

IMPLEMENTING THE **NEW URBAN AGENDA**

Side Event Advertisement

Putting the Arab Urban Agenda into Action

Organized by League of Arab States

Wednesday, 10 May 2017 – Venue: Conference room 9

Time: 13:00 – 13:45

Background & Objective

With more than half of the Arab population living in urban settings, well-planned and managed urban growth is vital for the sustainable development of the Arab countries. In this respect, the twenty-two members of the League of Arab States have developed and approved the Arab Strategy for Housing and Sustainable Development 2030 - during the Arab Summit of 2016 - with the vision of ensuring integrated and sustainable human settlements that are resilient, competitive, and capable of providing better life standards in the Arab region. The Arab Strategy outlines the commitment of the region towards the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the consideration of its values and principles in the various contexts of the Arab countries in order to provide urban prosperity and opportunities for all. This event will present the proposed quinquennial implementation plan of the Arab Strategy, its scope, priority themes and the principles to be respected to ensure efficient and concrete actions with tangible impact for all, including the most vulnerable groups in the region. The event aims to provide an opportunity of discussion for other interested stakeholders to engage and take part in shaping the suggested Action plan and exchange on its future priorities.

Relevance to the GC26 theme

The side event is aligned with the main theme of the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council seeking “Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda”, and with its Sub-theme 3 “Integrated human settlements planning for sustainable urbanization”, in particular. It illustrates the prospects of putting the New Urban Agenda into action in the Arab region through the implementation plan of the Arab Strategy for Housing and Sustainable Urban Development 2030.

Speakers:

- **Amb. Abdelmoneim Mohammed Mabrouk**, League of Arab States Focal Point in Nairobi, Kenya.
- **Ms. Aisa Kirabo Kacyira**, Deputy Executive Director of UN-Habitat.
- **Mr. Dyfed Aubrey**, Director (a.i.), UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Arab States.

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