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**Reports on the implementation of the UN-Habitat  
Strategic Plans: receipt of the 2019 annual report  
on the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019**

**Annual Progress Report on the implementation of the  
2014-2019 Strategic Plan for the year 2019\*\***

**Note by the secretariat**

1. The secretariat presents the sixth Annual Progress Report on the implementation of the six-year strategic plan (2014-2019) which was implemented through UN-Habitat's work programme and budgets. This report marks the end of the Strategic Plan period.
2. The 2019 Annual Progress Report has been prepared in accordance with UN-Habitat Governing Council resolution 26/3 May, 2017. In line with the request of Member States, the report presents progress made towards planned results (expected accomplishments), measured against their indicator targets for 2019.
3. Overall assessment of the performance in implementation of the strategic plan shows that UN-Habitat has made steady progress towards the achievement of the planned results. Over 80 per cent of the indicator targets have either been surpassed or have been met by the end of 2019.
4. The report describes normative and operational results or changes realized at local, national, regional and global levels with the contribution of UN-Habitat and partners. Transformations taking place with UN-Habitat support are demonstrated through selected impact stories. Institutional milestones achieved during the reporting period as well as the financial performance are also highlighted.
5. The first UN-Habitat Assembly was successfully convened in May 2019 and attracted a total of 2,900 delegates including national delegations from 127 countries, four Heads of State and 49 Ministers. One of the key outcomes from the first Assembly was the approval of the new UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2020-2023. Five programmatic resolutions were passed by the Assembly and one Ministerial declaration.
6. The first Executive Board meeting was held in November 2019. A key outcome of the meeting was the approval of UN-Habitat's 2020 Work Programme and Budget.
7. The UN-Habitat internal change process, launched in 2018, progressed. During 2019, a new Organization Structure was developed, with the structure taking effect on 1st January 2020.

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8. The 2019 Annual Progress report contains four sections.

(a) Section 1 presents the Executive Summary which includes, institutional highlights of 2019; financial performance highlights, programmatic highlights and summary of cross cutting issues, advocacy and partnerships, evaluation and audit.

(b) Section 2 presents detailed assessment of the progress and results achieved in each of the seven Subprogrammes.

(c) Section 3 presents regional highlights and;

(d) Section 4 highlights performance in the areas of advocacy and partnerships, cross-cutting issues, financial performance, evaluations as well as audit.

9. The Annual Progress Report 2019 on the implementation of the 2014-2019 Strategic Plan can be accessed at <https://unhabitat.org/First-session-of-the-year-2020-of-the-Executive-Board>.

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