



**NGOs Major Group Statement**  
**NGOs Major Group Agenda Item 4: Report of the Executive Director –**  
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On behalf of our organization **Comparatively for Tanzania Elites Community Organizers (CTECO)**, I am **Musa Mussa Wawuyo**, the founder member and Director, with roles across UNEP's NGOs Major Groups Co-Facilitator, Africa Forest Forum member, Treasurer to the SADC-CSO, the Great Green Wall Grassroots Alliance organization, and ECOSOC Special Consultative Status. We welcome the Executive Director's report and commend UN-Habitat's commitment to advancing *"a better quality of life for all in an urbanizing world."*

**We wish to highlight three priorities:**

- 1) **Stakeholder engagement:** Urban governance must be participatory, with civil society, grassroots communities, and local authorities engaged from the outset, and their inputs visibly reflected in outcomes.
- 2) **Science-policy interface:** Evidence-based approaches must remain inclusive, integrating community knowledge, indigenous practices, and citizen science alongside technical expertise to strengthen housing, infrastructure, and climate resilience.
- 3) **Effective participation:** Predictable logistical and modest financial support for stakeholder platforms, including the NGOs Major Group, is essential to ensure meaningful consultation and alignment during negotiations.

**In closing**, we reaffirm that urban environmental governance must be inclusive, science-based, and effective. We stand ready to collaborate with UN-Habitat, Member States, and partners to ensure that the Executive Board's decisions deliver tangible improvements for communities worldwide.

**Thank you, Chair.**