UN-HABITAT STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS

STRENGTHS

• Field operations in post-war and post-disaster countries, and strategy on continuum from relief to sustainable recovery in urban areas
• Innovative water and sanitation approaches
• World Urban Forum
• Global advocacy on urban issues and Millennium Development Goals target on slums
STRENGTHS contd.

- Regional ministerial platforms (AMCHUD, MINURVI, APMCHUD)
- Global Land Tool Network (GLTN)
- Advancement of issues of: urban safety and security; forced evictions and alternatives; inclusive urban policies; mainstreaming of gender and youth

WEAKNESSES

- Improve effectiveness of management systems and core productivity, and minimize bureaucratic load
- Systematically harvest core knowledge, internally and externally
- Improve internal strategic planning and implementation
- Improve external communication and image of UN-Habitat
- Improve delivery efficiency in initial phases of field projects, especially in emergencies
WEAKNESSES contd.

• Consolidate small and overlapping organizational units
• Improve funding predictability and resource mobilization system
• Pay more attention to normative work on urban planning and design, urban legislation, local economic development and municipal and urban finance
• Improve presence at the country level, where most donor funding has shifted

OPPORTUNITIES

• Increasing global importance of the urban agenda
• Recognition of the role of cities in economic growth and globalization
• Rapid economic growth in some developing countries
• Global movement to revive urban planning
• Planning for small and medium-sized towns and cities
• Increasing global importance of climate change, energy efficiency, mobility and transport issues at city level
OPPORTUNITIES contd.

- Increasing recognition of UN-Habitat's role in the humanitarian sector
- Recognition of UN-Habitat's competence in peace building through the land sector
- Normative and operational mandate of UN-Habitat
- Importance of slum prevention and upgrading in the Millennium Development Goals
- New Executive Director

THREATS

- Declining donor contributions to non-earmarked income of UN-Habitat
- Divergence between official work programme and donor interests
- Rising interest in urban agenda among other multilateral agencies
- Inability of UN-Habitat to respond to demand at the national and local levels