Agenda item 2
Presentation of UN-Habitat’s current stakeholder engagement practice

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Objectives

a) provide the context of stakeholder engagement at UN-Habitat (why);

b) What stakeholder engagement means to the mandate of UN-Habitat (what);

c) how we have been working with stakeholders (how); and when have we been engaging them (when)
Why

01
Nature of our mandate, which requires us to work with all levels of government as human settlement issues are cross-cutting

02
Need for evidence-based approach to develop norms and guidance;

03
UN-Habitat helps member states translate that into policies and practice

04
Need to work with experts in the built environment field, including advocates in academia and consult with grassroots, women and youth
What

UN-Habitat Assembly

4,000 participants
75 at Business Assembly
213 at Global stakeholders’ forum

2019 Executive Board

Second session of the 2019
12 organizations
0 statements

2020 Executive Board

First session
31 organizations
3 statements
Second session
32 organizations
4 statements

2021 Executive Board

First session
55 organizations
6 statements
Second session
35 organizations
7 statements
Committee of Permanent Representatives
45 organizations
6 statements
Engagement in inter-sessional period

1. Technical support
   Stakeholders form key thematic networks and advisory groups that support the agency

2. Programme implementation
   - Over 200 partners contribute to programme implementation annually
   - Inputs to knowledge products e.g., World’s Cities Report
   - Inputs to programme design: e.g., World Blind Union on social inclusion

3. Monitor SDG & NUA
   - Stakeholder support monitoring and reporting on SDGs and the NUA

4. Resource Mobilization
   - Innovative financing: impact crowdfunding and SDG Cities flagship programme
   - Foundations and Philanthropy Platform established in October 2020

5. Advocacy including WUF, WUC,
   - Over 13,000 partners from 168 countries attended WUF10
   - Over 6,000 partners at Urban Thinkers Campuses
   - Over 1,000 Urban October advocacy events by partners in 2020 and 2021
HOW

Engagement platforms

SAGE, Stakeholder advisory council to the Executive Director

1. 16 members
2. Drawn from diverse constituent groups

1. World Habitat Day
2. World Cities Day
3. World Urban Forum
4. World Urban Campaign – Annual activities

UN-Habitat multi stakeholder issue-based, multilevel and cross sectoral networks

19 Internal networks - e.g. Global land tool network, GWOPA, Safer cities Network, etc.
6 Advisory boards
3 UN system related
5 Global and regional urban forums
7 External networks
When

Corporate calendar

First Executive Board session – 29 to 31 March 2022

High level meeting on NUA, 28 April 2022

Urban October, World Habitat Day World Cities Day, October 2022

NUA Global Partner consultations, 4 to 5 April 2022

World Urban Forum, Katowice Poland

Second Executive Board session, November 2022
**Stakeholder engagement in HLM**

**01**  Contribution to Quadrennial Report preparation

**02**  Serve as members of PGA stakeholder advisory Committee

**03**  Participate and organize side events

**04**  Global stakeholders’ consultation, 4-5 April 2022

**05**  World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments, and the Business Assembly.
Summarize

Crucial role of stakeholders:

1. Bring life to UN-Habitat mandate

2. Support member states in data collection

3. Highlight special requirements of constituencies (professionals, business, human rights, women, girls, youth, parliamentarians)

4. Advocacy

5. Key to efforts to scale up and translate policy into practice
Agenda item 3
Presentation of UN-Habitat's partnership strategy

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Objectives

a) Explain what the Partnership Strategy is about (what)

b) Why we need to implement through partnerships (why)

c) How it is being implemented (How)

d) when it is most effective.
UN-Habitat Partnerships strategy

#Plan of Action

Helps programmes to achieve objectives of the Strategic Plan

The action plan aligns roles of partners to domains of change
Guidelines for Partnerships

**Guidelines include**

1. Stakeholder handbook
2. SOPs for implementing partners
3. Private sector strategy
4. Resource mobilization strategy

**Legal agreements include**

1. MOUs
2. Agreements of Cooperation
3. Letters of intent
EXAMPLES OF CURRENT PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

1. Global Land Tool Network
2. Global Water Operators Association, GWOPA
3. Participatory Slum Upgrading
4. The Global Urban Monitoring Framework
5. Global Safer Cities Network
6. The People’s Process
7. UN Interagency coordination
8. World Urban Forum
9. World Urban Campaign
Examples of when partnerships are most useful

- The World Economic Forum promote relations with business community and donors

- Covid-19 response plan
  - Youth and
  - Grassroot organizations

- Advocacy and awareness

- COP26
  - Support from local governments groups:
    - UCLG, C40, ICLEI

Opportunities: HLM, CHOGM, WUF11, Urban October

Key roles for stakeholder: advocacy, research, technical cooperation etc.