Nineteenth session
Nairobi, 5 - 9 May 2003
Item 3 of the provisional agenda**

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda, including organization of work

Note by the secretariat

Opening of the session

1. The nineteenth session of the Governing Council will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 5 May 2003, by the Chair of the Governing Council at its eighteenth session, or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Governing Council at its eighteenth session.

Item 1. Election of officers

2. In accordance with rule 12 of its rules of procedure, the Governing Council will elect a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur. The geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions of the Governing Council is shown in annex II below.

Documentation

Annotations to the provisional agenda, including organization of work (HSP/GC/19/1/Add.1: paragraphs 2 and 3 of annex III) – for decision

* In its resolution 56/206 of 21 December 2001, the General Assembly transformed the Commission on Human Settlements into the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly. This session has been designated as the nineteenth instead of the first session of the Governing Council to signify the continuity and relationship between the Governing Council and the Commission on Human Settlements.

** HSP/GC/19/1.
Item 2. Credentials

3. Under rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the credentials of representatives must be submitted to the Executive Director at the latest before the end of the first meeting of the session of the Governing Council. The Bureau must then examine such credentials and report on them without delay to the Governing Council.

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

4. Under this item the Governing Council will adopt its agenda for the nineteenth session and thereafter decide on the organization of work for the session. The provisional agenda was approved by the Governing Council at its eighteenth session, held in Nairobi from 12 to 16 February 2001. A note by the Executive Director proposing an organizational structure and timetable for the nineteenth session appears below in annex III and annex IV respectively.

Documentation

Provisional agenda for the nineteenth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (HSP/GC/19/1) – for decision

Annotations to the provisional agenda, including organization of work (HSP/GC/19/1/Add.1) – for decision

State of preparedness of documents for the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme at its nineteenth session as at 10 March 2003 (HSP/GC/19/INF/1) – for information

List of documents before the Governing Council (HSP/GC/19/INF/2) – for information

Item 4. Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: progress report of the Executive Director

5. Under this item, the Executive Director will report to the Governing Council on, among other matters, the implementation of the mandate and work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) and on the implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its eighteenth session.

Documentation

Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: progress report (HSP/GC/19/2) – for decision

Report of the Executive Director on the first session of the World Urban Forum (HSP/GC/19/2/Add.1) – for decision

Report of the Executive Director on the World Summit on Sustainable Development (HSP/GC/19/2/Add.2 – for decision

Housing situation in the occupied Palestinian territories: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/19/2/Add.3) – for decision

Report on the work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-HABITAT during the inter-sessional period (HSP/GC/19/3) – for decision
Draft resolutions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-HABITAT: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/19/3/Add.1) – for decision

Preparation of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/19/3/Add.2) – for decision

Global report on human settlements, 2003 (HSP/GC/19/INF/3) – for information

Operational activities report, 2002: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/19/INF/4) – for information

Water and sanitation in the world’s cities: local action for global goals (HSP/GC/19/INF/6) – for information

Item 5. Follow-up to the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda

6. Under this item the Executive Director will report to the Governing Council on the implementation of the Declaration on Cities and other Human Settlements in the New Millenium, which was adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth special session for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

Documentation

Follow-up to the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (HSP/GC/19/4) – for decision

Item 6. Special themes

7. In its decision 18/2 of 16 February 2001, the Governing Council decided that, at its nineteenth session, it would consider the following two special themes: first, urban development and shelter strategies favouring the poor; and, second, the rural dimension of sustainable urban development. Under this item, therefore, the Governing Council will have for its consideration the reports of the Executive Director on these two special themes.

Documentation

Urban development strategies and shelter strategies favouring the poor: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/19/5) – for decision

Rural dimension of sustainable urban development: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/19/6) – for decision

Item 7. Report of the Executive Director on the dialogues on effective decentralization and strengthening of local authorities

8. In its resolution 18/11 of 16 February 2001, the Governing Council requested the Executive Director to intensify dialogue among Governments at all levels and Habitat Agenda partners, initially through the Committee of Permanent Representatives and other appropriate means, on all issues related to effective decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities, including principles and, as appropriate, legal frameworks, in support of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

9. Under this item, therefore, the Governing Council will have for its consideration the report of the Executive Director indicating the actions that have been taken by the Executive Director in pursuance of this resolution.

10. The work programme of UN-HABITAT is synchronized with the budgetary cycle of the United Nations as a whole. Consequently, the current 2002-2003 work programme will end on 31 December 2003. Accordingly, the Executive Director will submit to the Governing Council for its consideration at its nineteenth session a draft work programme and programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

Documentation

Draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the biennium 2004-2005: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/19/8) – for decision

Proposed budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2004-2005: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/19/9) – for decision

Proposed budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2004-2005: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (HSP/GC/19/9/Add.1) – for information

Draft work programmes of the regional commissions in the field of human settlements for the biennium 2004-2005: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/19/BD/1) – for information

United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation: financial report for the biennium ended 31 December 2001 and report of the Board of Auditors: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/19/BD/2) – for information

Status of voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation as at 1 March 2003: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/19/INF.5) – for information

Revitalizing the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/19/INF/7) – for information


11. The current system-wide medium-term plan of the United Nations ends on 31 December 2005. Accordingly, under this item, the secretariat will propose procedures and arrangements for the preparation of the human settlements component of the next system-wide medium-term plan of the United Nations, which will be for the period 2006-2009.

Documentation

Proposed medium-term plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2006-2009: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/19/10) – for decision
Item 10. Coordination matters


(b) Cooperation with agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations

(c) Matters arising out of the resolutions of major legislative organs of the United Nations and other intergovernmental bodies which are brought to the attention of the Governing Council.

12. In its resolution 8/14 of 8 May 1985, the Commission on Human Settlements and, in its decision 13/12 of 23 May 1985, the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) decided to include in their respective agendas for future sessions an item on cooperation between their two organizations and to discuss the item on the basis of a progress report prepared jointly by their respective executive directors. Accordingly, under this item, the Governing Council will have before it the report that has been prepared jointly by UN-HABITAT and UNEP as called for in the above-mentioned resolution and decision.

13. In pursuance of its resolution 11/7 of 11 April 1988, on coordination and cooperation with agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, and General Assembly resolution 34/114 of 14 December 1979, on the global report on human settlements and periodic reports on international cooperation and assistance on human settlements, the Governing Council will also have before it, for its consideration, a report by the Executive Director on cooperation between UN-HABITAT and agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations.

14. Under this item, the Governing Council will also be apprised of relevant matters arising out of the decisions of major legislative organs of the United Nations, particularly the fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly, and other relevant intergovernmental bodies, since the eighteenth session of the Governing Council.

Documentation


Cooperation with agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/19/12) – for decision

Matters arising out of the resolutions of major legislative organs of the United Nations and other intergovernmental bodies that are brought to the attention of the Governing Council: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/19/13) – for decision

Principal resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions of relevance to the work of the Governing Council (HSP/GC/19/BD/3) – for information

Item 11. Themes for the twentieth and future sessions of the Governing Council

15. Under this item, the Governing Council will consider the report of the Executive Director containing proposals and preliminary outlines of the themes that could be considered by the Governing Council at its twentieth and future sessions.
Item 12. Other matters

16. Under this item, the Governing Council will consider matters which, although not covered under any particular agenda item, are believed to merit its attention.

Item 13. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twentieth session of the Governing Council

17. Under this item, the Governing Council will adopt a provisional agenda for its twentieth session and decide on the date and other arrangements for that session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twentieth session of the Governing Council (HSP/GC/19/16) (to be prepared in-session) – for decision

Item 14. Adoption of the report of the session

18. In accordance with paragraph 7 of section I A of General Assembly resolution 56/206 of 21 December 2001, the Governing Council will adopt the report on the work of its nineteenth session for submission to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Item 15. Closure of the session
Annex I

GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME

Membership in 2003*
(58 members)

AFRICAN STATES (16)       LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES (10)

United Republic of Tanzania (2004)

EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES (6)


ASIAN STATES (13)       WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES (13)

Sri Lanka (2003)       United Kingdom of Great Britain and
                               United States of America (2006)

* Information received from the Economic and Social Council as at 12 June 2002

( ) Membership expires on 31 December of the year indicated.
### Annex II

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICERS ELECTED AT PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UN-HABITAT

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<td>Third</td>
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<td>Latin American States (Jamaica)</td>
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<td>African States (Egypt)</td>
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<td>Asian States (Bangladesh)</td>
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Under the principle of geographical rotation provided for in rule 12, paragraph 2, of the Governing Council’s rules of procedure, the following regional groups should provide candidates for the offices in question for the nineteenth session of the Governing Council:

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Annex III

PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UN-HABITAT

Note by the Executive Director

1. The Governing Council may find it conducive to the efficient conduct of its work during the nineteenth session to adopt the specific organizational arrangements set out below.

   A. Bureau

2. In accordance with rule 12 of the Governing Council’s rules of procedure, the Bureau should consist of a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur, elected with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and rotation among the groups. Annex II shows the geographical distribution of members of the Bureau at previous sessions of the Governing Council.

3. As provided for in rule 13 of the Governing Council’s rules of procedure, one of the Vice-Chairs should be designated to chair the sessional committee of the whole referred to in paragraph 17 below. The remaining Vice-Chairs would assist the Chair of the Governing Council directly in his or her duties in plenary and chair the ad hoc drafting committee referred to in paragraph 18 below.

   B. Plenary

4. Following consultations with the Bureau of the Governing Council, it is recommended that the plenary divide its work into two segments: first, a high-level segment of ministers, heads of delegations and mayors, which would be held on the morning and afternoon of the first day and on the morning of the second day; and, second, dialogues with local authorities and other partners to be held on the afternoon of the second day and morning and afternoon of the third day.

   C. High-level segment (first segment of the plenary)

5. It is suggested that the high-level segment of ministers, heads of delegations and mayors focus its discussions on the following two agenda items: activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT: progress report of the Executive Director (item 4 of the provisional agenda) and follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (item 5 of the provisional agenda).

6. Secondly, and with a view to accommodating the 60-80 delegations who normally attend the sessions of the Governing Council, it is recommended that, during the high-level segment, each delegation be allowed a maximum of five minutes speaking time and that this limit be strictly adhered to. In this context, it should be noted that part of the morning session on the first day will be taken up by organizational matters.

7. In establishing the list of speakers for the high-level segment, precedence will be given to ministers and deputy ministers. They will be followed by other heads of government delegations and Habitat Agenda partners.

   D. Dialogues with local authorities and other partners (second segment of the plenary)

8. In operative paragraph 2 of its resolution 16/12, the Governing Council decided “to provide, at future sessions of the [Governing Council], opportunities for partners to engage in a dialogue among themselves and with Governments; such dialogues may, as appropriate, serve as an input to the deliberations of the [Governing Council]”. 
9. In pursuance of the above decision, and with a view to increasing the participation and contribution of local authorities and other partners in the work of the Governing Council, arrangements have been made for dialogues with local authorities and other partners to be held in the plenary on the second and third day, as indicated in annex IV to the present annotations. These dialogues will be based on the format followed by Committee II at the Habitat II Conference in Istanbul, whereby representatives of partner groups will be given an opportunity to make a substantive presentation followed by a dialogue or discussion between Governments and partners on the presentations.

10. To this end, local authorities and other partners are encouraged to submit, in advance, a written summary of their presentation to the secretariat for distribution to all participants ahead of the meeting. They are also encouraged to include in their presentations specific issues of strategic importance to the implementation of the work programme of UN-HABITAT for the biennium 2004-2005 (document HSP/GC/19/8).

11. It is expected that the presentations to be made by representatives of local authorities and other partners will be the result of a preparatory process, consisting of consultations among these groups, including non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians and the private sector, as well as professionals, researchers and labour unions. Arrangements will be made for local authorities and each group of partners to have, if they so wish, consultations in Nairobi immediately prior to the convening of the nineteenth session of the Governing Council, or at any other time and venue of their choice.

12. Detailed information on the organization of these dialogues is contained in annex VI to the present annotations.

E. Summaries of the Chair

13. At the end of the high-level segment and the dialogues with local authorities and other partners, the Chair, drawing from the deliberations in the two plenary segments, will prepare a summary by the Chair of, first, the main issues raised in the high-level segment and, second, the conclusions (or recommendations) made in the dialogues. These summaries will reflect the main thrust of the discussions and key positions stated during the two segments and will be submitted to plenary for endorsement.

14. Once endorsed by the Governing Council as an accurate reflection of what transpired in the high-level segment and in the dialogues with partners, the Chair’s conclusions and recommendations will serve as guidelines for follow-up action by Governments, local authorities, other partners and the secretariat.

F. Sessional committee of the whole

15. Bearing in mind the organization of work in previous sessions of the Governing Council, and the above recommendations on the work of the plenary, the Governing Council may find it advisable to establish a sessional committee of the whole which would be given the responsibility for items 6 (a) and (b) and 7-11, with the remaining items being considered in the plenary.

G. Drafting committee

16. At the eighteenth session, on an informal basis, the Governing Council established an ad hoc, open-ended drafting committee under the chairmanship of one of the Vice-Chairs to pre-screen draft resolutions submitted by the delegations with a view to merging, reconciling or clarifying them, as necessary, prior to consideration by the Governing Council. The Governing Council may wish to continue this practice which was widely acknowledged to have enhanced the efficiency of its work.
H. Proposed timetable

17. For the ease of reference of participants, a proposed timetable for the nineteenth session of the Governing Council and a list of the agenda items for the nineteenth session of the Governing Council, with corresponding documents, are provided in annexes IV and V below.
Annex IV

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND TIMETABLE FOR THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UN-HABITAT

Nairobi, 5-9 May 2003

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Note: * The drafting committee will start its work, formally, on Tuesday morning, 6 May. It may continue to work, informally, on Tuesday afternoon, and the whole of Wednesday. The meetings of Thursday 8 May (morning and afternoon) and of Friday 9 May (morning) will be provided with full interpretation facilities.
Annex V

LIST OF AGENDA ITEMS WITH CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

Item 1  Election of officers

Item 2  Credentials

Item 3  Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (HSP/GC/19/1; HSP/GC/19/1/Add.1; HSP/GC/19/INF/1; HSP/GC/19/INF/2)

Item 4  Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: progress report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/19/2; HSP/GC/19/2/Add.1; HSP/GC/19/2/Add.2; HSP/GC/19/Add.3; HSP/GC/19/3; HSP/GC/19/3/Add.1; HSP/GC/19/3/Add.2; HSP/GC/19/INF/3; HSP/GC/19/INF/4; HSP/GC/19/INF/6)

Item 5  Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (HSP/GC/19/4)

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I. Schedule, format and expected results

1. The dialogues with local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners will be held in plenary on Tuesday, 6 May, in the afternoon session, and on Wednesday, 7 May, in the morning and afternoon sessions.

2. The dialogues will be based on the innovative model launched at the Habitat II Conference and successfully revived at the seventeenth and eighteenth sessions of the Governing Council. Accordingly, the Executive Director and designated representatives of local authorities and other groups of Habitat Agenda partners will make short substantive presentations followed by a discussion between delegations and panelists.

3. The two dialogues will be conducted as open discussions directly related to the themes of the dialogues. The discussions will be inclusive and substantive and their results should be action-oriented. Delegations wishing to do so can, however, provide the secretariat with written statements in 250 copies, which will be circulated and synthesized in the Chair’s summary to be adopted by the Governing Council.

4. The main purpose of the two dialogues is to present and discuss the planned contributions of local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the UN-HABITAT work programme and related outputs. Accordingly, panelists and delegates are invited to focus their statements on both the conceptual and operational aspects of the two dialogue themes. Once adopted, the Chair’s conclusions and the recommendations from the dialogues will serve as guidelines for follow-up action by Governments, local authorities, other partners and UN-HABITAT.

II. Dialogue I: Effective decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities
(Tuesday, 6 May 2003, afternoon and Wednesday, 7 May 2003, morning)

A. Background and objectives of the dialogue

5. The Governing Council, by its resolution 18/11, requested the Executive Director to intensify dialogue among Governments at all levels and Habitat partners on issues related to effective decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities, including principles and legal frameworks, in support of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda. It also called upon the Executive Director to make this dialogue as open-ended and inclusive as feasible. At the same time, by its resolution 18/10 on the role of local authorities, the Governing Council invited Habitat Agenda partners, with the support of the secretariat, to strengthen local authorities in their important role in implementing the Habitat Agenda through, among other measures, improved training, peer-to-peer learning, city-to-city transfers and international exchanges based on documented best practices, good policies and action plans.

6. With regard to decentralization, Member States and other interested partners, including local government representatives, participated in a dialogue session during the first World Urban Forum in April-May 2002, on the basis of an issue paper presented by the secretariat. In line with the conclusions of the dialogue at the World Urban Forum, which confirmed that countries could benefit from constructive guidelines on decentralization, but with the provision that the guidelines should take into account the diversity of Member States, the secretariat produced a representative set of national case studies from each of the regions. The case studies document the current legislative and institutional set-up with regard to decentralization and the relationships among local, subregional and national levels of government. On the basis of these case studies, UN-HABITAT is submitting a report to the Governing Council at its nineteenth session under agenda item 7, containing recommendations on the dialogue series on decentralization, the possible scope and content of international guidelines on decentralization, the strengthening of local authorities and the time frame for achieving these goals.
7. With regard to the strengthening of local authorities, a series of half-day sessions was held during the first World Urban Forum. The dialogues succeeded in preparing a common concept and mutually supportive implementation initiatives for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, with the shared understanding that local capacity development is a key prerequisite for sustainable urbanization and the implementation of the Habitat Agenda. Among these, a most significant initiative for strengthening local authorities is the Partnership for Local Capacity Development, bringing some 20 Habitat Agenda partners together under the leadership of the World Association of Cities and Local Authorities Coordination (WACLAC) and UN-HABITAT in a systematic effort to promote cohesion and collective efficiency in the international support available to the development of local capacities.

8. The dialogue on effective decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities will provide an opportunity, first, to illustrate the regional diversities and commonalities with regard to the various legislative frameworks and practices of decentralization, prior to the deliberations by the Governing Council on the policy recommendations and operational elements of the report referred to in paragraph 2 above, and, second, to review continuing efforts to strengthen local authorities and discuss future direction.

9. The first part of the dialogue (Tuesday, 6 May 2003) will address decentralization. During this part, regional experts and Habitat partners, including the contributors to the secretariat’s interregional survey, will make introductory presentations as a basis for an interactive dialogue on the diversity of national and regional experience in decentralization. The second part of the dialogue (Wednesday, 7 May 2003) will address the strengthening of local authorities. During this part, representatives of international associations of local authorities will brief participants on the underlying concepts and progress in the development of partnerships for local capacity development, as a background for a discussion on the way forward. Both of these open discussions will serve as a prologue to the subsequent and more formal deliberations on item 7 by the Committee of the Whole, and will enable Member States to gauge the opinions of local authorities and other partners on the subject.

B. Background documentation

10. The following texts will constitute the essential documentation for this dialogue:

   (a) Resolution 18/1, on intensifying dialogue on effective decentralization and strengthening of local authorities within the framework of implementing the Habitat Agenda;

   (b) Resolution 18/10, on the role of local authorities;

   (c) HSP/GC/19/7: Report of the Executive Director on the dialogues on effective decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities;

   (d) HSP/GC/19/2: Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: progress report of the Executive Director;

   (e) HSP/GC/19/2/Add.2: Report of the Executive Director on the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

   (f) Background paper on decentralization and global perspectives: central themes and country experiences;

   (g) Background paper on the partnership for local capacity development (update to be available in April 2003).
C. Panellists

11. The dialogue panellists will comprise the following:

   (a) First part, on decentralization: regional experts on decentralization and contributors to the secretariat’s survey;

   (b) Second part, on the strengthening of local authorities: representatives of international associations of local authorities.

III. Dialogue II, on financing slum upgrading (Wednesday, 7 May 2003, afternoon)

A. Background and objectives of the dialogue

12. Member States have adopted and are actively seeking to implement the United Nations millennium development goals, together with the commitments made in the Monterrey Consensus\(^1\) adopted at the International Conference on Financing for Development and in the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development\(^2\) adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development. Collectively these provide the priorities for development cooperation for the first two decades of the new millennium.

13. Target 11 of the millennium development goals is the resolution made by Heads of State and Governments to have achieved by 2020 a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers. UN-HABITAT is the focal point within the United Nations system for the implementation of this target.

14. In October 2002, UN-HABITAT convened an international meeting of professionals to develop indicators that measure improvement in the lives of slum dwellers. The indicators identified at the meeting are: access to safe water, access to sanitation, security of tenure, quality of housing structure, and housing density.

15. One of the key challenges in meeting target 11 is the provision of adequate financial resources. Dialogue II will look at the sums required to meet target 11, and at ways of increasing the scale and stability of funding for slum upgrading. It will highlight sustainable approaches to financing, including mobilization of domestic resources (national, municipal and private, including individual savings) and support for income generation activities.

B. Background documentation

16. The following texts will constitute the essential documentation for this dialogue:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General: road map towards the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration (A/56/236);

   (b) Monterrey Consensus;

   (c) Urban development strategies and shelter strategies favouring the poor (HSP/GC/19/5);

   (d) Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: progress report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/19/2);

   (e) Cities Without Slums Action Plan (Cities Alliance).
C. Panellists

17. The dialogue panellists will comprise the following: representatives of international, domestic and private sector financial institutions; representatives of external support agencies; and representatives of local government, civil society organizations, slum dwellers and professionals.

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