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A better quality of life for all in an urbanizing world

UN Habitat's Regional Presence in Latin America and the Caribbean



UN-Habitat Global Presence 2021



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.



Regional 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.





Project Office

- Head of Office: Professional Staff Member or National Officer
- Constitutive instrument: Cooperation Agreement
- Project offices enable the agency to maintain a physical presence in a country with which the programme does not have an HCA.
- Funding derives from the project budget for a specific duration as per an agreement of cooperation. Project offices are administratively linked to a Country Office or Subregional Office.

