Induction Seminar

- Governance Review Process

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Background

• References
  o GC22 Resolution GC/RES/22/5
    – Initiated the Governance Review Process
    – Improved operation of the current governance set-up
    – Reference to Quick-Wins
  o GC23 Resolution GC/RES/23/13 requests to
    – Further Examine options
    – Develop a procedure for the examination phase
    – Seek consensus on the identified option
    – Develop an action plan and Present it to the GA at its 67th Session (2012-13)
Background

• Current Status
  o Establishment of Open-Ended Consultative Group (transition from Implementation Team)
  o Drafting Team to prepare Terms of Reference to be set up
  o List of Proposals from Phase II under implementation jointly by the CPR and the Secretariat
Open-Ended Consultative Group

- Chair: Chile
- Standing Members

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- Secretariat: 10 members led by the Office of the Executive Director
- Open to participation of all the CPRs
Options (HSP/GC/23/INF/7)

1. Increased frequency for governance oversight, guidance and decision-making

2. Increased frequency for governance oversight, guidance and decision-making and expanded membership of GC meetings: Option 1 plus inclusion of an updated list of Habitat Agenda Partners
Options - continued

3. Executive Board or Executive Committee
   - 36 member States, meeting 3 times a year
   - Up to 5 additional non-voting members representing an updated list of Habitat Agenda Partners
   - Participation of the Bureau of the Executive Board and of the executive head of UN-Habitat in the annual joint meeting of Executive Boards of UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, WFP and UN Women
Options - continued

4. Hybrid Structure

- A Biennial GC meeting of possibly shortened duration (odd years)
- A high-level non-legislative meeting in conjunction with the WUF to lead the debate (even years)
- An empowered CPR with the authority to approve adjustments to the Work Programme and Budget during the inter-sessional period
- Changes to the rules and regulations of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation to enable UN-Habitat to use more flexible rules and regulations similar to those of other Funds and Programmes
Other Governance Reform Cases

• Establishment of UN Women : System-wide coherence (A/RES/64/289)
• Human Rights Council
• Nairobi-Helsinki Process
• Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development (IFSD)