Side Event 2

Global Action Plan for Accelerating the Transformation of Slums and Informal Settlements to 2030

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SUMMARY

The Global Action Plan on informal settlement and slum transformation is geared towards accelerating the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, leaving no one and place behind.

It calls for particular attention to the most vulnerable in our cities: people living in slum conditions lacking access to basic human rights such as secure tenure, water, sanitation, and a decent and safe house. It is a multiple partnership initiative driven by the belief that only joint efforts can meet the scale needed to change the lives of more than 1 billion people living in slums today. It is a call to create systematic change integrating informal settlements and slums.

On 16 and 17 October 2022, South Africa hosted the International Meeting to frame the Global Action Plan and prepare a set of Agreed Global Actions to accelerate transformation of slums and informal settlements. It built on the work of the Slums and Informal Settlements Network (SISNet) and the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme of UN-Habitat since the Habitat III Conference, and as a follow-up to the 2016 Pretoria Declaration on Informal Settlements.

The side event brings together various regional and country perspectives by Ministers and a joint vision shared by national and local governments, technical, financial, and civil society organizations for the implementation of the Global Action Plan and its ten Global Actions. It highlights what is needed next to set the foundation for the years to come and introduce a transformative global shift on how slums and informal settlements can be integrated in our cities and towns. It presents a vision of a more just, equal, inclusive, and economically and environmentally sound world by harvesting the power of sustainable urbanization.

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Moderator
Honorable Mmamoloko Kubayi, Minister of Human Settlements, Government of the Republic of South Africa

Speaker(s)
Opening Remarks by Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN-Habitat

- Honorable Catalina Velasco, Minister, Ministry of Housing, City and Territory, Government of Columbia
- Honorable Ms. Sita Gurung, Minister, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of Nepal
- Honorable Mr. Gérard Andriamanohisoa, Secretary of State for New Towns and Housing (SENVH), Office of the President of the Republic of Madagascar.
- Honorable Dr. Assem El-Gazzar, Minister, Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities, the Arab Republic of Egypt.
- Representative, European Union in Kenya
- Mr. Greg Munro, Director, Cities Alliance
- Mr. Joseph Muturi, Chair of the Slum Dwellers International

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