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

Briefing for Working Group on Programme and Budget
11th October, 2017
Background

HLM held 5th-6th September

- Generate ideas and build momentum to support implementation of NUA and 2030 Agenda
- Share best practices
- Recommendations of HLP on Strengthening UN-Habitat
- Chair’s summary pending

G77 to submit draft resolution to 2nd Committee on 20th October

Negotiations expected to complete by end November
Issues

Mandate of UN-Habitat:
Normative, Operational, Coordination/Convening

Governance Structure

Financial Capacity of UN-Habitat
Key Messages Emerging from HLM

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

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

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

4. Stronger stakeholder engagement & partnerships

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

6. Varied views on appropriate Governing Structure for improved transparency, accountability and oversight
Moving Forward - Considerations for 2nd Committee Resolution

- UNDS reform incorporates new approach to urban areas
- Stronger UN-system integration, coherence and coordination on urban work
- UN-Habitat strengthening fits broader re-positioning of UNDS to deliver on Agenda 2030
UN-Habitat Mandate

Strengthen Normative work and better integrate **normative** work into its **operational** activities in support of implementation of Agenda 2030 & NUA

Strengthen UN-Habitat’s capacity to fulfill its **focal point role** in implementation of NUA

- Coordinate monitoring & reporting
- Evidence-based **guidelines** to countries & support to implementation – AFINUA
- UN-system coordination – collaborative framework
- Convening of multi-stakeholders – CS, L&R Governments, private sector (stakeholders’ collaborative framework)
Governance

An adequate governance structure will have bearing on strengthening UN-Habitat’s financial position.

Optimal timeline is agreement on the Governance structure during current GA session.
Finance and Operational Efficiency

Composite Entity:

- Normative / operational / coordination
- Field & project focused policies and rules that facilitate timely and cost-effective support to member states
- Regular Budget contributions through a grant modality
Next Steps

- Nairobi consultations
- New York communications

2\textsuperscript{nd} Committee
- UN-Habitat presentation 18\textsuperscript{th} October
- G77 submission of draft 20\textsuperscript{th} October
- Negotiations begin 22 October till end November

SG-led UNDS reform
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} SG report end of December
- ECOSOC Operational Segment resolution (Feb 2018)
Thank You