Reception of the exhibition

‘Geneva: The Habitats Within’ on the occasion of

World Habitat Day

2 October 2017
Passerelle, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

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Over 30 years ago, the United Nations General Assembly declared every first Monday in October as World Habitat Day to promote the idea that everyone deserves a decent place to live.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Committee on Housing and Land Management has worked for the last 70 years to ensure decent, affordable and sustainable housing for all, including the implementation 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing.

For its 70th anniversary, the Committee has organized the exhibition ‘Geneva: The Habitats Within’ to highlight the importance of a home to one’s identity. The city of Geneva is integral to this exhibition because Geneva is not only a host to several national and international organizations but is also a ‘home’ to individuals from all walks of life. The city provides them with a sense of comfort in the physical, and by consequence, spiritual realms of a city.

About the Photographer

Sharmishta Sivaramakrishnan is the UN Youth Representative for Caring for Cambodia and the Youth Ambassador for World Summit Award. As a Singaporean citizen who was raised across the Middle East, Europe, South and Southeast Asia, Sivaramakrishnan considers herself as “a citizen of worlds,” aptly phrased by Taiye Selasi.
13.30 – 13.45  Official opening of the exhibition

Welcome speech by Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva

Closing speech by Ms. Olga Algayerova, UNECE Executive Secretary

13.45 – 13.52  Presentation of exhibition by Ms. Sharmishta Sivaramakrishnan, Photographer

13.52 – 14.30  Lunch reception

Organizers:

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