



## Global Compact Cities Programme

# Sustainable Affordable Housing: Building Climate and Disaster Resilient Housing International Perspective



**The provision of housing and shelter**, especially for those on low-incomes, needs to address the growing concerns about the impacts of changing climatic conditions while providing householders with comfort, energy security and reducing their footprint. Sustainable resilient housing needs to become a priority in housing provision systems.

This seminar aims to share insights on energy efficient housing and emergency housing from Global Compact Cities Programme's partner TECHO (A Roof for my Country). TECHO is a youth-led Latin American NGO that works across the continent to address poverty through housing and capacity building. It is currently present in 19 countries in Latin America, United States and England, and is a key player in the region in disaster recovery efforts through emergency housing, for instance, in the Haiti and Chile's earthquakes in 2010.

This seminar will also build upon the climate and disaster resilient housing concept with leading RMIT University academic experts in the area of disaster response and disaster resilience. RMIT expertise expands to all phases of disaster management (preparedness, response, recovery and reconstruction) with researchers working with communities in Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

### Programme

4:00 - 4:15 pm

**Welcome and opening remarks**

4:15 - 4:30 pm

**Associate Professor  
Esther Charlesworth**

Director of the Architects Without Frontiers Design Research Bureau, RMIT University, Melbourne

4:30 - 4:45 pm

**Sofia de la Jara**

Architecture Director, TECHO Chile

4:45 - 5:00 pm

**Professor John Handmer**

Centre for Risk and Community Safety, RMIT University, Melbourne

5:00 – 5:30 pm

**Q&A and concluding remarks**

**Professor Ralph Horne**

Director, Global Compact Cities Programme; Deputy PVC, Research and Innovation, DSC, RMIT University, Melbourne



Date

Tuesday 14 October 2014

Time

4:00 - 6.30 pm

Venue

Green Brain Conference Room  
RMIT University, Building 16  
342 Swanston Street, Melbourne

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Seminar followed by light refreshments.

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