

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

Drivers

Adequate Housing

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

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Climate Action

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

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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.

Localization

SDG localization through multi-level, participatory and inclusive decisionmaking 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

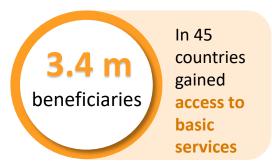


Reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban-rural continuum

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:



300,052 households

in 6 countries
has secure
tenure rights to
land



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



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



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

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



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

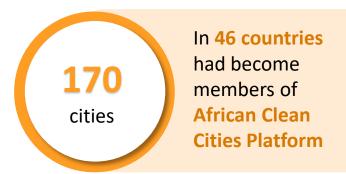


Strengthened climate action and improved urban environment

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:



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



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.



have been developed with UN Habitat in Sub-Saharan Africa



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.

357Cities

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

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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 upodate

UNHA 2023: Approval of SP extension 2024-**Draft Process and Discussions** Approval **Starting Date** 2025 /Request EB to start preparation of SP 2026-2029 **United Nations Habitat** Evaluation of **Executive Board** Assembly SP 2020-2023 sessions in 2024 June 2025 (010S)**Strategic Planning** Team **Consultations with Consultations with Regional Offices / UNH** governing bodies Staff

Consultations with UN entities and partners

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