AGENDA ITEM 5
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN-HABITAT COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN
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Dialogue on UN-Habitat research on Cities and Pandemics:
Towards a more just, green and healthy future and as a current issue for sustainable urbanization
Part 1

Strengthening synergies between the Strategic Plan implementation and the pandemic recovery in urban areas 2021-2023
UN-Habitat research topics on cities and pandemics

01 Rethinking the FORM and FUNCTION of the city.

02 Addressing Systemic POVERTY & INEQUALITY in Cities.

03 Rebuilding a ‘New Normal’ URBAN ECONOMY.

04 Clarifying Urban LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE.
01 Rethinking the **FORM** and **FUNCTION** of the city.

**RECOMMENDATION:**
Transform urban weak spots, both systemic and area based to improve resilience to future shocks.

City example  
Bogotá (Colombia)
RECOMMENDATION:
Promote redistributive measures towards a rights-based allocation of urban space and resources — land, housing, water, energy, public spaces and digital infrastructure.

City example
São Paulo (Brazil)
City example
Barcelona (Spain)

RECOMMENDATION:
International community needs to review the crucial role of local financing and pursue inclusive multilateralism.

03
Rebuilding a ‘New Normal’
URBAN ECONOMY.
RECOMMENDATION:

Territorial or spatial governance approaches to neighbourhoods, cities and regions, that are articulated into integrated responses give better possibilities to address the health risks.

City example: Melbourne (Australia)
Conclusion for the MTR

The Strategic Plan remains relevant and fit for purpose for the ambitions of global Agendas and the vision of the Agency 2021-2023.

But a valid point to review the Work Programme:
- Agency’s assets and capacities
- external demands and challenges
Adopt four long-term integrated objectives:

Prosperous, inclusive, green and just growth

by recalibrating the Work Programme through three lenses
Part 2
Priority areas of work of the Strategic Plan for 2021-2023
1. Respond to new vulnerabilities and risks

Proposed Strategic Plan shift
Normative guidance and technical assistance in three areas to reduce vulnerabilities: housing, place and location / mobility / type of work
Proposed Strategic Plan shift
Plan for sustainable ecological neighbourhoods and support multilevel governance and territorial/regional responses

2. Re-organize the form and function of the city for resilient environment
3. Create conditions for long-term socio-economic, and green resilient recovery

Proposed Strategic Plan shift
Intensify advisory services on *urban economic resilience*, socio-economic strategies with *spatial* and *green* interventions
For an effective delivery of the Strategic Plan’s results on the ground, invest in programmes and partnerships on housing, resilience and on localising the SDGs.
THANK YOU

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