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PANEL DISCUSSION



ENHANCING GOVERNMENT RELATIONS STRATEGIES and INFLUENCING PUBLIC POLICY

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In the co-operative housing sector, government relations and public policy are important components of the work needed to effectively advance our issues. In conjunction with the International Co-operative Alliance's Global Conference and General Assembly please join CHI for an international roundtable discussion on critical strategies and approaches used in Australia, Canada, U.S.A., Poland, Germany and Chile, among others.

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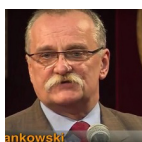
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Panelists



Dr. Jerzy Jankowski is President of the General Assembly of the National Co-operative Council and of the Management Board of the Auditing Union of Housing Co-operatives. He was elected three times to the Polish Parliament where he defended the rights of housing co-operatives. He also advocated for the development of co-operatives in Eastern Europe to the European Parliament.



Guido Schwarzendahl is Managing Director of Bauverein Halle & Leuna in Germany. Following the success of a merger with another co-operative he was invited to be a member on the evaluation committee for adjusting the local housing markets of the federal building ministry of Germany.



Linda Brockway serves as the Treasurer of the National Association of Housing Cooperatives in the U.S. and as President of Economic Consultants for Housing Opportunities that works with stakeholders, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop strategic and economic development plans, welfare reform and other self-sustaining programs to support the development of co-operative and affordable housing.



Mauricio de la Barra is General Manager of CONAVICOOP, a co-operative providing housing solutions and services in Chile. Mauricio was a Specialist in the Ministry of Planning and Co-operation of Chile. He has assisted the governments of Chile, Mexico, Peru, El Salvador, Columbia, Ecuador and Honduras in the design of public-private partnerships and frequently lectures on issues related to finance, social evaluation of projects, applied finance and infrastructure.



Brad Hosking is Corporate Director at Common Equity Housing Limited (CEHL), Australia's largest co-operative model community housing organisation that develops affordable housing, ensuring security of tenure for co-operative members and the growth of supportive communities. His previous roles were in construction and development finance, property and risk management, business development and tertiary education.



Nicholas Gazzard is the Executive Director of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada. Nicholas was a lead negotiator in the creation of a co-operative housing Agency with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and is a registered lobbyist. He will draw from his vast experience dealing with various levels of government and from CHF Canada's 'You Hold the Key' campaign.