations Global Compact \(UNGC\) commitment](#), we are supporting the World Habitat Day in our efforts hold up [human rights \(Principle 1\)](#). Below are some Article 13 resources which make up part of our advocacy and information dissemination.

- Poverty and Climate Change: Protecting Vulnerable Communities

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- The environmental and social issues to consider when working in China

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