KENYA'S INTERVENTION UNDER AGENDA ITEM 2(a): PROGRAMME WORK IN KENYA

Thank you, Chair.

Kenya thanks the Secretariat for the presentation on programme work in Kenya and wishes to highlight two important aspects of our country's experience.

First, Kenya expresses its sincere appreciation for the successful implementation and conclusion of the **Go Blue Project**, which was implemented across all six coastal counties: Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi, Lamu, Tana River and Taita Taveta. The project demonstrates the value of collaboration between UN-Habitat, UNEP, the European Union, the Government of Kenya and county governments in advancing sustainable coastal development and the blue economy.

We particularly commend the project's integrated approach, which enabled coordinated interventions across the six counties. The positive feedback received from the participating Governors underscores the project's relevance and value to county governments. Kenya considers Go Blue a good example of how coordinated partnerships can translate development priorities into tangible outcomes for communities.

Kenya therefore looks forward to similar initiatives that build on the achievements and lessons of Go Blue, strengthen collaboration with county governments and sustain progress in integrated planning, environmental protection, climate resilience and inclusive local economic development.

Chair, Kenya also wishes to highlight the **Greater Busia Metro Project**, a cross-border initiative between Kenya and Uganda. Kenya appreciates the efforts made by the Secretariat in advancing this important initiative. Given the constrained implementation timeframe, we encourage the Secretariat to build on the progress made, work more closely with both Governments and the respective local authorities, and proactively address any outstanding challenges, including clarifying the project's scope, roles and expected outcomes. This will help translate the project's objectives into tangible, measurable and reportable results that local authorities and communities can appreciate, while ensuring the timely and effective utilization of the available grant.

In conclusion, Kenya reiterates its appreciation for UN-Habitat's partnership and encourages continued focus on effective implementation, strong government ownership and measurable results. We look forward to further collaboration on programmes that respond to national and local priorities and deliver meaningful benefits to communities.

I thank you, Chair.