Habitat International Coalition

Proposal for a UN Habitat Stakeholder-engagement Mechanism

Submitted to

UN Habitat Executive Board Ad Hoc Working Groups on Stakeholder-engagement Policy
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The intention of the policy is to improve policy inputs, outputs and outcomes, as well as to ensure greater buy-in/up-take and legitimacy of UN-Habitat policies implemented throughout the agency; i.e., at headquarters and through country offices. Means toward these ends include stakeholder engagement and participation in UN-Habitat intergovernmental processes,
Objectives

- Policy-relevant specificity
- Self-organizing
- Stakeholder diversity/plurality – 3 sub-mechanisms
- Learn from past and present
- Adhere to Rules of Procedure
- New remit, not duplicating/supplanting other or former fixtures
Composition

• Civil society and non-governmental organizations, social movements,
• Representatives of local and regional authorities and local and regional governments
• Representatives of private sector associations
Civil Society (plural interest)

- Research and academia
- Civil society organizations
- Nongovernmental organizations
- Grassroots groups/organizations
- Women
- Children and youth

- Professionals (nongovernmental planners, surveyors, public-interest legal practitioners, etc.)
- Cooperatives
- Indigenous People
- Media
- Persons with disability
- Older Persons
- Sexual minorities
Local and regional governments and authorities (local public interest)

- Local and sub-national authorities (among them, rural, intermediate cities, megalopolis cities)
- Public service providers (representing technocratic specializations)
- Women in local government
- Parliamentarians
Private Sector (private interest)

• Business and industry
• Women entrepreneurs
• Foundations and philanthropy
• Private utilities (private sector and privatized water, sanitation, transport, energy or other service providers)
• Professionals (private-sector planners, surveyors, legal practitioners, etc.)
Habitat Stakeholder Advisory Board

- Inclusivity
- Transparency
- Democratic processes
- Exclusive EB-support focus
- Gender balance
- Regional balance
- Working groups
- Efficient resource management
Functions and activities

• Channeling broad and regular exchange of information, analysis and experience;
• Developing common positions as appropriate;
• Communicating to the EB and its respective commissions and working groups, as appropriate;
• Convening a HSAB constituency forum as a preparatory event before EB sessions;
• Monitoring and evaluation.
Secretariat

• One or three?
• Budget?
• Links to UN-Habitat?
• Neutral/no advocacy role
Expectations of UN Habitat

- Office space?
- Meeting space
- Access to UN Habitat
- Funding assistance
- Information and documentation
Global Stakeholder Forum

- All stakeholders
- In advance of each EB meeting
- Interim meetings and exchanges
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