A. Introduction

The General Assembly, through its resolution 67/216, requested (in paragraph 14) the Secretary-General of Habitat III to prepare, using the expertise of the United Nations system, a proposal for consideration by the Governing Council of UN-Habitat at its twenty-fourth session, as to how best to provide inputs for and support to the preparatory process of the conference in the most inclusive, efficient, effective and improved manner and to proceed accordingly.

The first meeting of the Preparatory Committee will be held in New York during the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly. In the light of the limited time available, it is envisaged that at this meeting the Preparatory Committee will undertake a comprehensive assessment of progress achieved in the implementation of the 1996 Habitat Agenda and other relevant internationally agreed development goals and targets, and identify key elements for inclusion in the draft outcome document of the conference.

The second meeting of the Preparatory Committee will be held in Nairobi in 2015, taking full advantage of the twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat. It is envisaged that the Committee will start negotiations on the first draft of a document containing, inter alia, a draft new urban agenda.


It is clear from General Assembly resolution 67/216, paragraphs 6(a) and 6(c), that the expectation of the General Assembly is that the outcome document of Habitat III will be evidence-based.

1. National level documentation

It is proposed that member States carry out, before the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat III, national assessments to identify achievements attained and challenges encountered in the implementation of the 1996 Habitat Agenda and of other relevant internationally agreed goals and targets. For purposes of inclusiveness, member States are urged to use their national habitat committees to prepare the national assessment reports.

**Deadline:** March 2014 (new deadline). 31 December 2013 (original deadline).

**Additional human resources required:** (i) One consultant at the P4/P5 level for up to eight months to work on data and indicators required for the national, regional and global assessments; and (ii) One consultant at the P4/P5 level for up to 12 months to manage the assessment project and design relevant assessment tools, methodologies and related products.

**Cost:** US$193,057
2. Regional level documentation

It is proposed that the Secretary-General of the Conference, using the expertise of UN-Habitat and of the United Nations System as a whole, prepare regional reports synthesizing the results of national assessments of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and of other relevant internationally agreed goals.

**Deadline:** 15 February 2015

**Additional human resources required:** Six consultants at the P-5 level for up to four months each to prepare six regional assessment reports.

**Cost:** US$232,593

3. International level documentation

It is proposed that the Secretary-General of the Conference, using the expertise of UN-Habitat and of the United Nations System as a whole, prepare a global report synthesizing the results of national and regional assessments of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and of other relevant internationally agreed goals and targets.

**Deadline:** 31 March 2015, for preliminary draft report (new deadline). August 2014, for preliminary draft (original deadline).

**Additional human resources required:** One consultant at the D-1 level for up to twelve months to prepare a global assessment report.

**Cost:** US$138,350

C. Proposed Meetings: 2013-2015

It is proposed that the Secretary-General of the Conference organize meetings at the regional and international levels, as appropriate, to discuss the results of assessments of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and relevant internationally agreed goals and targets and to provide inputs to the first and second meetings of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, taking full advantage of planned regional and global meetings.

**Total Cost:** $335,000 (including cost of missions to support the national, regional and global assessments).

**Meetings in 2013**

1. Global virtual meeting of experts, member States representatives and Habitat Agenda partners to discuss the design and implementation of the assessment project before it is launched, including guidelines and a format for the preparation of national assessment reports, so as to ensure comparability of national assessments: **June 2013**
Meetings from January 2014 to March 2015

1. Meeting of member States representatives and Habitat Agenda partners during the 7th session of the World Urban Forum to discuss results emerging from national assessments and preliminary ideas that could be included in a new urban agenda: April 2014.

2. Virtual regional conference for Europe to discuss regional progress in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and other relevant international goals and targets, as well as preliminary ideas that could be included in a new urban agenda: Between June 2014 and February 2015.

3. Virtual regional conference for North America to discuss regional progress in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and other relevant international goals and targets, as well as preliminary ideas that could be included in a new urban agenda: Between June 2014 and February 2015.

4. Africa regional meeting during AMCHUD 2014 (or 2015) conference, to discuss progress in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and other relevant international goals and targets in Africa, as well as preliminary ideas that could be included in a new urban agenda: Between June 2014 and February 2015.

5. Asia-Pacific regional meeting during APMCHUD 2014 (or 2015) conference, to discuss progress in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and other relevant international goals and targets in Asia and the Pacific, as well as preliminary ideas that could be included in a new urban agenda: Between June 2014 and February 2015.

6. Latin America and the Caribbean regional meeting, as part of the MINURVI 2014 (or 2015) conference, to discuss progress in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and other relevant international goals and targets in Asia and the Pacific, as well as preliminary ideas that could be included in a new urban agenda: Between June 2014 and February 2015.

7. Global virtual conference to discuss the results of the regional and global assessment reports: March 2015.