Induction Seminar
- Governance Review Process

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- Secretariat: 10 members led by the Office of the Executive Director
- Open to participation of all the CPRs
Background

• References
  - GC22 Resolution GC/RES/22/5
    - Initiated the Governance Review Process
    - Improved operation of the current governance set-up
    - Reference to Quick-Wins
  - 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)
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
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
Current Status

• Establishment of Four Task Force Teams to review and analyze main governance challenges:
  o Multiple Lines of Authority
  o Over-complicated Work Programme and Budget
  o Relationship between UN-Habitat and UNON
  o Organisation of the Governing Council

• List of Proposals from Phase II under implementation jointly by the CPR and the Secretariat
Way Forward

• Analysis of Four Challenges
  o Period: Dec 2011 – March 2012
  o Outcome to be presented at the 44th CPR (21 March 2012)

• Comparative Analysis of Different Governance Models within UN system
  o Period: March – June 2012
  o Outcome to be presented at the 45th CPR (27 June 2012)

• Elaboration of Action Plan identifying options
  * Reflecting the outcome of the Rio+20
  o Period: June – October 2012
  o Outcome to be presented at the 46th CPR (17 October 2012)

• Presentation of the Action Plan to the 67th Session of the General Assembly
Other Governance Reform Cases

- Establishment of UN Women: System-wide coherence (A/RES/64/289)
- Human Rights Council
- Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development (IFSD) in conjunction with the Rio+20 preparation
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