

**Notes from the Mission of Mrs. Tibaijuka to Maputo on 21 and 22 of May 2008
for participating in the Seminar on “Experience and lessons learned among the eight:
Delivering as one programme pilot countries”**

Day 21 of May 2008

- Upon arrival in Maputo at 10:55, the ED was received by Mr. Ndolamb Ngokwey UNRC at airport/VIP lounge and by an official designated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. The UNRC accompanied the ED to the Hotel Polana where he briefed her on the proceedings for the Seminar.
- After receiving the UNRC, the ED met the UN-HABITAT country team, composed of the HPM and the CTA, to take stock of the programme in Mozambique. At the occasion some modifications were introduced to her speech in order to effectively reflect the concerns of the Non-Resident Agencies such as UN-HABITAT in the implementation of the “delivering as one” programme.
- Prior to the opening session of the seminar Ms. Luisa Diogo, the Prime Minister, accompanied by Mr. Oldemiro Baloi, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, received the ED in a courtesy meeting. At the occasion the Prime Minister has highlighted that for Mozambique the District was the basic unit for economic and territorial planning. The Prime Minister further mentioned that Government is very much committed to implement rural development but nevertheless had appreciated the intervention of the Director of ROAAS on behalf of the ED by the occasion of the 34th AfDB annual meeting.

The meeting lasted about 15 minutes.

- The seminar on the DaO pilot countries was officially opened at 15:00 by the Prime Minister of Mozambique who spoke after the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the ambassadors of Tanzania and Ireland to the UN (Co-Chairs of the General Assembly Informal Consultations on System-wide coherence) after the UN-HABITAT ED.

At the key note speech the UN-HABITAT ED emphasized that she was in Maputo attending the event on behalf of Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, UN Deputy Secretary-General, who regretted not being able to come. The ED congratulated the Government of Mozambique for pioneering the idea of that seminar which was fully endorsed by the TCPR. The speech outlined three essential points for the success of Delivering as One initiative:

- ✓ making the UN more efficient, effective and coherent;
- ✓ advance faster, building on the momentum created by the 2007 Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development;
- ✓ and finally to give impetus not only to the Delivering as One experience but more generally to the implementation of the TCPR decisions.

The speech also called for better coordination and harmonization between the UN and Governments, engaging in the new UNDAF's, and encourages the participants to address remaining obstacles and challenges such as inclusiveness for smaller and/or Non-Resident

Agencies in membership of UNCT. The ED finalized her speech reminding that in view of the 2010 independent evaluation of the One UN pilots, the organization should demonstrate that it can make a unique contribution to human development.

- During a courtesy meeting with H.E. Ms. Alcinda Abreu, Minister for Coordination of Environmental Affairs (MICOA), at 18:00, the ED recalled that precisely five years have passed since her last visit to that Ministry and stressed that environment and planning were important aspects of the Habitat Agenda. UN-HABITAT in Mozambique is engaged in providing technical assistance for disaster preparedness and adaptation to climate changes which are very relevant issues for implementing the agency's mandate. The ED further mentioned that urban planning should consider climate change adaptation factors.

H.E. Minister Abreu made reference to the meeting held with the Director of ROAAS during his attendance to the AfDB annual meeting, during which he encouraged the Ministry to send a formal request of technical assistance in writing to the UN-HABITAT ED with aim at training local and national staff in issues related to land use planning at district level and to slum upgrading, as well as for a sub-regional centre for disaster mitigation in Mozambique.

The ED has expressed UN-HABITAT's support to those ideas but reminded that detail and feasibility studies (financial implications) should be worked out prior to any final engagement.

The Minister ended up saying that many countries already master successfully the management of natural disasters and her Ministry would like to be assisted by UN-HABITAT for learning from them. At the occasion the Minister offered the ED a souvenir typical from Mozambique on behalf of MICOA.

The meeting lasted about 20 minutes.

Day 22 of May 2008

- A courtesy call to the H.W. (??) the Mayor of Maputo, Mr. Eneas Comiche, took place at the City Hall at 08:00. Various councilors and senior members of the City Council attended the meeting. The Mayor welcomed the ED and summarized recent achievements and challenges of the Municipality. Mr. Comiche highlighted that the positive trend showing a reduction of poverty at country level is not reflected in the case of Maputo City, due to the worsening living conditions in the peri-urban areas, which increasingly receive people coming from the country side. Although the Municipality is starting the implementation of urban development plan called "Pro-Maputo" of 10-years duration, it still requires support for slum upgrading. The Mayor brought to the ED attention the following aspects:
 - ✓ The Mafalala project supported by UN-HABITAT has created high expectations and for more than two years has experienced no progress. Standpipes and latrines are not yet built.
 - ✓ As consequence of the training carried out by the project in Mafalala, the need for supporting local community-based micro-enterprises for primary garbage collection emerged. The Municipality has currently signed sub-contracts with 14 micro-enterprises, but would like to obtain additional resources, possibly from UN-HABITAT, in order to sub-contract more of these entities.

- ✓ Being aware that UN-HABITAT is concerned with urban youth, the municipality would like to receive assistance in this field in order to promote job creation and occupation.
- ✓ The Municipality needs to obtain technical assistance for urban planning in the Chamanculo informal neighborhood (and the Municipal District nr. 2 in general) which is expanding fast and is reaching a population density comparable to Paris.

The Municipality is engaged in PPPs for urban requalification but requires UN-HABITAT assistance for slum upgrading.

The ED replied highlighting that UN-HABITAT is not a funding institution. It can only fund pilots. However, if the Municipality would partner with UN-HABITAT, together these institutions could better lobby funding partners such as international banks, as well as the UNCT, especially UNDP and UNICEF in order to obtain more resources for slum upgrading.

Nevertheless UN-HABITAT would like to test in Maputo a seeding capital initiative for slum upgrading and housing designated “Empowering Urban Women Entrepreneurs through Housing Development and Land Ownership” which is funded by the Government of Spain.

In late June there will be in Maputo a UN-HABITAT mission from the Partners and Youth Section that will bring the concept of “Youth One Stop Shop” and will discuss the implementation of projects related to urban youth. The Municipality should take advantage of such mission.

The ED expressed concern on the disputes taking place at the ULCGA and expressed willingness to convene a meeting of African mayors for discussion the issue.

The Mayor of Maputo informed the ED about recent attempts for settling the disputes between the President and Secretary of UCLGA including an attempt of mediation by former President Chissano that did not succeed.

Finally the Mayor requested the ED to assist concerned mayors at UCLGA in raising their voice towards the AfDB for greater engagement in funding urban development.

The meeting lasted about 1 hour.

- Courtesy meeting with H.E. Joaquim Chissano at 9:15 at the Official Office of the Former President of Mozambique.

Former President Chissano welcomed Ms. Tibajuka and expressed his concern with the massive migration of peasants to the towns and cities and regretted that not enough funding is made available to prevent such phenomena. Mr. Chissano commented that many resettlement initiatives carried out after disasters have been successful but never resulted when there is not pressure from emergencies.

The ED started by congratulating Mr. Chissano for the Mo. Ibrahim Award and recalled his leadership at the African Union that led to the creation of AMCHUD. She took the occasion to inform that some seed money for a youth fund is being availed by the Government of Norway. Such funding will also enable UN-HABITAT’s support to the role of GPI Goodwill Ambassador. A mission from UN-HABITAT HQ will visit Maputo to discuss with Mr. Chissano and its foundation concrete aspects for future collaboration and implementation of

youth initiatives. Ms. Tibaijuka took the opportunity to invite the former President for attending the WUF 4 in Nanjing, between 3 and 7 November, and further mentioned that the participation of Mr. Chissano in the event would be appreciated by the Chinese authorities.

The situation in Zimbabwe and the disruption in UCLGA were also discussed during the meeting.

Mr. Chissano, who has been asked to become a mediator for UCLGA internal disputes, provided the ED with the background and an overview of the conflicts within such African association of Mayors, in particular between its president Fr. Smangaliso Mkhathshwa, the executive secretary Mr. Jean Pierre Mbassi and the Executive Committee. The former President acknowledged that currently UCLGA is seriously split and neither faction has legitimacy to claim its position at UCLG.

The meeting lasted about 1 hour.

- Upon departure from Maputo at 11:40, the ED was greeted by Mr. Ndolamb Ngokwey UNRC at airport/VIP lounge and by an official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.