

Notes on Habitat III Budget

Habitat II Expenditure Notes

- 1) Full-time Secretariat core staff costs for Habitat II were covered from their regular posts in the respective divisions. They are not reflected in the tables.
- 2) Secretariat Personnel Costs includes temporary staff hired in Nairobi, Geneva, New York to service the preparatory process, senior advisors, consultants, support staff in Nairobi, Geneva and New York. Many consultants were hired from outside to service preparatory meetings and substantive preparation.
- 3) Sundries include courier, mail, communication costs, and miscellaneous items
- 4) It should be noted that the Habitat II Preparatory process included preparation of a number of parallel activities or side events, such as Best Practices or Thematic Dialogues, in addition to the establishment of National Habitat Committees and preparation of national reports. The costs of all such activities are reflected in Habitat II Trust Fund expenditures.
- 5) The cost of participants from the developing countries includes representatives of NGOs, Youth, and those attending the side events during the Conference in 1996.

Habitat III Budget Notes

- 1) For Habitat III, UN-Habitat intends to reduce the total cost of the Preparatory Process and the Conference by half. Technological innovations in communication and web-based technology, and web access, will replace a significant part of the need to meet and interact with stakeholders at a physical location thereby reducing the meeting costs and travel.
- 2) With the programmatic approach to the organization of UN-Habitat, the Programmatic Branches will be engaged as part of their work programme in the preparatory process, thereby reducing the need for outside consultants.
- 3) Staff Travel will be closely monitored to ensure essential travel.
- 4) UN-Habitat is moving more and more to 'paperless' concept in meetings. Therefore, by applying this concept to preparatory meetings and the Conference and its side events, it is intended to reduce the reporting and production costs significantly.
- 5) With modern technology and social networks, it is now much easier to reach the masses for advocacy and awareness. Therefore, it is expected to have reduced costs in utilizing the services of media consultants and outreach.
- 6) Every effort will be made to limit the number of participants from the developing countries in preparatory meetings, PrepComs and other ad hoc or expert consultation to avoid excessive expenses. AMCHUD, APMCHUD, MINURVI will be used as part of the Preparatory process to save costs