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Global Rental Housing Trends and Practices

A China Planning Research Group event

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Abstract

With over three decades of promoting homeownership in many countries, people have increasingly realised that homeownership may not necessarily be a better option for many households. Many countries and households turn to rental housing as a solution or alternative for low income housing or affordable housing. Rental housing is an essential ingredient in any housing policies and about 1.2 billion people live in rented housing in the world. This seminar attempts to examine the rationale for rental housing, reasons behind the decline of the rental housing over the last few decades, address the challenges and issues in the rental housing sector, and introduce good experiences and practices in promoting rental housing in the world.

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