

Technical note by the Secretariat

Resolution on Accelerating Transformation of Informal Settlements and Slums by 2030

This technical note has been prepared by the UN-Habitat Secretariat to facilitate discussion of the Executive Board on the draft resolution on Accelerating Transformation of Informal Settlements and Slums by 2030, as requested by the Government of South Africa. The note may be adjusted and updated, as needed and relevant, based on additional information that may become available during consultations.

Overview of resolution

The main elements of the draft resolution on Accelerating Transformation of Informal Settlements and Slums by 2030 are:

- 1) To request **Member States to adopt the Global Action Plan – Accelerating for Transforming Informal Settlements and Slums by 2030** and implement the **identified principles and ten key actions**.
- 2) To generate **commitment to 10 actions as presented during the launch of the Global Action Plan**.

The resolution is **championed by the Government of South Africa**. The Global Action Plan was launched with **champion countries in Pretoria 16 and 17 October 2022, hosted and invited by the Government of South Africa**. The **Government of South Africa** further hosted an **Expert Group Meeting of SADC countries** to shape the follow-up from the International Meeting in October.

Requests for UN-Habitat

The suggested operative elements request UN-Habitat to:

1. Continue to place the transformation of slums and informal settlements at the centre of its Strategic Plan and programmes;
2. Coordinate an implementation framework and report on progress at the next UN-Habitat Assembly.

Relation to work programme

The Global Action Plan is designed to accelerate the implementation of the New Urban Agenda with its 53 entry-points and the 16 out of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in slums and informal settlements – leaving no one and no place behind.

It addresses the lack of data with increased reporting function and an improved positioning of UN-Habitat on Target 11.1 – proportion of the urban population living in slums, with 1 of 9 SDG targets regressing. It demonstrates the cross-linkages of SDG Goal 11, and that the realization of the SDGs can only be achieved when slums and informal settlements are integrated in sustainable development and urbanization.

It speaks to the core dimensions of the New Urban Agenda with social, economic, environmental and spatial sustainability translated into reduction of spatial inequality towards spatial justice, fostering social inclusion and integrated governance, reduction of poverty towards economic prosperity, and environmental sustainability and protection.

It was designed by a multiple partnership framework in the spirit of the New Urban Agenda with leading and appointed experts from Cities Alliance, World Bank, Slum Dwellers International, Huairou Commission, UNICEF, European Commission and UN-Habitat. It was called by UN-Habitat following the DubaiEXPO sponsored event on the Last Mile in 2021, and the World Urban Forum in 2022. It is aligned with all strategic priorities from the mentioned organizations including with the ones from UN-Habitat.

The Global Action Plan (GAP) is aligned with the Strategic Plan of UN-Habitat. It particularly speaks to SP 1 on the Reduction of Spatial Inequalities and Poverty in communities across the rural-urban continuum, and to SP 3 on Climate Action and Improved Urban Environment.

Link to past resolutions and added value

Resolution **24/7 from 19 April 2013 - Making slums history: a worldwide challenge**¹ is the main historical resolution on slums.

Programme budget implication

The implementation and continuous monitoring of the implementation of the resolution requires predictable funding for at least the next seven years, either through voluntary contributions or through core resources.

SP	Budget category	Grade/Desc.	Count	Location	Duration (years)	Resources per year	Existing resources	Net total for 7 years in USD
SP1, SP2, SP3, SP4	Staff cost							
	Knowledge, data, and tool development	P3	1	Nairobi	7	199,999	-	1,399,993
	Reporting, global policy dialogues and advocacy	P2	1	Nairobi	7	152,000	-	1,064,000
	Support to coordination, reporting	G-7	1	Nairobi	7	50,700	-	354,900
	Sub-total					452,400		3,166,800
SP1, SP2, SP3, SP4	Non-staff cost							
	Document production		3 (baseline report, intermediate and final report)		Over 7 years	28,571		200,000
	Implementation coordination for country implementation by multiple partners		Annual lump-sum to key partners engaged in the GAP Implementation Framework		7 years	200,000		1,400,000
	Other operating cost		Travel		7 years	15,000		105,000
		Sub-total					243,571	
	Total							4,871,800

¹ <https://unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2014/12/Decisions-and-resolution-GC-24th-session.pdf>