

**Management Response: Mid Term Evaluation of the Implementation of UN-Habitat's Strategic Plan, 2014-2019  
Evaluation Report 2/2017**

UN-Habitat Management welcomes the Mid-term Evaluation of the Implementation of UN-Habitat's Strategic Plan, 2014-2019. The evaluation was carried out during the period February to March 2017 by two external evaluators, Ms Dorothy Lucks and Ms Ingrid Obery. The intent of the evaluation is to contribute to a better understanding of the progress achieved in implementing the Strategic Plan, determine whether UN-Habitat was achieving transformational results and make recommendations about improvements to strengthen performance, as well as feed into the review of the Strategic Plan 2014-2019.

The evaluation assesses UN-Habitat's progress towards the Plan's strategic result, the extent to which the UN system reforms have affected the implementation of the Strategic Plan, the effectiveness of UN-Habitat in implementing the Strategic Plan at regional and country level, and the quality of UN-Habitat's work, working under Delivering as One principles, the extent to which cross-cutting issues (human rights, gender equality, youth and climate change) are effectively integrated in design and implementation, the effectiveness and coherence of UN-Habitat, as a matrix organization, in delivering and achieving integrated approaches towards urbanization, and the changes and elements of continuity since the adoption of the Strategic Plan. In addition, the evaluation considers the extent to which UN-Habitat contributes to transformative change in relation to its strategic result, and assesses performance based on standard evaluation of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability.

The mid-term evaluation report was distributed to member States at the time of the 26<sup>th</sup> Governing Council in May 2017, and member States subsequently urged "*the Executive Director to adjust the strategic plan on the basis of the results of the midterm evaluation and to present it without delay to the Committee of Permanent Representatives for review and approval*" (26/3).

UN-Habitat Management finds the evaluation findings and recommendations useful and timely; and it will make concerted efforts to implement the accepted recommendations as this will support UN-Habitat's efforts towards positioning itself for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda and SDGs and in making itself more fit for purpose.