UN-Habitat Global Presence 2021

Type of office
- Administrative Office
- Country Office
- Global Programme Office
- Information/Liaison Office
- Project Office
- Regional Office
Regional Architecture Strategy

A Strategic Direction and guiding principles for realigning and strengthening UN-Habitat’s global presence to maximize impact

“A Regional Architecture Strategy aligned with the UN Development System and wider reforms, that supports implementation of UN-Habitat’s Strategic Plan, and is tailored to meet demand at the country level to focus UN-Habitat’s presence where it is most needed.”
Typologies of presence

Liaison Office

- **Head of Office**: determined by scope & range of responsibilities & functions of the office
- **Constitutive instrument**: HCA or other appropriate agreement(s)

- Support the agency’s information and advocacy work, including participation in fundraising campaigns
- Liaison Offices require predictable funding sufficient to support the mandate of the specific office, ideally from varied sources, including core non-earmarked funding

Regional Office

- **Head of Office**: Regional Representative (D1)
- **Constitutive instrument**: Host Country Agreement (HCA)

- Promote the agency’s mandate in regional platforms; ensures coordination at the regional level and resource mobilization
- Regional Offices require consistent funding sufficient to support their multi-faceted mandate, ideally from varied sources, under multi-year renewable commitment(s).
Typologies of presence

Country Office

- **Head of Office**: P-5/P-4
- **Constitutive instrument**: HCA

- Oversees the implementation of a designated country programme, working directly with the government’s central organs and sectoral ministries
- Country Offices require financial and human resources necessary to manage and implement multiple projects/programmes simultaneously.

Subregional Office

- **Head of Office**: P-5
- **Constitutive instrument**: HCA; separate agreements covering multiple countries

- Oversees and provides support for programmatic activities in the host country, as well as within a defined group of neighbouring/related countries with significant needs
- Subregional Offices require financial and human resources necessary to manage and implement multiple projects/programmes simultaneously in multiple countries, with funding ideally diversified between one or more MS and other sources.