

"A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL IN AN URBANIZING WORLD"

THE STRATEGIC PLAN

2020-2023

Regional Groups Consultation Asia Pacific Region

Tuesday 12 October, 1 pm

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| Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting by the Chair of the regional group;
2. Welcoming remarks by UN-Habitat;
3. Status update on UN-Habitat by the Executive Director including expectations for the upcoming session of the Executive Board and discussions on UN-Habitat's financial status and fundraising strategy;
4. Questions, answers and discussions and guidance from Member States;
5. Any other matters, including closing remarks.



| Expectations for the Regional Group Consultation

- Priorities of Member States regarding the further implementation of the Strategic Plan 2020-2023 in the Asia-Pacific Region
- Feedback from Member States on the implementation and impact of UN-Habitat programmes and activities in the Asia-Pacific Region
- Dialogue with Member States about UN-Habitat's financial situation and the resource mobilization strategy
- Submissions of national reports of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) as input to the Quadrennial report of the Secretary General, in preparation for the High Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the progress of implementation of the NUA
- Activities by Member States related to Urban October, including World Habitat Day and World Cities Day



| Some strategic areas to advance the Strategic Plan in ROAP

1. Sustainable urbanization and planning: ASEAN Sustainable Urbanization Strategy (1.1 M), Promoting a smart, sustainable and inclusive city, CAM (0.1M), Sustainable Urban Planning, CHN (various cities 1.4 M), Sustainable Cities, IND (UNIDO 1.6M), Global Future Cities, various cities (UK FCDO 0.8M), CPI, MYS (0.2M).

2. Climate change initiatives: Adaptation (fund) projects (CAM 5,0M, FJI 4.2M, LAO 5.5M, MNG 4.5M, PAK 6.1M, VNM 6.3M), Mainstreaming climate resilience, CAM (ADB 2M), Urban climate change resilience, LAO (GCF thru UNOPS 0.3M) , Climate change alliance, MMR (EU, 8M), GHG emission reduction, PAK (Korea East-West Power 0.2M)

3. Environment: Improvement of solid waste management, MMR (JPN 5.6M), Healthy oceans and clean cities, PHL (JPN 3 M), Waste wise cities, IND (AtEPW, 0.9M), (UNEP/WWF, 0.2M)

4. Humanitarian-development and resilience: Sustainable human settlements to support reintegration, AFG (DNK, EU 29M), Rebuilding Marawi through community-driven shelter & livelihood support, PHI (JPN, 10M), Improvement of Disaster resilient school, PAK (JICA, 4.2M)

5. COVID-19 recovery: Protection and services for vulnerable settlements, LAO (SDC thru FPA), Support marginalized estate rural communities, LKA (DFAT thru MPTF)



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- 1. A new Climate Change related programme:** new adaptation projects (\$25M) launched in **Lebanon, Syria and Jordan**; new climate resilience (\$13M) project will be launched this month for building resilience to Transboundary Sand and Dust Storms from **Iraq to Kuwait and the Gulf** through impact mitigation and ecosystems rehabilitation
- 2. Advancing sustainable urbanization in the Gulf countries:** New programmes on integrated planning, Quality of Life, Green public space, National Urban Policies and climate resilience in **KSA, Kuwait, UAE and Bahrain**
- 3. Urban Recovery for stabilization/sustaining peace:** Aligned with the urban recovery framework, numerous projects are under implementation or preparation in **Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Yemen** (urban profiling and ABA to inform the recovery projects, housing and infrastructure rehabilitation, improved land management and protection of housing, land and property rights (Syrian refugees, Area C in Palestine, Yazidis/Iraq and displaced Yemenis))

National NUA reports under preparation in Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon and Palestine

The Arab Ministerial Forum For Housing & Urban Development (AMFHUDEV) Amman 14-16 Dec 2021



| Expectations for 2nd Session of the Executive Board for 2021

- Approval of Work Programme and Budget for 2022
- Discussion on the recalibration of the Strategic Plan following the first meeting of the High Level Mid Term Review of the CPR
- Dialogue with Member States about the financial situation, the financial plan and resource mobilization strategy for the remaining part of the Strategic Plan period
- Building consensus on the transition to the proposed new strategic planning cycle 2026-2029
- Feedback of Member States regarding normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including global initiatives, flagship programmes, regional and country programmes
- Enhanced engagement of Member States in championing selected initiatives

