Rafael Tuts Biography

Raf Tuts is Director of the Global Solutions Division of UN-Habitat, based at its Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. He is overseeing the development of UN-Habitat's normative guidelines through global initiatives, covering various dimensions of sustainable urbanization. He is also Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Deputy Executive Director.

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He coordinated UN-Habitat's engagement in formulating the Sustainable Development Goals and led an agency-wide global effort to study city responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2016, he was awarded the title of Honorary Professor from his alma mater, the University of Leuven, Belgium.

