

BIOGRAPHY

UWE LOHSE

Mr. Uwe Lohse joined UN-HABITAT's Research and Development Division in January 1981. A German national, he holds a Master's Degree in Economics from the Universities of Kiel and Nuernberg.

Among his duties was to develop and implement activities in the field of housing finance including reviews of innovative approaches to financing housing, public private partnerships, social housing systems and their finance mechanisms. The main focus was on developing and strengthening of housing finance systems and institutions in developing countries, by collecting and analysing strategies on and proven knowledge of processes in establishing and running effective and sustainable housing finance systems, which improve access to appropriate forms of housing finance and credit.

Organising seminars and workshops, preparing publications of the reports of these he also contributed his own research results. He was responsible for a publication on financing the global shelter strategy in 1989.

Posted to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific for ten years, he has organised numerous seminars and expert group meetings in the field of housing finance and municipal finance. Prepared and delivered papers at seminars and international conferences on housing finance and municipal finance, which have been published in the reports on those conferences. He edited and prepared publications on innovative approaches to housing finance, guidelines on community-based housing finance and several reports on municipal finance published by the Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements - CITYNET.

Mr Lohse represented UN-Habitat at conferences and meetings in the Asia-Pacific Region, in particular at the meetings of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific from 1990 to 2000. He conducted research on municipal finance and management of revenue collection in Asian cities and assisted CITYNET in the development of its annual programmes of work from 1995 to 2000 as representative and advisor on behalf of the ESCAP/UNCHS Joint Section on Human Settlements.

He wrote the training material for a web-based training course on municipal finance for members of LOGOTRI, the network of Local Government Training and Research Institutions and was the principal tutor for the course participants during the course.

Back in Nairobi since 2000 Mr. Lohse continued work in the field of housing finance by organising seminars and conferences and supporting UN-HABITAT projects, such as the efforts at re-establishing a housing finance system in Tanzania or developing community-based housing finance approaches in slum-upgrading.

Prior to joining UN-HABITAT, Mr. Lohse was a Research Associate with the Statistics and Urban Development Department of the City of Hagen, responsible for preparing programmes on strengthening the economic development of the city in a period of transition from heavy industry to less polluting industries.

From 1976 to 1978, Mr. Lohse joined UN Office of Technical Cooperation, as Associate Expert in Statistics on projects in Malaysia and Zambia. Before and following his graduation he had worked as research associate with the Statistics Institute of the University in a cooperation with the Staedtebauinstitute Nuernberg, a research institute, which he later joined full time. There and with other consulting firms he worked in the field of urban development studies, in particular on urban renewal projects.