Strengthening Partnerships for A New Africa Urban Agenda

Doing Things Together: Imperatives of Partnership
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Habitat Partners: Leave no one Behind

- Local Authorities
- Civil Society Organizations
- Parliamentarians
- Private Sector & Foundations
- Women and Youth Groups

OTHERS

- United Nations agencies
- Inter-governmental Organizations
- National Habitat Committees
Dividends of Working Together

- Better
- Efficient and Effective
- Accountable
- Coordinated and in Harmony with each other
- Guaranteed Collective and Individual Ownership
Proposed Checklist for the New Africa Urban Agenda: National, Regional and International

- Leaving no one Behind; Are Habitat agenda partners included in planning and launching the Program at the various level e.g. local, municipal, national etc.
- A Shared Vision
- Clarification of partners roles and responsibility
- Feedback, information sharing and consultative framework in place
- Onset understanding of resources required for meaningful engagement
- Are the urban poor especially grassroots women and youth adequately supported to effectively participate
- Progress Tracking framework in place
A New Africa Urban Agenda for and by the Urban Poor

- Women and Youth are taunted to be the drivers of the future for the African Cities and Towns hence they must be at the core of this new programme.
- The Urban Dwellers largest constituency.
- Largest occupants of urban informal settlements.
- Women headed households.
- Women in poor communities disproportionately live the consequences of poor urban planning and lack of basic services including:
  - Safety
  - Access to water and sanitation
  - Access to Public transport, health and education
  - Poor housing conditions
- Are often the most marginalized and left behind in such initiatives.
Precondition for Women Effective Participation and Enjoyment of the New African Urban Agenda

- Halting all forms of violence in Africa
- Organizing (Africa’s tested wealth!) - local and regional
- Building on their lived experiences and innovations to inform planning and policies: Organized groups of women continue to establish innovations to survive through poverty and calamities.
- Valuing and investing in grassroots women unpaid labor. Many grassroots women groups continue to subsidize the provisions of public basic services in informal settlements.
- Fast track grassroots women economic empowerment
- Equitable sharing of existing resources and opportunities including access to land & and valuable assets and benefits arising from sustainable utilization of Africa's new found natural resources.
- Guaranteed safety in cities and towns
- Ensuring grassroots women direct involvement in decision making on the New Africa Urban Agenda and their local and national political participation.