

UN-Habitat Working Group on Programme of Work and Budget Periodic Report to the UN-Habitat Committee of Permanent Representatives June 15, 2016

UN-Habitat Working Group on Work Programme and Budget (WG) held its 2016 first formal meeting from 14-15 March, 2016. The sessions, chaired by H.E Prof. Samson Onger, Ambassador/ Permanent Representative of Kenya to UN-Habitat, included participation of 13 out of 15 members, as well as observers of States Members of the United Nations and intergovernmental organizations. UN-Habitat's Executive Director (ED) and Deputy Executive Director (DED) and other members of its senior management represented the organization.

The agenda of the meeting and ensuing frank and informative discussions centered on the status of implementation of recommendations arising from the 2015 OIOS evaluation report of the UN-Habitat but also extended into other relevant issues such as oversight, business transformation, and the strategic positioning of the organization. The Secretariat provided highlights on the status of implementation of previous recommendations which covered the 2015 financial status of UN-Habitat, resource mobilization and communication strategies and Regional Strategic Plans.

Recommendations

- The Executive Director to provide plans for plans for growing the organization including details on reforms undertaken and those underway, justifications for major increases in earmarked and regular budget funding levels and how it would translate into greater efficiency, accountability, transparency and effectiveness of the organization
- The Executive Director to provide updates at the next formal CPR and Working Group meetings on UN-Habitat's progress toward implementing OIOS recommendations.
- The Executive Director finalize the UN-Habitat Communications and Resource Mobilization strategies and present them at the next formal CPR and Working Group meetings, and to provide updates on the financial status of UN-Habitat at each future formal CPR and Working Group meetings
- The Executive Director to enrich the Habitat County Program Document (HCPD) of Nigeria and share with it the Group, and development partners.
- The Executive Director to provide a paper with more detailed information on the challenges of abiding by both the rules and regulations of the UN Secretariat and of the Governing Council, assessment of potential solutions like staying in the

Secretariat or changing to something like specialized Agencies, legal requirements of the same, and other possible impacts.