

UNITED NATIONS HABITAT ASSEMBLY

PROGRAM OF FIELD VISIT

Saturday 3rd June 2023

1. Tree Planting at Nairobi River (10 to 11 AM)

The Nairobi River Commission (NRC) is a statutory body established by the Kenyan government in February 2023 mandated to coordinate and oversee the restoration and rehabilitation of the Nairobi River basin. The commission's main objectives are to: Restore the Nairobi River to its former glory as a clean and healthy watercourse, Improve the quality of life for the people who live along the river and to Promote sustainable development in the Nairobi River basin. Some initiatives underway to achieve its objectives include Cleaning up the river and its tributaries Replanting trees along the riverbank for regeneration of the ecosystem, raising awareness about the importance of river conservation and working with local communities to develop sustainable livelihoods. UN-Habitat has provided technical assistance and support to the NRC in several areas, including developing a river management plan; Conducting environmental impact assessments; Raising awareness about river conservation; Working with local communities to develop sustainable livelihoods.

2. Pangani Affordable Housing Project (11:30 to 12:30)

The Pangani Affordable Housing Project is an initiative by the Nairobi City County/Nairobi Metropolitan Services and Urban Housing and Renewal. It is the among the pioneer projects under the Affordable Housing Programme under the Big 4 Agenda. Located 5km from the CBD and easily accessible from Gigiri. Also security and access is well controlled. Construction is currently ongoing for 1,562 residential units coupled with various commercial amenities. 952 units are within the AHP (\$10,000 – 30,000) and 610 units are commercial (Over \$40,000). This is a PPP of County & National governments and private developer on delivery of social and affordable housing on the same site. Government established the Integrated Project Delivery Unit (IPDU) which oversaw the preparation of the Expression of Interest documentation, the tendering process and tender evaluation with input from UN-Habitat.

3. Uhuru Park and Central Park (1 to 2 PM)

Nairobi County City Government is offering a tour of the newly renovated Uhuru Park based on various reports of quality urban spaces in Nairobi. Public Space programme of UN-Habitat that produced a report on quality of public open spaces in Nairobi provided a starting point to develop an evidence-based strategy for revitalization, creation, and restoration of the image of the “City in the Sun”.

4. Nairobi National Park- Afternoon (payment required)

Dubbed “The World’s only Wildlife Capital” The Nairobi National Park is just a short drive out of Nairobi’s central business district. Wide open grass plains and backdrop of the city scrapers, scattered acacia bush play host to a wide variety of wildlife including the endangered black rhino, lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas, buffaloes, giraffes, and diverse birdlife with over 400 species recorded. Visitors can enjoy the park’s picnic sites, three campsites and the walking trails for hikers. (Source KWS)

Departure point : UN Compound

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