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AGENDA ITEM 5

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| Agenda Item 5 - Overview

This presentation provides an **overview of the progress of the implementation of resolutions and decision adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session.**

- Res.1/ HSP/HA.1/: United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020—2023
- Resolution 1/2 on the United Nations System-Wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements;
- Resolution 1/3 on enhancing capacity-building for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Resolution 1/4 on achieving gender equality through the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to support inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements;
- Resolution 1/5 on enhancing urban-rural linkages for sustainable urbanization and human settlements;
- Decision 1/3 on arrangements for the transition towards the new governance structure of UN-Habitat.

The progress report covers the period from November 2019 through May 2020.



| Agenda Item 5 – Supporting documents

The following three documents are related to this agenda item:

- **Item 5 HSP/EB.2020/13 -- Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session**
- **Item 5 HSP/EB.2020/13/Add.1 -- Draft capacity-building strategy for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda**
- **Item 5 HSP/EB.2020/13/Add.2 -- Concept note on the implementation of a review process for the United Nations system-wide guidelines on safer cities and human settlements**



PROGRESS REPORT

Res.1 / HSP/HA.1 /:

United Nations Human Settlements Programme
strategic plan for the period 2020–2023.



| Resolution 1/1: strategic plan for the period 2020–2023

In response to the resolution, UN-Habitat has prepared:

- **a results framework with concise performance indicators** and methods for the corresponding collection of data;
- **a typology of human settlement demands;**
- **an impact communication strategy;**
- **a partnerships strategy;** and
- **a resource mobilization strategy.**

In addition, to continue strengthening the implementation of results-based management in all the programmes, projects, policies and activities, a results-based management policy has been developed.



PROGRESS REPORT

Resolution 1/2:

UN System wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements.



| Resolution 1/2: Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements

Secretariat actions requested by Member States



A **concept note** on the implementation of a review process for the Guidelines;



Development of an **inter-agency framework**;



The allocation of **voluntary financial resources**, for the effective implementation of the Safer Cities Programme and partnerships;



| Resolution 1/2: Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements

- **Expert group meeting** in Guadalajara, Mexico from 5-7 December 2019, with UNESCO, UN-Women, UNODC and UNICEF.
- **Review of safer cities policies in Guadalajara and Durban.**
Exchange of best practices from Toronto, University of Ottawa and Canadian Municipal Network
- **‘Neighbourhood safety handbook’** as first operational manual for the implementation of the guidelines, presented at WUF 10 in Abu Dhabi
- The Global Network on Safer Cities partners presented **a review of various tools** at WUF 10 that will contribute to an updated safer cities toolkit, including an urban safety monitor.
- **Draft concept note on the review process** of the Safer Cities Guidelines was discussed at the Ad-Hoc working group on Programmatic, Budgetary and Administrative matters will meet on Wednesday 4 March 2020



| Resolution 1/2: Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements

- **Joint projects developed** with UNODC on urban safety governance, with UNICEF on safe and child-friendly cities, and with the United Nations trust fund for human security on “Human security: a multi-dimensional approach to urban safety”.
- **Joint programming framework** document is being finalized with **UNODC** a view to scale up the uptake of safer cities tools at the country level. Joint safer cities resource mobilisation roundtable planned in Vienna for October 2020
- **Virtual Partners Consultative Meetings** of the Global Network on Safer Cities with the global associations of local authorities have been convened to support the strengthening of safer cities strategies while responding to the COVID 19 pandemic.
- These meetings are mobilizing useful resources and partnerships for the proposed country peer review process in the implementation of the Guidelines. **Need to secure core financial resources** from member states to anchor the implementation process in the period 2020-23.





PROGRESS REPORT

Resolution 1 / 3:

Enhancing capacity-building for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



| Resolution 1/3: Enhancing Capacity Development

Secretariat actions requested by Member States



Draft a Strategy for Capacity Development to be presented to the Executive Board for deliberation;



Develop, in accordance with the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 and within the scope of available resources, **a strengthened and integrated capacity-building approach**;



Support Member States in their efforts to mobilize human and financial resources to develop and implement capacity-building programmes.

| Resolution 1/3: Enhancing Capacity Development

- The draft capacity-building strategy has two pillars:
 - 1) **organizational set-up** for efficient and coordinated delivery
 - 2) **broad-based partnerships**.
- Following the completion of an online **in-house survey**, the secretariat undertook **internal meetings** with all relevant branches and units of UN-Habitat to discuss their contribution to the draft capacity-building strategy.
- UN-Habitat contacted various **capacity-building partners** and received detailed comments on the draft capacity-building strategy.
- **The Draft Capacity Building strategy** was finalized and presented to the Ad-Hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters of the Executive Board on the 4th of March 2020.



| Resolution 1/3: Enhancing Capacity Development

- The key components of the Resolution are now being considered in line with the organizational **restructuring** of UN-Habitat and adaptation to **the Covid-19** crisis context.
- **Draft Action Plan** for implementation of the Strategy will be submitted together with the Strategy at the next session of the Executive Board.
- Aligning with the changes related to the COVID global crisis, **prioritizing digital capacity building**, focusing on UN-Habitat digital platforms and exploring best and most efficient approaches for the strengthened development of e-learning within UN-Habitat and with key partners, including universities.





PROGRESS REPORT

Resolution 1/4:

Achieving gender equality through the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to support inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements.



| Resolution 1/4: gender equality

Scope of the Resolution:



I. Two-fold gender strategy:

- a. Mainstreaming gender equality and women's empowerment into UN-Habitat's normative and operational work;
- b. Setting policies and programmes towards achieving gender equality and women's empowerment.



II. Partnerships;

III. Engagement with Advisory Group on Gender Issues (AGGI);



IV. Revised Gender Policy and Plan (2020 – 2023).

| Resolution 1/4: gender equality

- **Project reviews** were undertaken through Project Advisory Group meetings and Programme Review Committee process to ensure that gender and other cross-cutting issues are well addressed. 34 projects and 10 concept notes were reviewed between November 2019 and May 2020, with notable improvements in inclusion.
- Consultations are ongoing with various branches of UN-Habitat to ensure that gender considerations are prioritized **in programme-wide planning** and in UN-Habitat **publications** in accordance with the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.
- From 25 November to 10 December, UN-Habitat staff engaged in screening of relevant films, a self-defence class relevant to the theme of the **16 days of activism** in 2019, namely “Orange the world: generation equality stands against rape”.



| Resolution 1/4: gender equality

- At WUF10 in 2020, **two major events** focused on gender equality and women's empowerment were held in collaboration with new partners. Members of the Advisory Group on Gender Issues (AGGI) participated in these events and monitored progress of gender mainstreaming within UN-Habitat.
- In May 2020 a series of virtual **Expert Group Meetings** was developed on Inclusive cities with a focus on Human Rights, people with disabilities and gender equality and women's empowerment to define the gaps and solutions that will guide future programming.
- Review and update of the **Gender Policy and Plan (GPP)** together with the Gender Equality Action Plan is ongoing to align with SP 2020-2023.
- An **evaluation** of gender equality and women's empowerment in UN-Habitat has been commissioned.
- The ED, who is **an International Gender Champion** Board member, launched the Nairobi Hub in June 2020 having recruited 20 members stated representatives delegate and heads of international agencies as members.





PROGRESS REPORT

Resolution 1 / 5:

Enhancing urban-rural linkages for sustainable urbanization and human settlements.



| Resolution 1/5: urban-rural linkages

Scope of the Resolution:



The resolution requests the **Executive Director** [...] to **develop mechanisms** [...] for enhancing urban-rural linkages and calls upon the Executive Board of UN-Habitat to consider possible implementation options.



The resolution [...] **encourages Member States to take into account urban-rural linkages** in [...] development planning policies and processes [...].



The resolution requests [...] **to raise awareness** [...] regarding the impact of urban-rural linkages on sustainable urbanization, territorial cohesion and national development.



The resolution requests [...] **to disseminate and share good practices and policies** relating to the impact of urban-rural linkages [...].



Finally, the resolution requests [...] **to assist Member States, upon request, in developing policies and programmes to address migration from rural to urban areas.**



| Resolution 1/5: urban-rural linkages

- The following **tools** have been developed and are in use: training manual, challenge identification assessment, capacity assessment, participation assessment and the policy review assessment.
- **Thematic guides** are being developed to address the nexus of urban-rural linkages and biodiversity, food systems and nutrition, health and migration. These guides are aimed at improving decision-making and policy formulation for the simultaneous development of urban and rural areas.
- A guide for **mainstreaming urban-rural linkages in National Urban Policies** is completed and being piloted in **nine African countries**.
- UN-Habitat documented inspiring **case studies** available in online repositories as well as published compendiums.



| Resolution 1/5: urban-rural linkages

- Considering covid-19, a **weekly webinar series** on URL in times of covid-19 was initiated in April 2020 attracting over 2,500 participants in 5 sessions
- **An issue brief** on ‘Urban-Rural Linkages: Guiding Principles relevant actions for COvid-19 response and recovery measures have been released
- Further, UN-Habitat launched the second **URL newsletter** which outlines the URL outcomes from the WUF10 and a special feature on Covid-19.
- **Outcome reports** from the WUF10 and First International Forum on Urban Rural Linkages (IFURL) including “Songyang Consensus” completed
- **A training on URL data collection in Niger state** to support evidence based URL policy recommendations was conducted.



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URL WEBINAR SERIES

Urban-Rural Linkages in the Time of COVID-19

Intermediate Cities and Small Towns

Thursday, May 21, 2020 | 16:00 EAT (UTC+03:00)



Concept and Agenda

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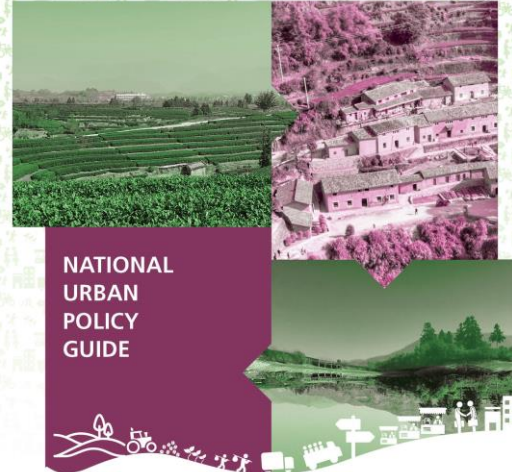
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MAINSTREAMING URBAN-RURAL LINKAGES in NATIONAL URBAN POLICIES

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PROGRESS REPORT

Decision 1 / 3:

Arrangements for the transition towards the new governance structure of UN-Habitat – Stakeholder engagement policy



| Decision 1/3: Transition arrangements towards the new governance

Decision 1/3 Operative Paragraph 5.

Further decides, on an exceptional basis, to entrust the Executive Board with continuing discussions on, and completing as soon as possible, the development of a UN-Habitat stakeholder engagement policy, as requested by the Governing Council in its resolution 26/7, with a view to its provisional implementation on the basis of consensus, and to submit the draft policy for consideration and possible approval by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its second session.



| Decision 1/3: Transition arrangements towards the new governance

Stakeholder Engagement Policy: Update since November 2019

- At the resumed first session of the Executive Board, held on 19 and 20 November 2019, the Board decided, in its decision 2019/3, to **establish an ad hoc working group on the development of a draft stakeholder engagement policy.**
- A meeting to launch the work of all the ad hoc working groups was established by the Executive Board at its resumed first session. Meeting held on 16 December 2019, at which **it was agreed that Costa Rica would chair the ad hoc working group on the development of a draft stakeholder engagement policy.**
- The Bureau of the Executive Board further recommended that the first meeting of the ad hoc working group be held on 26 February 2020.



| Decision 1/3: Transition arrangements towards the new governance

Stakeholder Engagement Policy: Update since November 2019

- The ad hoc Working Group, co-chaired by Costa Rica first met on 11 March 2020 and decided **to continue to review the policy** as a full working group rather than establish separate sub-groups or an advisory sub-group.
- Following COVID 19, the Ad-hoc Group suspended discussion on the stakeholder engagement policy until such a time when, they will be able to meet face to face as further deliberation were required on accreditation.
- Discussion of the draft policy remains **suspended**.
- Should Member States fail to reach consensus on UN-Habitat's stakeholder engagement policy, the existing position remains to use the Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 – Consultative relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations.



| Decision 1/3: Transition arrangements towards the new governance

Stakeholder Engagement Policy:

Issues for discussion upon resumption of the ad hoc Working Group.

1. Course of action should one Member State object to an application of a non-governmental organization.
 - What body or individual would take the final decision in such an instance.
 - Options include establishing an ad hoc committee as and when such objection arises
2. At what stage should an organization be informed of approval of its accreditation ?
 - When the Secretariat establishes that the organization meets accreditation criteria (as UNEP)
 - When Member States have reviewed the recommended list of organizations to be accredited on no-objection basis



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