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**UN World Habitat Day to be Celebrated in Honolulu with *The City We Need is Affordable Vol V* Book Launch and the Participation of the Mayor and the UN-Habitat Executive Director**

**The FIABCI-USA Hawaii Council will celebrate UN World Habitat Day with virtual meetings on October 4 & 5 and launch a book on affordable housing solutions from around the world.** For the fourth year, Honolulu will showcase the city's innovative strategies to provide housing for all through Public-Private Partnerships for People. Accelerating Urban Action for a Carbon-Free World is this year's World Habitat Day theme.

Speakers during the webinars will include Matthew Gosner, Chief Resilience Officer, City & County of Honolulu; Bettina Mehnert, President & CEO of AHL, a multi-disciplinary architectural firm and Arq. Carla Gautier Castro, founder of Konti Design | Build from Puerto Rico on using shipping containers to build instant housing. "Our relationship with the UN is one of the key benefits of FIABCI membership and I look forward to participating in this virtual event so that we can bring the important work of UN-Habitat to our membership," notes Eugenia Foxworth, FIABCI-USA President who will provide an overview of FIABCI's activities with the UN.

*The City We Need is Affordable Vol V* is the result of the continuing work of FIABCI to represent the private sector as a Business & Industry Partner of the UN-Habitat World Urban Campaign. The theme of this volume is "People at the Center" and features housing projects of transformation, preservation, instant housing and technical innovation. Projects are included from Angeles City, Philippines on starter homes for working families; historic preservation of the Lathrop Homes Public Housing Project in Chicago; a Transit Oriented Develop project in Jakarta, Indonesia to provide 300,000 homes with government subsidy and an aging in place project in Sarawak, Malaysia to allow senior citizens to move to end-of-life care within their established community.

"As the city with the highest housing costs in the United States and challenges we face with our homeless population, we are well versed in the issues around providing housing for those at every income level and are eager to share the stories of our successful strategies with the UN-Habitat Community." adds Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi. The events and book are the latest efforts of FIABCI to support the UN-Habitat's New Urban Agenda to make our cities safe, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable.

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