HIGH LEVEL MEETING TO DISCUSS EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NUA AND THE POSITIONING OF UN-HABITAT HELD 5TH-6TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Briefing for CPR Sub-Committee
18th September, 2017
PURPOSE OF HLM

• Generate ideas and build momentum to support implementation of NUA and 2030 Agenda

• Share Best Practices relating to implementation

• Greater understanding of the recommendations of SG’s Independent Panel to Assess, Enhance Effectiveness of UN-Habitat.

• Resulting in Chair’s Summary as input to GA’s 2nd Committee
ISSUES

• Normative and Operational Mandate of UN-Habitat

• Governance Structure

• Work of UN-Habitat with national, sub-national, local governments and relevant stakeholders

• Financial Capability of UN-Habitat
PARTICIPATION

- Hosted by President of GA
- Interactive Panels with HLP Members; UN system and Multi-stakeholders
- Member State and Regional Group Statements (44 MS – 16 capital, G77+China, EU, Africa Group, AOSIS, CELAC)


- Stakeholders’ Consultative Meeting
KEY MESSAGES EMERGING FROM HLM

• Centrality of Sustainable Urbanization for Agenda 2030, through implementation of New Urban Agenda

• Hybrid operational and normative mandate for UN-Habitat (with a need to strengthen the latter)

• Urban needs to be at the center of the UN, requiring strong co-ordination mechanism in the UN System led by UN-Habitat

• Stronger stakeholder engagement & partnerships

• Call to stabilize and strengthen of UN-Habitat to fulfill its mandate (incl. adequate financing)

• Varied views on appropriate Governing Structure for improved transparency, accountability and oversight
UN-HABITAT MANDATE

• UN-Habitat expertise and services to Member States and Cities acknowledged and appreciated

• Two areas of focus recommended by HLP relevant but not reflecting integrated approach to sustainable urbanization in NUA

• Normative & Operational mandates not mutually exclusive but reinforcing
COORDINATION MECHANISMS – UN-URBAN

• Overall, little support from MS for creation of UN-Urban
  – Impact on mandate of & efforts to strengthen UN-Habitat
  – Impact on operational work of UN-Habitat
  – Financial considerations

• Urbanisation does require a UN-system wide effort with improved coherence and coordination
  • Most MS: coordination to be anchored in UN-Habitat
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

• Joint GAP statement & consultative meeting

• Urbanization at the center of development:
  – Strong research & monitoring systems
  – Rejection of traditional dichotomies
  – Holistic vision for integrated planning and implementation
  – Financing for sustainable urbanization

• Partnerships at center of urbanization agenda
  – Formalized engagement of local authorities and stakeholders
  – Innovative partnerships leveraging World Urban Forum
FINANCING OF UN-HABITAT

- General concern and many calls for increased adequate and predictable funding
- Call for re-balancing of core and non-core funding
- Call for increased regular budget and scaling up of voluntary contributions
- One MS offered to convene wider group to develop financing strategy
- Call for more innovative funding sources, support for a global trust fund and private sector financing
MOVING FORWARD

- PGA Chair’s Summary

- UN-Habitat Non-Paper on Strengthening UN-Habitat

- Informal preparations for the Second Committee

- Alignment with ongoing SG reform UNDS (ex. regional architecture and country presence, system-wide coordination, etc.)

- Urgency to find solution for governance-financing model
KEY DATES

Second Committee

• 20 October: deadline to submit UN-Habitat draft resolution (introduced by G77+China);

• The final agreement needed by end of November

SG-led UNDS reform

• 2\textsuperscript{nd} SG report end of December

• ECOSOC Operational Segment resolution (Feb 2018)
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