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## GOVERNING COUNCIL, NINETEENTH SESSION NAIROBI, 5-9 MAY 2003

### PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Friday, 9 May 2003

#### PLENARY

9.30 a.m.

#### Seventh meeting (Conference Room 2)

Draft reports of the Committee of the Whole and draft reports of the Plenary on:

Agenda item 1: Election of officers;

Agenda item 2: Credentials;

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

*Documents:* HSP/GC/19/1; HSP/GC/19/1/Add.1; HSP/GC/19/INF/1;  
HSP/GC/19/INF/2

Agenda item 4: Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT: Progress report of the Executive Director.

Agenda item 5: Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

*Documents:* HSP/GC/19/2; HSP/GC/19/2/Add.1; HSP/GC/19/2/Add.2;  
HSP/GC/19/2/Add.3; HSP/GC/19/2/Add.4; HSP/GC/19/3; HSP/GC/19/3 Add.1;  
HSP/GC/19/3/Add.2; HSP/GC/19/INF/3; HSP/GC/19/INF/4; HSP/GC/19/INF/6;  
HSP/GC/19/INF/8; HSP/GC/19/INF/9; HSP/GC/19/INF/10

Dialogue I on effective decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities

Dialogue II on financing slum upgrading

12.30 p.m.

#### *Adjournment*

#### Eighth meeting (Conference Room 2)

2.30 p.m.

Draft resolutions from the Drafting Committee on:

Agenda item 12: Other matters.

*Document:* HSP/GC/19/15

Agenda item 13: Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twentieth session of the Governing Council.

*Document:* HSP/GC/19/16, prepared in-session

Agenda item 14: Adoption of the report of the session.  
Agenda item 15: Closure of the session.

5.30 p.m.

*Adjournment*

#### **DRAFTING COMMITTEE (Conference Room 1)**

9.30 a.m.

Consultations on draft resolutions

12.30 p.m.

*Adjournment*

9.00 a.m.

#### **WORKING GROUP ON THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL (Conference Room 4)**

12.30 p.m.

*Adjournment*

### **SUMMARY OF MEETINGS HELD ON THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2003**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – FIFTH MEETING**

The Special Rapporteur of adequate housing made a statement. The Committee completed consideration of the draft report on agenda items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 contained in document HSP/GC/19/CW/L.1 and finalized it with minor amendments. Statements were made by the representatives of the Holy See, the United States of America and Egypt. The Committee of the Whole has thus completed its work. The Chairman will present the report of the Committee of the Whole to Plenary on Friday, 9 May 2003.

#### **DRAFTING COMMITTEE**

On Thursday 8 May, the Drafting Committee held two formal meetings, in the morning and in the afternoon. The afternoon meeting extended to 8.30 p.m., after which the Committee continued to meet informally.

By 5.30 p.m. it had formally adopted draft resolutions L.1/Rev.3, L.2/Rev.4, L.3/Rev.1, L.4/L.6, L.5/Rev.2, L.7/Rev.4, L.9/Rev.2, L.11/Rev.3, L.13/Rev.2, L.14/Rev.1, L.16/Rev.2, L.17 (formerly L.15B) and GC/19/CRP.1.

#### **SUMMARY OF PARALLEL EVENT ON OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

The event on UN-HABITAT operational activities presented a selection of four country programmes of UN-HABITAT in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The main objectives of those programmes are to support the formulation and implementation of urban and shelter policies consistent with internationally agreed principles and commitments, including the Habitat Agenda, the Millennium Declaration and the Declaration on Cities and other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, and to develop national and local capacities and institutional frameworks in the areas of municipal management, housing and basic infrastructure. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Daniel Biau, Director, Regional and Technical Cooperation Division.

Presentations were made by: Mr. Aminur RAHMAN, Secretary, Ministry of Housing, Bangladesh, and Mr. Mike SLINGSBY, Chief Technical Advisor of UN-HABITAT in Dhaka; Mr. Jesús TAMAYO, Director-General, Secretariat for Social Development, Mexico, and Mr. Jorge GAVIDIA, Chief, Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, UN-HABITAT; Mr. Jesper PETERSEN, European Union, Somalia Office, and Mr. Mohammed El-SIOUFI, Senior Human Settlements Officer, UN-HABITAT; Mr. Ahmed WAADA, Deputy Director General of Housing, South Africa; Mr. Johan MINNIE, Director, Information Management, Republic of South Africa; and Mr. Alioune BADIANE, Chief, Office for Africa and Arab States, UN-HABITAT.

The debate addressed the issues of sustainability and scaling up, the relationship between operational activities implemented at country level and normative policies promoted at global level and the need for investment follow-up to technical cooperation activities, particularly for slum upgrading and urban poverty reduction.

## SUMMARY OF SECONDARY PARALLEL MEETINGS

### ***Youth Round Table***

The UN-HABITAT Training and Capacity Building Branch conducted a youth round table for young people from a wide variety of countries. Using the methodology *Building Bridges – Tools for Conflict Resolution and Negotiation*, they were given insights into negotiating skills and conflict resolution. Each participant was asked by the Information Services Section of UN-HABITAT to write two paragraphs on issues they consider most important in their lives and told that the best contributions would be selected for longer articles in the next issue of the agency's quarterly magazine, *Habitat Debate*, which will focus on youth issues.

### ***Kenya Alliance for the Advancement of Children***

The children event was sponsored by Kenya Alliance for Children (KAACR) in collaboration with the Nairobi Integrated Programme, a programme of the Christian Children's Fund (CCF).

Ten children from Marurui slums, Kayole-Soweto and Gitari-Marigu shared their experiences with the participants on problems they experience in the slums. Their presentation "My Life in the Slum" highlighted problems they experience. A video and a skit emphasizing the problems were also presented.

The children appealed to Governments to apply a rights-based approach in solving shelter problems in the slums. They also appealed to Governments to include a children agenda in all their policy and legislative interventions aimed at solving shelter problems in the slums.

### ***International Architects, Designers, Planners for Social Responsibility***

Participants heard how architects, engineers, designers and planners have a key and powerful role to play in the urban environment, a role so important that it influences the quality of human existence. The impact on and by the professions was examined in a social context and local situations and challenges from various countries were highlighted. It was noted that a balance must be struck between quantity and quality of housing when upgrading slums and informal settlements. The influence which urban composition, layout, use, modification and management have on crime and violence was observed, with the mushrooming of gated communities in some countries seen as indicative of social decay, fear and exclusiveness. The importance of sharing experiences, of information networks and of partnerships was stressed. Participants expressed a desire for closer programmatic engagement with UN-HABITAT.

### ***Homelessness in Developing Countries***

About 100 participants discussed initial outputs from a research project sponsored by the Department for International Development (DFID) of the United Kingdom. The project, *Homelessness in developing countries*, was carried out by Graham Tipple and Suzanne Speak from the Global Urban Research Unit (GURU) at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. The research grew directly out of the UN-HABITAT report *Strategies to combat homelessness*, published in 2000. Participants heard about findings on the definitions of homelessness, the causes and nature of homelessness, and interventions to combat homelessness in the nine countries studied: Bangladesh, China, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Peru, South Africa and Zimbabwe. After Dr. Tipple's narrative, Miloon Kothari, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights led a lively discussion. It was noted that homeless people are often regarded as unproductive and sub-human and that interventions based on such views are most often unhelpful. More positive interventions, starting with a more positive attitude and including legalizing homelessness, should be promoted.

### ***Community Local Infrastructure Financing Facility (CLIFF)***

Participants discussed the CLIFF concept, which is based on the realization that solutions for slum upgrading require the collective organizational capacity developed by communities and the building of long-term relationships with other partners to bridge the gap that exists in accessing project finance for community-led shelter programmes. CLIFF will provide the mechanism by which a local-global alliance can be forged in the area of urban upgrading and development. Participants heard how CLIFF — which is being piloted in India — provides bank guarantees and capital for bridging loans and also grants for technical assistance and knowledge-sharing. The infrastructure and housing initiatives that are being developed as a result emerge from strong community/local authority partnerships that are initiated and led by the urban poor themselves.

## OTHER EVENTS

### ***Women's Caucus***

The Women's Caucus has met every morning since Monday, 5 May 2003 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. A daily average of 50 people, both women and men, have attended the Caucus. The following themes were discussed: women and security of tenure; women and good urban governance; women and HIV/AIDS; and gender and women's empowerment in the Iraq Programme.

Participants expressed appreciation for the efforts made by UN-HABITAT to involve women's community-based organizations and non-governmental organizations in its activities, but urged greater involvement of UN-HABITAT in their communities at the local level.

### ***Book launch: Demographic Change***

The Chief of the UN-HABITAT Urban Governance Unit, Mr. Mohamed Halfani, addressed a press briefing to launch a book entitled *Demographic Change and its Implication in the Developing World*. Mr. Richard Stein of the University of Toronto presented the highlights of the book, a comprehensive study on the transformation and demographic trends of urban life in cities worldwide. The book will be in circulation later this month.

## PARALLEL EVENTS

**Friday, 9 May 2003**

12.30 - 2.30 p.m.

**The future of cities (Conference Room 1)**

Focal Point: D. Okpala (ext. 3041)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MEDIA INVITATION**

Mrs. Anna K. Tibaijuka, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme – UN-HABITAT and H.E. Mr. Bo-Goransson, Ambassador of Sweden and President of the nineteenth session of the Governing Council **wish to invite Nairobi-based journalists to the Closing Press Conference of the nineteenth session of the Governing Council on Friday, 9 May 2003 at 1 p.m. in the Press Centre in the lower concourse.** The Press will be briefed on the outcomes of the nineteenth session of the Governing Council. There will be two shuttles to transport journalists from Chester House. The first will leave as usual at 8.30 a.m. for the United Nations Office at Gigiri. The second will leave at noon.

For further information, please contact **Mr. Sharad Shankardass (ext. 3153)** or **Ms. Zahra Hassan, (ext. 3151)** or e-mail **habitat.press@unhabitat.org**

## BADGES

For security reasons, delegates are requested to wear their badges at all times.

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

A printout of the relevant entries for each delegation will be handed out in the meeting rooms as soon as possible. Participants are requested to check the entries carefully and return any corrections to the registration desk as early as possible.

## CREDENTIALS

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Governing Council (Rules 10 and 11), delegates are requested to hand in their credentials at the registration desk when they first register. Credentials will be examined by the Bureau of the Governing Council and approved by the Governing Council on the basis of a report by the Bureau. Any questions regarding credentials should be addressed to the Secretary of the Governing Council, **Mr. J. Mungai (room M-205, ext. 3133)**.

## MEDIA REGISTRATION AND OTHER FACILITIES

Media representatives should register at the Media Centre located on the lower level of the library. Please have a valid press card and letter from your editor to facilitate the accreditation process. Nairobi-based journalists will be given Governing Council badges upon presentation of their current United Nations security passes. Press registration will open from 8.30 a.m. Media queries should be directed to officers at the Press Centre or to **Mr. S. Shankardass (room N-135, ext. 3153)**.

## REGIONAL GROUP MEETINGS

The following meeting rooms have been allocated to the regional groups for the duration of the session:

European Union	Conference Room 3 (8.30 – 9.15 a.m.)
Group of African States	Conference Room 1 (8.30 – 9.15 a.m.)
Group of Arab States	Conference Room 7
Group of Asian States	Conference Room 6 (8.30 – 9.15 a.m.)
Group of Central and Eastern European States	Conference Room 5 (8.30 – 9.15 a.m.)
Group of Latin American and Caribbean States	Conference Room 8 (8.30 – 9.15 a.m.)
Group of Western European and Other States	Room CE 110 (9.00 – 9.50 a.m.)
Group of 77 and China	Conference Room 4
JUSCANZ	ICAO (Block I) (8.15 – 8.50 a.m.)

### Other allocated rooms

NGOs/Youth	UNESCO Conference Room C-224
NGO daily caucus	Tent (lower concourse) near fountain
Press and media events	Press Centre (lower level, library)
Women's caucus	White tent behind Block M (9.00 – 10.00 a.m.)
Prayer Room	CW-107
Francophone Africa	Conference Room 4

## RESERVATION OF MEETING ROOMS

Meeting rooms are available for regional groups every day before 9.30 a.m. Because of meetings of various drafting groups and special parallel events, availability during lunch hours and after the regular meetings needs to be confirmed on a daily basis with **Mr. D. Franklyn (room M-200, ext. 3322)** or **Ms. E. Mutua (room R-111, ext. 3394)**.

## MEETING TIMES

The normal meeting times will be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. The programme will be posted on the notice board at the main lobby of the United Nations Office, Gigiri, and appears in the *Journal*.

## DOCUMENTATION

Official Governing Council documents will be available at the document distribution centre behind the registration desk from 9.30 a.m. on Friday 9 May. The documentation centre will remain open from 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Special tables have been placed in the corridors near Conference Rooms 1 and 2 for non-official documentation and information materials.

## SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Charts indicating the seating arrangements for Plenary and the Committee of the Whole remain unchanged.

## JOURNAL

A daily *Journal* will be issued during the Governing Council. The last Journal will be published on Friday 9 May. Any queries relating to the *Journal* should be directed to **Ms. J. Nyakairu (room N-138, ext. 4502)**.

## LIST OF SPEAKERS

Participants wishing to speak in the general debate in plenary are requested to communicate their requests to the secretariat (**Ms. J. Omondi (room M-205, ext. 3132)**). 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. S. Erguden, in Conference Room 1**.

## DISTRIBUTION OF STATEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS BY DELEGATIONS

It is essential for texts of prepared speeches to be made available to the secretariat in advance of delivery. **Seventeen copies** of the text should be handed to the Conference Officer in the meeting room for the use of the interpreters, translators, 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)**.

## DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION FOR DELEGATES

Participants are requested to 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.

## RECEPTIONS

Delegations wishing to hold receptions may obtain assistance in scheduling them from the secretariat. They should contact **Ms. J. Omondi (room M-205, ext. 3132)**.

## BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Delegations wishing to have bilateral meetings with the Executive Director should contact the Assistant to the Executive Director, **Ms. V. Khehar (room M-305, ext. 5002)**.

## TELEVISION MONITORS

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

## EXHIBITION AND PUBLICATIONS

UN-HABITAT and its partners have an exhibition depicting a wide range of human settlement activities worldwide. The display can be seen in and around the lobby of the main entrance. The exhibitions incorporate a display of titles recently published by UN-HABITAT and Habitat Agenda partners.

Participants interested in acquiring individual publications should complete the request forms available in the lobby area, while delegates wishing to exhibit their materials should contact **Mr. A. Kalsi (ext. 3124)**.

## SERVICES FOR DELEGATES

### *Video conferencing*

Video conferencing facilities should be booked through **Francis Gichomo, UNON/ITS (room W-135, ext. 3081)**, who will also book requests for technical assistance to set up the call and operate the equipment during a session, if required. This assistance is charged for separately.

Please visit <http://www.unon.org/restrict/intranet/its/> for the current charges.

### *Internet Café*

Free Internet access is available at the Internet Café, located behind the Delegates' Lounge on the lower concourse and in the Main Library on the upper concourse.

### *Library Services*

A library and reference service will be available for all delegates and staff members at the Main Library from 8.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. Services include:

- Reference searches on general and human settlements issues using databases such as Dialog, Lexis-Nexis, Proquest Direct
- United Nations documentation searches (HS documents, General Assembly documents, ECOSOC, etc.)
- Retrieval of UN-HABITAT publications

General Inquiries on the Services and any reference queries on substantive issues can be addressed to **Anne Fraser (ext. 4229 or 3105)**.

Queries on UN-HABITAT Publications and United Nations official documentation can also be addressed to **Daniel Mukangura (ext. 4317)**.

### *Commissary*

Access to the United Nations duty-free shop will be extended for the duration of the session to all heads of delegations and their deputies, after they have officially registered their participation. The Commissary is situated on the lower concourse. Commissary barcodes will be provided at the registration desk. The Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

### *Gift Centre*

The United Nations Gift Centre, situated adjacent to the Commissary, will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. It has a large and varied list of items available, including souvenirs, mementos and gift items from various United Nations agencies as well as from various countries.

### *Hotel reservations, airport transfers and transport for delegates*

Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservations. A list of recommended hotels in Nairobi, the rates and indication of some complimentary services (including transfers from the airport to the hotels) is available on the UN-HABITAT web site, [www.unhabitat.org/governingbodies/default.asp](http://www.unhabitat.org/governingbodies/default.asp). Apollo Tours has been contracted by UNON to transfer delegates from the airport to their hotels at a cost. The special United Nations rates are available on our web site. Delegates can book, at cost, transport from their hotel to the United Nations conference center in Gigiri from a special transport desk located in the lobby of the conference center.



### ***Travel agencies***

The two United Nations travel agents, Acharya and Bunson, will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for return bookings, re-routings, etc. Booking of tours and safaris may be also made through the travel agents. **Acharya (ext. 2438/2439)** can be found on the lower concourse, next to the Kenya Commercial Bank, while **Bunson (ext. 4980/4985)** is located on the upper concourse adjacent to the staff lounge.

### ***First Aid***

Emergency first aid will be available throughout the session. The services of a doctor can be obtained if required. A nurse will be on duty during meeting hours, and can be contacted in block F, room 117, Ext. 2267 or 2268. An ambulance is available 24 hours a day.

### ***Health advisory on measures against SARS***

So far there have been no cases of SARS in Kenya, but as a precautionary measure, the Kenyan Ministry of Health is following WHO recommendations and has initiated screening of all international travellers for the SARS virus.

On arrival at the airport, United Nations officials will be on hand to assist delegates who will be asked by Kenya Government health officers to fill in a form; delegates may also have their temperature taken. If the health officers think it necessary, delegates may be asked to step aside to answer additional questions.

During the Governing Council, if at any time a delegate feels feverish or develop a cough, cold or chest pain, he/she should immediately contact **United Nations Medical Services (tel. 622267)**. After working hours, they may contact the **United Nations Control Room, (tel. 622999 or 622666)**. Should any delegate be taken ill in their hotel, they should remain in the room and ask reception to call the hotel doctor or the United Nations at the above numbers.

For the safety of all, these precautionary measures should be adhered to by everyone attending the Governing Council.

### ***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 and rental of office and meeting room equipment including, projectors, PCs, copiers, fax machines, and so on.

### ***Postal Services***

The post office, with telegram, telex, fax and international telephone facilities, will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday. During office hours, public phones are available inside the post office, for which cash payments may be made at the counter. Pay phones, for use with phone cards which may be purchased from the post office, are available on a 24-hour basis outside the post office.

### ***Telephones***

Delegates are requested to refrain from using telephones at the registration desk, which are for the use of secretariat staff only. Calls to the city can be made from the telephones near the post office or from the business centre.

### ***Banking Services***

Branches of the Kenya Commercial Bank and CitiBank will be open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the duration of the session.

### ***Catering Facilities in the Gigiri Complex***

There are three regular caterers in the United Nations complex contracted to provide food and beverages for breakfast and lunch as well as snacks during coffee breaks for staff and visiting delegates participating in conferences. These three caterers, listed below, can also organize food and drinks for private functions, dinners and receptions.

### ***Hotel Intercontinental***

**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.

**Contact:** Ms. Grace Chege (tel. 622460/3)

***Crackerjack Café***

**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.

**Contact:** Ms. S. Rajani (tel. 622496)

***Café Royale***

**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.

**Contact:** Ms. A. Litondo and Mr. P. Hinga (tel. 623840)

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