UN-Habitat’s New Programme Priorities

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INTRODUCTION

• Governing Council Resolution 23/11 requested ED to develop, in consultation with the CPR, a strategic plan for 2014–2019, including a road map for preparatory work

• Strategic Plan 2014-2019 to take into account recommendations of MTSIP Peer Review and of other reviews
STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2019 PRINCIPLES

• Plan to reflect official mandates and strategic priorities of UN-Habitat
• While addressing new challenges, plan to also build on past achievements
• Gender, youth, partnerships and other cross-cutting issues to be reflected in all focus areas
• Plan to reflect some continuity from the MTSIP 2008-2013
• Plan’s focus areas to become subprogrammes in the Work Programme and Budget
• Plan’s results framework to be prepared at the very beginning
• Participatory preparation process

UN-HABITAT NOW: RECOGNIZED ACHIEVEMENTS

While setting new priorities, UN-Habitat is also building on its achievements:
1) Field operations in post-war and post-disaster countries, and strategy on continuum from relief to sustainable recovery in urban areas
2) Innovative water and sanitation approaches
3) World Urban Forum
4) Global advocacy on urban issues and Millennium Development Goals target on slums
6) Regional ministerial platforms (AMCHUD, MINURVI, APMCHUD)
7) Global Land Tool Network (GLTN)
8) Advancement of issues of: urban safety and security; forced evictions and alternatives; inclusive urban policies; mainstreaming of gender and youth
NEW FOCUS AREAS & RELATIONSHIP TO CURRENT MTSIP

Sustainable urban development to remain overall framework of UN-Habitat’s work

(i) Urban Planning (Currently Focus Area 2 of MTSIP 2008-2013)

(ii) Urban Land, Legislation and Governance (Currently Focus Areas 2 and 3 of MTSIP 2008-2013)

(iii) Urban Economy (Currently Focus Area 5 of MTSIP 2008-2013)

(iv) Urban Basic Services (Currently Focus Area 4 of MTSIP 2008-2013)

(v) Housing and Slum Upgrading (Currently Focus Area 3 of MTSIP 2008-2013)

(vi) Risk Reduction and Rehabilitation (Cross-cutting, but mostly in Focus Areas 2, 3 and 4 of MTSIP 2008-2013)

(vii) Urban Research and Capacity Development (Currently Focus Areas 1 and 2 of MTSIP 2008-2013)

NEW PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

Three programme areas to be prioritized

1) Urban planning, including mobility and energy
2) Urban legislation and governance
3) Urban economy and municipal finance
Effective urban planning necessary to address problems of rapid urbanization, informal urban development, slums, climate change and urban sprawl

1) Planning in advance of population increase
2) Planning at the scale of challenges
3) Planning in phases, starting with street layout
4) Planning for increased urban density and mixed land-use
5) Urban networks with sustainable mobility
6) Sustainable energy in urban areas
7) Equity, integration and improvement of urban living conditions

NEW PRIORITY: URBAN PLANNING

Effective urban planning and development require effective institutions, good governance and legislative frameworks responsive to current urban issues

1) Promote more socially inclusive and sustainable cities, including improved access to land
2) Strengthen UN-Habitat’s knowledge base on urban legislation issues
3) Support strengthening of governance capacity of local authorities
4) Strengthen capacity of cities to deliver basic services and infrastructure

NEW PRIORITY: URBAN LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE
NEW PRIORITY: URBAN ECONOMY AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE

Attention to urban economy and finance is important because the majority of the world’s population now live in cities, and also because of global trends in fiscal decentralization, globalization, increasing importance of cities as economic agents and rising unemployment, especially among youth

1) Promote creation of decent jobs for urban dwellers
2) Improve knowledge on dynamics of economic development of towns and cities
3) Strengthen capacity of cities to act as engines of economic development
4) Promote contribution of cities to assets and wealth building, and to value creation
5) Promote reform of municipal finance in order to enhance capacity of cities to fund basic services

STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2019 ROADMAP

- Participatory preparation (by Secretariat and CPR) of all components of Strategic Plan: August 2011 to October 2012
- First draft of Plan: by mid-December 2011, to ensure alignment with Strategic Framework 2014-2015 (required at UN HQ by early February 2012)
- Preliminary approval of Plan by CPR: 15 December 2011
- Refinement of Plan: January – October 2012
- Draft Plan to be approved by GC at 24th session (15-19 April in 2013)
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