

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL HOUSING AND SOCIAL AMENITIES



**COMMENTS ON AGENDA 5 BY THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL
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INTERVENTION BY THE HONORABLE MINISTER ON AGENDA ITEM 5: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 2026-2029.

- a) Update on the structure and the division of responsibilities**
- b) Update on the monitoring framework for the strategic plan**
- c) Resource mobilization.**

Thank you Chair. Zimbabwe takes note of the report of the Executive Director of the UN-Habitat on the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the period 2026–2029. We welcome the progress made in clarifying the organizational structure and division of responsibilities, the establishment of a robust monitoring framework with clear and aligned indicators, and ongoing efforts toward resource mobilization to support effective and sustainable implementation.

Zimbabwe is taking a proactive and aligned approach to supporting the implementation of the Strategic Plan of the UN-Habitat, focusing on institutional, policy, and operational measures. At the institutional level, Zimbabwe is strengthening whole-of-government coordination by enhancing inter-ministerial collaboration across key sectors such as housing, finance, local government, and infrastructure. This is complemented with efforts to promote integrated planning and governance systems, which directly support sub programmes on planning, governance, and localization.

Zimbabwe is aligning its national frameworks with global urban agendas, including the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 11. This alignment is complemented by a strengthened monitoring framework for the Strategic Plan, which incorporates clear,

results-based indicators to enhance the tracking of progress, impact, and accountability. These efforts ensure that national housing and urban development policies are consistent with international standards on adequate housing, sustainable cities, and inclusive urbanization, despite ongoing challenges related to data availability and baseline measurements.

In terms of resource mobilization, Zimbabwe is adopting a proactive approach by engaging private sector partners, strengthening collaboration with development partners and financial institutions, and promoting public-private partnerships in housing and infrastructure. These efforts support the partnerships and advocacy pillar of the Strategic Plan.

Chair, Zimbabwe is not a passive beneficiary but an active partner in implementing the Strategic Plan.

I thank you. (2 mins 22 sec)