

High Level Dialogue on Adequate Housing

Thank you, Chairman,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates, all protocols observed

The reconstruction after Cyclones Idai and Kenneth is underway, and we have learned several lessons that can be replicated, for example:

- Investing in housing infrastructure and construction, can create jobs in the construction sector and stimulate related industries
- Adequate housing is essential for recovery from natural disasters and other crises. Policies that prioritize the provision of safe and affordable housing for affected communities can help them rebuild their lives and communities
- Empowering local communities to participate in the planning and development of housing projects can ensure that solutions are tailored to their specific needs and preferences.
- Policies should address climate change impacts and promote community resilience through disaster preparedness and recovery efforts.

Furthermore, the implementation of durable solutions for internally displaced people through the construction of housing that prioritizes the use of locally available construction materials, resilient construction techniques and procedures has contributed to mitigating the effects of climate change and building more resilient communities.

The implementation of post-cyclone Idai and Kenneth reconstruction and durable solutions is taking place through partnerships involving various actors, such as government, development partners and communities shows the need for scaling up.

We are committed to implementing the UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2025-2029 in collaboration with UN-Habitat.

Thank you.