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Agenda item 3:

Strategic Plan of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme

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A) Implementation of the Strategic Plan for the period 2020-2023



The Strategic Plan has proven to be a **robust framework for recovery and roadmap to accelerate** the implementation of the New Urban Agenda for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The new **organizational structure** strengthened integrated programming and increased synergies.



Increased focus after internal review 2022 and Common Agenda: Three policy priority areas and two drivers for sustainable urban development have emerged from multilateral processes over the Strategic Plan period.

New Policy Priority Areas

1

Adequate Housing

The right to adequate housing can support the reduction of poverty, exclusion, and inequality, and strengthen inclusive, planned, and sustainable urbanization.

2

Climate Action

Urban and local climate and biodiversity action with an emphasis on vulnerable groups, multi-level governance and urban planning

3

Urban Crises Recovery

Recognizing cities, local governments, and urban stakeholders as key protagonists to overcome crises and sustain peace can induce transformative shifts in recovery and more sustainable development.

Drivers

Localization

SDG localization through multi-level, participatory and inclusive decision-making processes

Finance

strengthening local government capacity to generate revenues from endogenous resources, integrating urban planning in national economic development, and facilitating private investment

Progress made during the Strategic Plan period 2020-2023

Cumulative results under 4 Domains of Change



Increased and equal access to basic **services**, sustainable **mobility and public space**

Increased and secure access to land and adequate and affordable **housing**

Effective settlements growth and **regeneration**



Improved spatial **connectivity** and **productivity**

Increased and equitably distributed **locally generated revenues**

Expanded deployment of frontier **technologies** and **innovations**



Reduced greenhouse gas **emissions** and improved **air quality**

Improved **resource efficiency** and protection of **ecological assets**

Effective adaptation of **communities** and **infrastructure** to climate change



Enhanced **social integration** and inclusive communities

Improved **living standards** and inclusion of migrants, refugees and internally **displaced persons**

Enhanced **resilience** of the built environment and infrastructure



Reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban-rural continuum

Result Framework Indicator: Total population with access to basic services in partner cities

Baseline 2019	Cumulative figure 2020-2022
3.25 million	3,430,494 million

Other highlighted impact results:

3.4 m
beneficiaries

In 45 countries gained **access to basic services**

300,052
households

in 6 countries has **secure tenure rights to land**

50
cities

are now implementing urban and territorial renewal and regeneration initiatives that preserve and protect both natural heritage and tangible and intangible cultural heritage

2.32m
people

[update] have improved access to access to **137 safe, inclusive and accessible public spaces.**

30
countries

have implemented frameworks that **prevented forced evictions.**



Enhanced shared prosperity of cities and regions

Result Framework Indicator: Number of partner national and local authorities that have adopted policies and strategies to make use of frontier technologies and urban innovations to improve social inclusion, urban environment, resilience and quality of life

Baseline 2019	Cumulative figure 2020-2022
13	30

Additional highlighted impact results:

are supported in the feasibility, diagnosis, formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the **National Urban Policy**

56
countries

29

local and regional governments have developed their **voluntary local reviews (VLRs)**

61
cities

are at different stages of implementation and are already interacting with the Urban Monitoring Framework



Strengthened climate action and improved urban environment

Result Framework Indicator: Number of partner national and subnational authorities that have developed and are implementing clean air action plans

Baseline 2019	Cumulative figure 2020-2022
4	16

Additional highlighted impact results:

170
cities

In **46 countries** had become members of **African Clean Cities Platform**

US\$90
m

Growth in the **Adaptation Fund** portfolio which supports **adaptation of infrastructure** to changes in climate in south-eastern Africa, Cambodia, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Pakistan and Viet Nam.

19
Resilience
frameworks

have been developed with UN Habitat in Sub-Saharan Africa

68
cities

improved **municipal solid waste management** through the UN-Habitat Waste Wise Cities programme

47
Member
States

committed to multilevel and cross-sectoral climate action under the COP27 Presidency Sustainable Urban Resilience for the Next Generation (SURGe) Initiative



Effective urban crises prevention and response

Result Framework Indicator: Number of host communities where migrants, refugees, IDPs and returnees communities are actively engaged in cultural, social and economic activities in partner cities

Baseline 2019	Cumulative figure 2020-2022
42	89

Additional highlighted impact results:



Assisted **Urban Recovery** interventions in conflict areas in the Middle East which have a **high concentration of refugees** in urban areas and massive displacement.

640,000
beneficiaries

Have better living conditions through the implementation of **50 neighbourhood action plans**.

357
Cities

Are using **participatory methods** for data increase quality and ownership of local plans, foster sustainable urban development

31
cities

improving access to adequate and affordable housing to migrants



44 cities and communities implemented the City Resilience Global Programme and are now better prepared to confront challenges, shocks and stresses

Main take aways



Outcome oriented nature of the Strategic Plan has strengthened our programming and allowed for more integrates solutions, delivering results across the Strategic Plan

The alignment with the **UN system-wide Strategy on Sustainable Urban Development** has created much stronger strategic partnerships with other UN entities



The Strategic Plan allowed for a **much better positioning of UN-Habitat within the broader landscape of actors**, based on a **better understanding of our added value**

Thank you!

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stronger evidence-base



lessons learnt and recommendations



consultations and alignments with other urban stakeholders (UN, local government networks, etc.)



monitoring and reporting on project delivery and impact

Process for Preparation of the Strategic Plan 2026 – 2029 **needs update**

UNHA 2023:
Approval of SP extension 2024-2025 /Request EB to start preparation of SP 2026-2029



Evaluation of SP 2020-2023 (OIOS)



Strategic Planning Team



Consultations with Regional Offices / UNH Staff



Consultations with UN entities and partners



Consultations with governing bodies

Executive Board sessions in 2024

United Nations Habitat Assembly June 2025

Thank you!

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