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## 58<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Social Development:

**Theme:** Social Protection -Affordable Housing to Address Homelessness.

**Event Title:** Creating an Inclusive, Safe, Integrated Human Settlement as a Bedrock of Development

**<u>Date:</u>** February 17, 2020 Time: 3:00pm to 4:15pm

**Venue:** Conference room 12, United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY 10017

## **Event Description:**

This event will be a diversified panel discussion that will address the critical components that are needed to create safe, inclusive, and integrated human settlements that serve as a bedrock for development. A comparison of human settlements and issues affecting rural and urban communities. Some of the issues that will be addressed include policies and programs that have been initiated by governments, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations. A discussion of their effectiveness and recommendations on how to increase their impacts and outreach. Access to finance as well as innovative financial instruments that could help ameliorate the housing situation in poor, conflict and disaster affected areas will also be addressed.

## **Featuring:**

Jerry Christopher Butler, Chairman, InterAmerican Development Bank, 2004-2019

John Cronin, President, BuildCoin Foundation, Zurich, Switzerland

Dr. Marc Benhuri, Chairman, Clear Sky Group Limited, Gambia. Member, Board of Trustee University of New Haven, Connecticut.

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