

## **Claudio Acioly Jr.**

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Claudio Acioly Jr is an architect and urban planner, a development practitioner with over 40 years of experience in more than 30 countries. He specialized in housing and slum upgrading, project development and implementation and capacity building. He worked as practicing expert, program manager, resident technical and policy advisor and short-term consultant to governments, academic institutions, civil society organizations and community-based organizations, bilateral and multilateral organizations such as UNDP, World Bank, UNECE, UN-Habitat, GIZ, EU, Cordaid, DGHIS, UNEP, GEF and others. Acioly is a member of the Council of the City of Rio de Janeiro, board member of board of directors of the Center for Affordable Housing Finance (CAHF) and is currently an associated fellow with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, a visiting lecturer and associate staff of the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS, University Erasmus Rotterdam) and senior housing expert with BlendLAB, Brazil. He works as a freelancer international consultant and has recently undertaken mid-term evaluations for the United Nations Environment Programme of the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) sponsored Sustainable Cities Programme in Brazil and the mid-term evaluation of the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme for the European Commission. Acioly was senior programme manager of GIZ and director of the European Union's International Urban Cooperation Programme for Latin America and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Energy and Climate in Latin America (2020). He was head of Housing Policy and head of Capacity Building of UN-Habitat, coordinator of the UN Housing Rights Programme and the Advisory Group on Forced Evictions to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat (2008-2019). He authored several policy and strategy





documents of UN-Habitat, namely the Practical Guide for Conducting Housing Profiles, the Housing Barometer, the Housing Rights Index, the Street-led Citywide Slum Upgrading for Urban Transformation in Slums, the Strategy for Land and Housing of UN-Habitat Strategic Plans, the UN-Habitat Capacity Building Strategy 2020-2030 and many other published studies.

He led several projects in Korea, Namibia, Cuba, Vietnam, Mexico, Brazil, Malawi, Tanzania, Belarus, Bolivia, Ethiopia, Peru and was often a keynote speaker in international events. He was senior housing land and expert with IHS (1993-2008) leading training, postgraduation education and consultancy services in housing, land policies, slum upgrading, urban renewal and action planning. During the period at IHS, Acioly developed and coordinated the master programme's specializations in Land and Housing, and regular short courses on inner city revitalization and housing maintenance and maintenance in Central and Eastern Europe and the Land Management and Informal Settlement Regularisation courses. He worked as IHS manager of development projects in Egypt, Bulgaria, Albania, Moldova, Brazil, Cuba amongst other countries. He started his career working for the government of the city of Brasilia in social housing and a citywide slum upgrading and resettlement programme (1983-1987) followed by a 3 year period working for the Dutch government in a neighbourhood upgrading project in Bissau, Guinea-Bissau (1989-1992) where he led participatory upgrading planning and implementation. Throughout his career, Acioly lived and worked as resident expert for several years in Brazil, Netherlands, Guinea-Bissau, Egypt, Kenya and Saudi Arabia. Acioly has participated in several international conferences and was keynote speaker in the World Urban Forums, Rio+20 Conference, Latin American Housing Forums, UIA-International Congress of Architects, published widely and his work is publicly available at [www.claudioacioly.com](http://www.claudioacioly.com).