

# PART TWO

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## FORUM ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, HUMAN SOLIDARITY, AND GLOBAL ECOSYSTEMS

*A CONVERSATION*

An Associated Event  
of the Fifth Annual World Bank Conference  
on Environmentally and Socially  
Sustainable Development



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## Invitation

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### A CONVERSATION

Please join us for an evening discussion among a distinguished and diverse panel concerned about the issues that link the requirements of human settlements, viable communities, and healthy and diverse ecosystems.

For the first hour a panel that includes Mamphela Ramphele, Ashok Khosla, William F. Vendley, Yolanda Kakabadse, Azim Nanji, Njongonkulu Winston Hugh Ndungame, and Joel H. Meyers, moderated by Ismail Serageldin, Vice President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development at the World Bank, will join in discussion.

For the second hour the discussion will engage everyone attending the Forum.

This Forum is an Associated Event of the Fifth Annual World Bank Conference on Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development. Hosted by the World Bank Group, the event is sponsored by the Human Solidarity Foundation with a grant from Jane and George Russell of the Frank Russell Company, Tacoma, Washington. The coordinator is Peter Oberlander, a trustee of the Human Solidarity Foundation.



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## Introduction

*Ismail Serageldin*

**T**his Forum on Human Settlements, Human Solidarity, and Global Ecosystems, a conversation, is sponsored by the Human Solidarity Foundation Board of Trustees. The panelists are Veena Das, a social scientist from India; Ashok Khosla, president of Development Alternatives, also of India; Yolanda Kakabadse, president of the World Conservation Union Council, from Ecuador; Azim Nanji, professor and chair, Department of Religion, University of Florida at Gainesville; Njongonkulu Ndungame, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town; Joel Meyers, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly; William Vendley, secretary general of

the World Conference on Religion and Peace; and Wally N'Dow, assistant secretary general of the United Nations and the secretary general of the United Nations Summit on Habitat, Habitat II.

We are going into a new century, which by all accounts will be the urban century—cities are going to treble the urban population, the urban population in developing countries is going to treble in size. The increment in the urban population in India alone over the next 30 years will be more than twice the population of France, Germany, and the United Kingdom combined. The questions are: Can we cope with such developments, and will it be possible to have livable cities?