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Agenda item 9:

Briefing by the Executive Director on the implementation of all resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its first and second sessions.

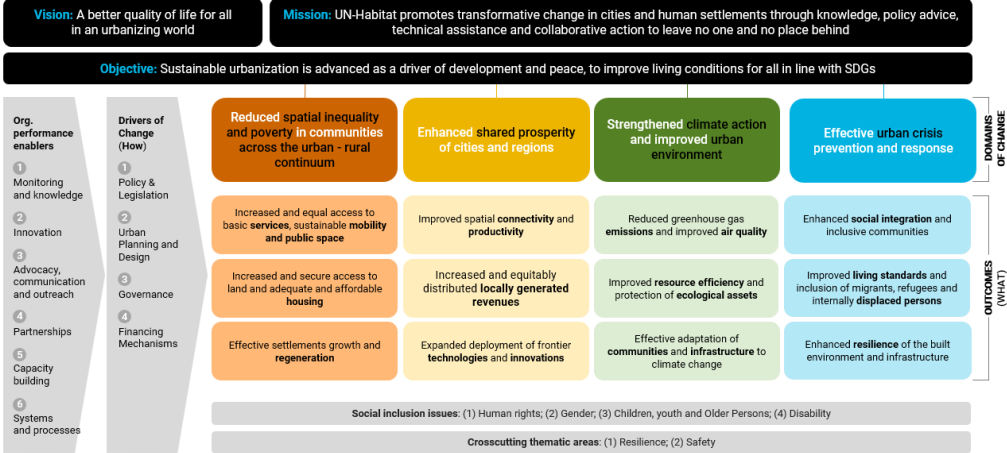
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Strategic plan 2020-2025



Resolution 1/1 – United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020-23

Implementation period extended to 2025 by UN-Habitat Assembly Decision 2/1 (2023).

- Independent midterm review of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2025 by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (HSP/EB.2024/4) has been completed.
- Progress of the Strategic Plan 2020-2025:
 - Agenda item 6.a for 2023 period (HSP/EB.2024/17)
 - Agenda item 7 for the January-June 2024 period, in annex to report on normative and operational activities (HSP/EB.2024/INF/14)

Resolution 1/2 – UN System-Wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements

Key progress



- Urban Safety Monitoring (USM) **tool** (OP4).
- **E-learning course** on 'Urban Safety and Human Security in Cities' (OP4).
- Peer-learning **events** with the Global Network on Safer ['Neighborhoods for All: Peer-to-Peer Learning on Safer Cities 2023-24'](#) report at WUF. (OP3)



Challenges



Mobilizing financial resources to:

- Further **implement normative products**;
- Facilitate **context-specific piloting** of urban safety tools;
- Develop **inter-agency framework** to strengthen partnerships and UN systemwide coordination on urban safety and security (OP4, OP5, OP6, OP7, OP8).



Going forward



- Focus on **advocacy** and **partnership** building.
- Leverage partner-led opportunities to **pilot new tools** (OP4).
- Evaluation of the Safer Cities programme (OP7).

Resolution 1/3 – Enhancing capacity building for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Key progress



- Capacity Building **Help Desk** (internal) (OP2).
- Collaboration with the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (**data gaps** and produce **research papers**) (OP2).
- **Training programmes** in collaborations with regional centres of excellence (OP3).



Challenges



- Mobilizing long-term/stable financial resource and investment for a higher quality **digital learning platform**. (OP1)
- Lack of data-based and qualitative framework for **assessing and improving capacity in NUA implementation** (OP2)



Going forward



- **Pro-poor learning tools**, including micro-learning platforms. (OP2).
- **Focus of trainings** remain the delivery of **sustainable urban development at the local level**, especially for low-income countries and conflict areas. (OP3).



Resolution 1/4 – Achieving gender equality through the work of the UN-Habitat to support inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements

Key progress



- Human Rights, Gender and Social Inclusion **Handbook** for Project Managers (*OP2, OP5*).

- **UN Gender Marker on financial benchmarking of spending on gender equality** institutionalization.

- Women's empowerment in urban contexts **events** at WUF and CSW (*OP3*).

- **Women-led Cities Joint Programme**: approved in PRC.



Challenges



- Additional funding for requested *OP1 (b)* to **set up policies and programmes** to support gender equality and women's empowerment would lead to wider implementation; and for **completion and dissemination of the Handbook**.



Going forward

- **Gender mainstreaming** remains a priority, through continuing day-to-day efforts to ensure that all of UN-Habitat's work is gender-responsive (*OP1*).
- **Strengthen partnerships** with UN entities and stakeholders.
- Increase engagement with and support to **Country Offices**.

Resolution 1/5 – Enhancing urban-rural linkages for sustainable urbanization and human settlements

Key progress



- **EGM** on intermediary cities (*OP3*).
- **Events** on food systems (FAO, GAIN, etc.) (*OP1, 3*).
- UNCCD 16th COP (*OP3, 5*).
- Urban Rural Assembly **project** (*OP3, 4*).
- Capacity development and new **knowledge products** (*OP1, 2, 3, 5*).
- Grand-Bamako **framework** (*OP2*).
- **Partnerships** with Univ. Nairobi, Nature4Cities & OCCAM (*OP2*).



Challenges



- Mobilizing predictable and ongoing financial and human resources to implement *OP5* and **respond to demands from partners and countries** on urban-rural linkages.

Going forward



- **Shanghai University, China** - contribution of USD 900K to support **global core-normative work** on urban-rural linkages (*OP1, 4*).
- **Partnerships expansion** with Univ. Nairobi, Nature4Cities & OCCAM (*OP2*), to address linkages with biodiversity, and explore opportunities in governance, resource management and service delivery improvement solutions



Resolution 2/2 – Accelerating the transformation of informal settlements and slums by 2030

Key progress



- **SADC:** subregional **implementation framework** development (OP3, 4).
- Content for the **Technical Guidelines** for a multiple partnership approach to slum transformation (OP8).
- **Global Publication on Informal Settlements and Slums** reached final stages (OP1, 2).



Challenges



- Global Publication on Informal Settlements and Slums: **funding for layout and design** (OP1, 2).
- Technical Guidelines: seeking **resources to develop content** further (OP8).



Going forward



- **Signed contribution agreement with South Africa** – includes funds for the development and implementation of the sub-regional strategy with an annual budget allocation for this purpose (OP5, 6, 7).
- **Implementation project** with OACPS (OP5, 6, 7).
- **Global Initiative** on Child-Responsive Slum Transformation (OP5, 6, 7).
- **Informality Taskforce** (OP5, 6, 7).



Resolution 2/3 – World Cleanup Day

Key progress

Challenges

Going forward



- **UNGA Resolution A/78/122** (December 2023): establishing **September 20 as World Cleanup Day**. (OP1)



- Inaugural World Cleanup Day was celebrated September 20, 2024, in **Tromsø, Norway** with a focus on protecting Arctic ecosystems and fighting plastic pollution.
- **50,000 cleanup events in 180 countries** took place on the day.



- Mobilizing resources (funding and staff time) to support **outreach**, develop **communication materials** and **engage governments and communities in observing and organizing World Cleanup Day**. (OP8)



- **Report on the outcomes** of World Cleanup Day 2024, highlighting successes, challenges, and lessons learned.



- **Launch Expression of Interest** to identify the host for **World Cleanup Day 2025**, encouraging more Member States to expand the global impact.

Resolution 2/5 – Enhancing the interlinkage between urbanization and climate resilience

Key progress



- **COP29 – 3rd Ministerial Meeting** on Urbanization and Climate Change.
- Urban Content in the NDCs – in-depth country analysis (**publication**) (*OP8*).
- **Framework agreement with GCF** for readiness programme in place (*OP6*).
- Innovate4Cities **conference** + IPCC engagement (*OP6*).
- **SURGe 5-year support** by Slovakia announced at WUF.
- Multilayered vulnerability assessment tool launched.



Challenges



- Respond to MS request for **NDC3.0 support**
- Maintain **momentum for Ministerial Meetings** and institutionalization
- **SURGe – country support** for Africa, Arab States, Asia-Pacific, Latin America & Caribbean
- GCF **accreditation timelines**.

Going forward



- **NDC3.0 guidelines and workshops**, Q1&2 2025.
- Regionalization of resolution / **regional strategies**.
- **COP30** roadmap and strategy.
- Consolidating urban practitioner knowledge, research and innovation for **IPCC Special Report**.

Resolution 2/6 – Localization of the Sustainable Development Goals

Key progress

- **Pact for the Future + Draft SP**
- Engagement in **G7 URB, ENV, DEV** → MoU with **Italian Ministry of Environment: 3.3mlnUSD** for Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs (*OP2 b.c.e*)
- MoU with **International Olympic Committee: 1.1mln USD** (*OP2 b.c.e*)
- Soft-earmarked contribution by **Germany and Finland**
- Launch **Global Stocktake on Localizing the SDGs** with OECD (*OP2.a*)
- Launch of **SDG Cities Global Community** (*OP2.d*).
- New **training and e-learning** courses (*OP2.b.c*).
- **Advocacy:** HLPF; SOTF; WUF; COP29 (*OP 2.b.d*).
- **The Local2030 Coalition** operational – Secretariat; Hubs; KSN; Partnerships etc. (*OP 2.f*)
- Continued **UMF implementation** + City Scan Tool (*OP 3 a.b.c*)

Challenges

-  Mobilizing and maintaining **predictable funding**
- **Diversifying** partners and sources of funding
- **Limited Human Resources** – Staff personnel
- **Fill the gap** – resources to support least develop countries and territories
- **Evolving offer in an evolving world** – localization for climate, crisis and conflict affected contexts.

Going forward

-  **Localizing Pact for the Future, Financing and Climate Agenda** (FFD4 and COP30). **Building capacities** on localization at UNCTs/country level.
- Continue engagement in **G7 and G20**.
- Supporting national governments on **Multilevel Governance for SDG Localization** through the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs.
-  Scaling up support to cities worldwide through **SDG Cities**. Expanding the **SDG Cities Global Community network**.
- Support more **cities and countries to apply the UMF**.
- Local2030 support to catalytic initiatives supported by **Joint SDG Fund**
- Scale up use of **Localization marker**
- Mobilising resources and rolling out **Women-Led Cities initiative**

Resolution 2/8 – Urban planning and sustainable infrastructure

Key progress



'Our City Plans': new **tools** for sustainable infrastructure + mobility (OP1).

- **Outreach** to MS for **needs assessment** (Africa Group Retreat (OP1, 2) and to partners and financial institutions to link planning and infrastructure finance (e.g., ShelterAfrique).
- Ongoing **set-up of integrated decentralised Urban Labs** in ROLAC, West Africa and Ukraine (OP6).
- **WUF events** on how to deliver integrated planning and infrastructure, access finance and increase own-source revenue.



Challenges



Mobilizing resources for the **development of additional knowledge, tools and solutions** (OP1, a).



Going forward

Resource mobilisation efforts to be accelerated with Multilateral Development Banks, Bilateral Cooperation.

- **Participation** in the **4th Financing for Development Conference** and joining of the **Urban SDG Finance Commission under the SDSN**.
- UN-Habitat-wide collaboration with MDB's for integrated urban development
- New tool additions on 'Our City Plans' and Municipal Finance Framework.

Resolution 2/9 – Creation of a human settlements resilience framework for early warning, foresight, risk reduction, crisis response, and post-crisis recovery and reconstruction

Key progress



Consultations with partners, enabling focus areas identification for the comprehensive operational framework (OP1, a).



Mapping of actors and country-level initiatives (ongoing) for each part of an urban crisis cycle. (OP1 (b))

Challenges



Mobilizing resources for the continuation of consultations, and drafting of framework, for the establishment of partnerships for IA and technology innovation for data mining on urban resilience systems (OP1, b) and development of training materials.



UN-Habitat **emergency response fund** (from crises to resilient development) is not yet fully reactivated due to lack of funding (OP2).

Going forward



Development of **urban recovery frameworks after crises** (i.e. Syria, Ukraine).

- Training materials.
- **Conceptual framework to be fine-tuned**, leading to its adoption (OP 1.e).
- **Business model for deployment of standby capacity** (OP2).

Resolution 2/10 –Equitable financing and effective monitoring of the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly

Completed



- Urban action funding window has been set up in the financial system. (OP3)
- Terms of reference (to endorse the window) have been established. (OP4)
- Contribution agreement template to include project balances has been revised. (OP5)
- **First version of the web page for UNHA resolution tracking has been designed and developed.** (OP1, OP2)
- **Mechanism to collect and publish information has been established.** (OP1, OP2)

Thank you!

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