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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Registration (see delegates' handbook and page 4 for further details)

Regional group meetings (see page 2 for further details)

10.00 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (Conference Room 2)

Fourth meeting

Agenda item 10: Coordination matters and agenda item 11: Themes for the twenty-first and other future sessions of the Governing Council

Documents: HSP/GC/20/10, 11, 12, 13; HSP/GC/20/BD.3.

1.00 p.m.

Adjournment

3.00 p.m.

Fifth meeting

Draft reports on agenda items 5 (a): Dialogue on involvement of civil society in improving local governance and (b) Dialogue on post-conflict, natural and human-made disasters assessment and reconstruction, agenda item 6: Implementing and monitoring the goal of the United Nations Millennium Declaration on improving the lives of slum dwellers, agenda item 9: Work programme of UN-Habitat for the 2006–2007 biennium and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the 2006–2007 biennium, agenda item 10: Coordination matters and agenda item 11: Themes for the twenty-first and other future sessions of the Governing Council

Documents: HSP/GC/20/4; HSP/GC/20/5; HSP/GC/20/6 and Add.1; HSP/GC/20/9 and Add.1, Add.2; HSP/GC/20/BD/1 and BD/2; HSP/GC/20/INF/5; HSP/GC/20/10, 11, 12, 13.

6.00 p.m.

Adjournment

10.00 a.m.

DRAFTING COMMITTEE (Conference Room 1)

Consultations on draft resolutions

1.00 p.m.

Adjournment

3.00 p.m.

Consultations on draft resolutions

6.00 p.m.

Adjournment

GROUP MEETINGS: The following meeting rooms have been allocated.

African Group		Conference Room 1
Arab Group		Conference Room 2
Asian Group		Conference Room 7
Central and Eastern European Group (CEE)		Conference Room 8
EU	8 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Conference Room 3
	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	
Group of 77	1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Conference Room 1
GRULAC		Conference Room 4
JUSCANZ	9 a.m.	Conference Room 6
WEOG	9.30 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Room R-310
NGOs	8 a.m. – 9 a.m., 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	C-226 (UNESCO)
Women’s Caucus	9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Conference Room 5
Messengers of Truth working meeting	10.30 a.m.	Conference Room 6
Contact Group on Budget and Work Programme	10 a.m.	Room R-310
<i>Other allocated rooms and offices</i>		
President of the Governing Council		Conf. East 110 (behind Plenary)
Secretary to the President of the Governing Council		Conf. East 111
Rapporteur		Conf. East 112
Press and media office		Upper library
Press conference room		Lower library
Prayer/Meditation room		Conf. West 107 (behind Delegates’ Lounge)
Earth Negotiations Bulletin		Old Press Room
UNON Conference Services		R and S block, ground floor

PARALLEL EVENTS

Thursday, 7 April

12.30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Information on the Global Research Network on Pro-Poor Land Tool Development.	Conference Room 4
9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Millennium Project Task Force 8 Report Launch and Debate	Conference Room 4
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Annual Report on Forced Evictions	Press Conference Rm.
12 noon	Launch of Best Practices Magazine	Press Conference Rm.

Friday, 8 April

1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Closing Press Conference by the Executive Director	Press Conference Rm.
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Evaluation forms will be distributed to delegates of the twentieth session of the Governing Council. The forms will be distributed on the morning of Friday, 8 April 2005, in all conference rooms where meetings, dialogues and parallel events will be taking place. Please take a few minutes to complete the form. Your feedback will help UN-Habitat to improve the planning and preparation of future sessions of the Governing Council.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2005

Plenary – fifth meeting

A plenary dialogue on decentralization and strengthening local authorities was held on Wednesday, 6 April 2005, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. under agenda item 7 of the Governing Council. The dialogue took the form of a discussion on the draft guidelines on decentralization prepared by the Advisory Group of Experts on Decentralization (AGRED). The panel was made up of Czech Republic (Chair), Kenya, Norway, France, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the Philippines, Canada, United Republic of Tanzania, Global Parliamentarians for Habitat, Mexico, the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA), AGRED, the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR). There was a lively exchange of views with contributions by Austria, India, Antigua, Indonesia, Russian Federation, Dubai, Sweden, Uganda and Brazil, and all other countries and organizations represented on the panel.

Plenary – sixth meeting

The plenary dialogue on *Financing Shelter and Urban Development* examined the Executive Director's report HSP/GC/20/8, *Strengthening of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation* and the draft of the *Global Report on Human Settlements 2005*. The plenary then continued with a thorough interactive question-and-answer session, which began with statements from the panel comprising ministers and heads of delegation from the Governments of Sweden, Norway, the United States, Kenya, South Africa, and Germany. The subsequent deliberations ensued with interventions by Senegal, Tunisia, Indonesia, Egypt, Botswana, Ghana, Israel, Algeria, Guinea, Antigua and Barbuda, and Uganda. There were also contributions by *Habitat Agenda* partners, including, Slum Dwellers International, the Nairobi Stock Exchange, a European Commission development practitioner, and the Huairou Commission. At the request of the representative of Rwanda, the President concluded the meeting at 6 p.m. by calling for a minute of silence in commemoration of the eleventh anniversary on 7 April 2005 of the victims of the 1994 genocide in his country.

Committee of the whole – third meeting

The Committee of the Whole, chaired by H.E. Mr. Bernd Braun, Permanent Representative of Germany to UN-Habitat, completed its consideration of:

(a) Agenda item 9, *Work programme of UN-Habitat for the 2006-2007 biennium and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlement Foundation for the 2006-2007 biennium*. The agenda item was introduced by the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka, and in the deliberations the following countries made contributions: Nigeria, Cambodia, the Philippines, Uganda, Nepal, United Kingdom, Mexico, Japan, Norway, Algeria, and the United States of America.

(b) After concluding discussions on agenda item 9, the Committee resumed its work and concluded its discussions on agenda item 6, *Monitoring the implementation of the goal of the United Nations Millennium Declaration on improving the lives of slum dwellers*. The following countries made contributions to the discussion of this agenda item: Nepal, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Senegal, Sri Lanka, United Republic of Tanzania, Norway and Algeria.

At noon., the Committee adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday 7 April 2005, when it will hold a discussion on agenda item 10, *Coordination matters*, and agenda item 11, *Themes for the twenty-first and other future sessions of the Governing Council*.

The venue of the meeting will be Conference Room 2.

Drafting committee

On Wednesday morning, the drafting committee convened in informal session to continue considering the draft resolutions contained in HS/GC/30/3/Add.1. The committee reached consensus on resolution L.11/Rev.1, *Small island developing States*; and resolution L.15/Rev.1, *Sustainable development of Arctic cities*. It made headway in its consideration of resolution L.8/Rev.3, *Implementing and monitoring the goal of the United Nations Millennium Declaration on improving the lives of slum dwellers*.

The drafting committee received the following six draft resolutions submitted by delegations:

1. HSP/GC/20/CRP.1 *Youth and human settlements* (submitted by Norway and sponsored by Kenya and the Republic of South Africa);
2. HSP/GC/20/CRP.2 *Establishment of the African Ministers' Conference on Housing and Urban Development (AMCHUD)* (submitted by the African group and sponsored by the G-77);
3. HSP/GC/20/CRP.3 *Preservation and sustainable development of the oasis* (submitted by Morocco);
4. HSP/GC/20/CRP.4 *Resolution on the least developed countries* (submitted by the African group and supported by the G-77);
5. HSP/GC/20/CRP.5 *Access to basic services for all* (submitted by France, the Philippines and South Africa); and
6. HSP/GC/20/CRP.6 *Best practices, good policies and enabling legislation in support of sustainable urbanization and the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals* (submitted by Algeria and the Russian Federation).

During its informal Wednesday afternoon session, the drafting committee reached consensus on resolutions L.4/Rev.3, *Strengthening the Slum Upgrading Facility of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation*, and L.6/Rev.4, *Enhancing the involvement of civil society in local governance*.

The drafting committee decided to reconvene on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. for an informal evening session to continue its deliberations. It reached consensus on resolution L.16/Rev.1, *Housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living for persons who are vulnerable and disadvantaged*. It concluded its deliberations at 10.30 p.m.

PARALLEL EVENTS

H.E. Mr. Wojciech Jasiński, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat and Ambassador of Poland to Kenya, addressed the Civil Society Caucus. He outlined the role of the CPR as a subsidiary organ of the Governing Council, and encouraged civil society representatives to make use of the committee to address matters of concern to them. Civil society representatives asked Ambassador Jasiński for more representation at the drafting stage of documents, as well as in implementation of projects. They also asked the Ambassador to make available to them the schedule of meetings of the CPR as well as the level of representation from the various Governments.

DELEGATES' GUIDE

REGISTRATION: Delegates are requested to register, on arrival, at the registration desk in the Visitor's Pavilion at the entrance to the United Nations complex. Registration will be open from Saturday, 2 April 2005 at 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. and will continue until Thursday, 8 April from 8 am until noon. Delegates are reminded that the list of participants is based on the information provided by them at the time of registration and that inclusion of their names in the list of participants is conditional upon official registration. Delegates sponsored by the United Nations can obtain all the information necessary about their expenses at the registration desk.

BADGES: Badges will be issued to participants upon registration. For security reasons, delegates are requested to wear their badges at all times.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS: A list of delegations will be available from Tuesday, 5 April at the documents distribution area. Delegates are asked to notify the information desk of any corrections which may be required.

CREDENTIALS: Pursuant to rules 15 and 16 of the Governing Council's rules of procedure, delegates must have presented their credentials to the registration desk by the end of the first meeting of the session. Credentials will be examined by the Bureau of the Governing Council and approved by it. Questions may be addressed to the Secretary of the Governing Council, **Mr. J. Mungai (room M-205, Ext. 3133, e-mail: Joseph.Mungai@unhabitat.org)**.

NGO REGISTRATION AND OTHER FACILITIES: NGOs should register at the NGO desk at the Visitor's Pavilion. Registration will start on Saturday, 2 April 2005 at 8 a.m. and continue daily until Thursday, 8 April at noon. All NGO queries should be directed to the Civil Society desk or to the NGO Liaison Officer, **Mr. A. Krishnan (room M-206, Ext. 3870, e-mail: Anantha.Krishnan@unhabitat.org)**. Only accredited NGOs may attend the Governing Council.

MEDIA REGISTRATION AND FACILITIES: Correspondents who already have a valid United Nations grounds pass for Nairobi or New York do not need additional accreditation for the session. All others will require United Nations accreditation. To receive accreditation, media representatives will be required to present a letter of assignment, one form of valid ID (e.g., press card, work ID, driver's license, passport) and proof of media affiliation. These items should be presented when registering for the session at the Visitors' Pavilion. For online accreditation, please visit www.unicnairobi.org and click on media accreditation.

The Media Centre in the upper library will be open during meeting hours. For more information please contact e-mail habitat.press@unhabitat.org or **Mr. Sharad Shankardass (+254 20 623153)**, e-mail: Sharad.Shankardass@unhabitat.org, or **Zahra Hassan (+254 20 623151)**, e-mail: Zahra.Hassan@unhabitat.org.

RESERVATION OF MEETING ROOMS: Meeting rooms are available for Regional Groups every day before the regular scheduled meetings. Because of meetings of the various drafting groups and parallel events, availability during lunch hours and after regular meetings must be confirmed on a daily basis with **Mr. D. Franklyn, room M-200, Ext. 3322 or Ms. R. Kottonya, room M 202, Ext. 3903.**

Alternative meeting rooms may have to be provided. Requests for office space and equipment can also be directed to **Mr. D. Franklyn**. Equipment will be provided at cost. Given the limited availability of office space, requests will be handled on a first come, first served basis.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS: Charts indicating the seating arrangements for Plenary and the Committee of the Whole are attached for information.

MEETING TIMES: Official meeting times are from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. The daily programme will be posted on the notice board at the United Nations Office, Gigiri, and will appear daily in the *Journal*.

DOCUMENTATION: The main pre-session documents for the meetings are dispatched to the national focal points. Documents are also available on the UN-Habitat web site at www.unhabitat.org/gc/gc20 and pre-session documents will be provided as part of the delegates' information kit. Official documents will be available at the documents distribution centre behind the registration desk. Non-official documents will be available from a specially dedicated area in the corridor next to the Delegates' Lounge.

PREVIOUS GC DOCUMENTS: Delegates who require documents of previous Governing Council sessions or other United Nations documentation may ask the Library or call the reference desk staff **Stella Muthoka, Daniel Mukangura and Joseph Gichuki** on Exts. 1017, 1214 or 3723.

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION FOR DELEGATES: Participants must inform the secretariat of the number of documents required for use by their delegations by completing the relevant form, which will be available at the documents distribution counter at the United Nations Office, Gigiri.

DISTRIBUTION OF STATEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS BY DELEGATIONS: It is essential that texts of prepared speeches be made available to the secretariat **before** delivery. Seventeen copies of the text should be handed to the Conference Officer in the meeting room for the use of the interpreters, translators, report writers etc. Delegations wishing to have the texts of their representatives' statements generally distributed are requested to supply **250 copies** of those statements to the Conference Officer.

Delegations wishing to distribute other documents (monographs, national reports, etc.) should provide at least **200 copies** to **Mr. D. Franklyn, room M- 200, Ext. 3322.**

JOURNAL: A daily *Journal* will be published during the Governing Council. Any delegation wishing to place an announcement in the *Journal* should contact **Mr. R. Rollnick, Ext. 3988**, e-mail: Roman.Rollnick@unhabitat.org.

EXHIBITION: Exhibits are on display in the upper and lower lobbies. Exhibitors wish to take part in the Governing Council exhibition should notify UN-Habitat as soon as possible with exact requirements for their exhibition space (**Ms. Jane Nyakairu, Tel +254 20 624502**). United Nations contracted clearing agents for exhibition materials and equipment are **Urgent Cargo Handling Limited (+254 20 624347)** and **Markfirst (+254 20 624379)**.

LIST OF SPEAKERS: Participants wishing to speak in the general debate in plenary are asked to contact the secretariat (**Ms. A. Mugeni, room M-205, Ext. 4208**). Each delegation will be limited to one intervention of a maximum of five minutes. This limit will be adhered to strictly. In establishing the list of speakers for the high-

level segment, precedence will be given to ministers and deputy ministers. They will be followed by other heads of Government delegations and Habitat Agenda partners.

Delegates wishing to place their names on the list of speakers for the debate on specific items in the Committee of the Whole should contact the Secretary of the Committee, **Mr. M. Halfani, in Conference Room 1.**

BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Delegations seeking bilateral meetings with the Executive Director should contact the Assistant to the Executive Director, **Ms. R. Kalaule in Room M 305 Ext. 5002** and **Ms. N. Kangethe in Room M 305 Ext. 5006.**

RECEPTIONS: Delegations wishing to hold receptions may obtain assistance from the secretariat. They should contact **Ms. J. Omondi, room M-205, Ext. 3132.**

TRANSPORT: Delegates will be met at the airport by UN-Habitat staff, who will assist the delegates in processing their entry into Kenya. The United Nations has contracted Apollo Tours and Travel Ltd. to help provide transport. Their rates are given below:

From airport to hotel by car	\$10
Bus transfers within Nairobi (min. 8 people)	\$5
Transfers to Safari Park and Windsor hotels by car	\$12
Transfers to Safari Park and Windsor hotels by bus (min. 8)	\$6
Full day hire of chauffeur driven Mercedes-Benz	\$200

PARKING: Access to the Gigiri Compound for the period of the twentieth session of the UN-Habitat Governing Council will remain open to all official embassy vehicles and drivers. For those vehicles used by embassies without diplomatic number plates, please forward details of the vehicle and driver to **UNON Security (Fax: +254 20 623939)**, to the **attention of Mr. Simon Mwinzi**. To help the Security Officers identify these vehicles, please ensure that an A4 sized label (landscape) is placed inside each vehicle indicating clearly, on the front windscreen, the vehicle number (top) and the name of the delegation (below). Drivers' passes must also be obtained, in advance, from the Visitors Pavilion; details of the driver should be sent separately to **Ms. Maria Fernandes (Fax: +254 20 623930)**.

Parking of these vehicles is restricted to the Delegates' parking area. Because of the limited parking facilities within the complex, it is preferred that embassy vehicles without diplomatic number plates should limit their business within the complex to dropping off and collecting their passengers. Such vehicles should depart the complex immediately upon completion of such tasks.

SERVICES FOR DELEGATES

Internet Café: Free Internet access is available from the Internet Café, located behind the Delegates' Lounge on the lower concourse and in the Library where a special area will be put aside for the media.

Television monitors: The proceedings of public meetings in Conference Rooms 1 and 2, and also press conferences, may be viewed on the television monitors situated in the lobby.

Business Centre: The Business Centre, located behind the Delegates' Lounge next to the Internet Café on the lower concourse will provide services at cost to delegates. Services available include photocopying, word processing, telephone and fax, mobile phones, rental of office and meeting room equipment, including projectors, PCs, copiers, fax machines and so on.

Videoconferencing Facility: Videoconferencing facilities are available at the conference centre. For bookings please contact **Mr. Francis Gichomo (Ext. 3081)**.

UN-Habitat Shop: The UN-Habitat shop, located on the lower concourse next to the Commissary and opposite the Kenya Commercial Bank, will be open from 8.30 am to 5 pm on weekdays. It will stock UN-Habitat publications and souvenirs such as watches, mugs, T-shirts and gift items made locally in Kenya.

Commissary: Access to the United Nations Commissary will be available to all registered heads and deputy heads of Government delegations and of United Nations and intergovernmental organizations. Commissary passes will be provided at the Registration Desk. The Commissary is situated on the lower concourse and will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. For large quantities of supplies, particularly of alcoholic drinks, a letter to **Mr. Stephen Stannah, room G-213, Ext. 4569**, Head of Commercial Operations, UNON, is required.

UNICEF Greeting Card Shop: The UNICEF Greeting Card Shop, also situated next to the Commissary and opposite the Kenya Commercial Bank, will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. It has a large and varied list of items available, including greeting cards, T-shirts, wall plates, UNICEF pens, puzzles, ceramic sets, stationery, teddy bears, games, UNICEF hats and many other items.

Hotel reservations, airport transfers and transport for delegates: Participants should make their own hotel reservations. A list of recommended hotels in Nairobi, the rates and indication of some complementary services (including transfers to and from the airport) is available on the UN-Habitat web site, <http://www.unhabitat.org/gc/gc20/default.asp>. Transfers from the airport to the hotels are available at cost through Bunson Travel service on the upper concourse. Bunson Travel also have an office in the airport arrivals hall. Please note that some hotels provide transfers from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the United Nations conference centre free of charge to their guests.

Travel Agencies: The two United Nations travel agents at the United Nations complex (Bunson and Acharya) will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for all local and international travel, including excursions and safaris. **Bunson (Exts. 4980/5)** is located on the upper concourse adjacent to the staff lounge. **Acharya (Exts. 2438/9)** is on the lower concourse, next to the Kenya Commercial Bank.

First Aid: Emergency first aid is available and a doctor is on hand if needed. A **nurse** will be on duty during meeting hours, and may be contacted in **room F-117, Exts. 2267/8**. An ambulance is available 24 hours a day.

Postal Services: The Post Office, which has telegram, telex, fax and international telephone facilities, will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day Saturdays and Sundays. During office hours, public phones are available inside the Post Office for which cash payments may be made at the counter. Payphones, for use with phone cards, which may be purchased from the Post Office, are available on a 24-hour basis outside the Post Office.

Telephone Calls: Delegates should refrain from using the telephones at the Registration Desk, which are for internal use only. Calls to the city may be made from the telephone facility near the Post Office and from the Business Centre.

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Catering Services: There are three restaurants in the United Nations complex which provide meals, snacks, tea and coffee. The caterers can also organize food and drinks for private functions, dinners and receptions.

Hotel Intercontinental (Exts. 2460/3)

Location: Central Area, Main Cafeteria, Restaurant, Staff Lounge: International cuisine, local dishes, steaks and French fries, snacks, salad bar, fresh fruits, yogurts, beverages, tea and coffee. Delegates' Lounge: Snacks, light lunches, pastries, beverages, tea and coffee.

Crackerjack Café (Ext. 2496)

Location: Old Cafeteria: Continental buffet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. BBQ, including full salad bar on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fresh sandwiches made to order (French bread or toasted). Assorted pastries and cakes, soups, full salad bar. Fresh fruit salads and yogurts. Beverages, tea and coffee.

Café Royale (Ext. 3840)

Location: All five coffee stations: Tea and coffee, fresh toasted sandwiches, pizzas. Bar in Block W: Plain fries, small salads, cakes and pastries. Tented Structure (lower level between blocks T and U): Buffet with a selection of hot meals with an added touch of flavours of Africa, fruit salads, tea and coffee.

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