

THIRD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2023

NIGERIA'S STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE CALL FOR
STATEMENTS IN HONOUR OF OUT-GOING EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, MADE BY THE CHAIR OF THE EXECUTIVE
BOARD

Presented by:

MR OMOTAYO ADEOYA

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, UN-HABITAT FOCAL POINT

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF

WORKS AND HOUSING OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
NIGERIA.

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by Malaysia on behalf of G77 and China and the statement to be delivered by South Sudan on behalf of the Africa Group.

On behalf of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, it is with immense gratitude and admiration that we extend our deepest appreciation to you, Maimunah Moh'd Sharif, for your extraordinary leadership and transformative impact during your tenure as the Executive Director of UN-Habitat over the past six years.

Madam Executive, your visionary approach, unwavering commitment, and exceptional management skills have been instrumental in revitalizing and elevating the UN-Habitat programme in the most trying of times. Under your stewardship, we have witnessed a remarkable transformation, a complete reversal of deficits, enhanced support for the programme, and a substantial boost in morale among the dedicated individuals contributing to this critical initiative.

We note that your special and unique touch has been the catalyst for this positive change. Your ability to inspire and motivate has not only boosted the morale within the UN-Habitat community but has also had a ripple effect, creating a renewed sense of purpose and dedication to the program's noble objectives.

We commend you for your outstanding achievements in fostering an environment of collaboration, innovation, and efficiency within UN-Habitat. Your strategic vision has not only ensured the sustainability of the program but has also set new

benchmarks for excellence in the field of urban development and human settlements.

As you embark on new horizons, we express our sincere gratitude for your dedicated service and wish you the very best in all your future endeavours. Your legacy at UN-Habitat will undoubtedly endure, and your impact will continue to be felt across borders, benefiting countless communities around the world.

Once again, thank you, dear Executive Director, and our In-law, for your exceptional leadership and for making an indelible mark on UN-Habitat. May your future path be filled with continued success and fulfillment.

I thank you.