



PARTICIPATORY SLUM UPGRADING PROGRAMME

IN ACP COUNTRIES

Side event at the UN-Habitat Governing Council
April 2013

1. BACKGROUND

The Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme is initiated by the ACP Secretariat, financed by the European Commission and implemented by UN-Habitat.

The programme contributes to MDG 7 (to ensure environmental sustainability), and targets to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation (target 7C), and to have achieved significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020 (target 7D).

The partnership is based on the policy dialogue between UN-HABITAT, the ACP Secretariat and the European Commission (EC), launched in early 2004.

In June 2009, UN-HABITAT together with the ACP Group of States and the EC conducted an International Tripartite Conference which led to the adoption of a Declaration stating the need to commonly address urban poverty and urbanisation by expanding the PSUP to all ACP countries.

In 2012, the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme was extended and the programme budget has been more than doubled from 4 million Euros to 10 million Euros. Further, the programme is implemented in more than 40 countries and 150 cities and all have applied the programme approach. In addition, governments are co-financing the programme implementation.

Also in 2012, the Government of Morocco invited governments worldwide for the ***“Improving the lives of slum dwellers: Making Slums History – A Worldwide Challenge for 2020” International Conference*** and 25 countries signed the Rabat Declaration recommending the Sustainable Development Goals to include: ***“Halving the number of slum dwellers from 2015 to 2030”***.

21 of the participating countries are also part of the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme. The programme consists of three phases: participatory urban profiling, participatory action



planning and participatory slum upgrading pilot programme implementation and the current 34 countries are implementing one of the three phases.

It applies a **human-rights-based approach**: the right to adequate housing and the right to basic urban services, the RBM approach for accountability, transparency and a clear division of roles and tasks between the stakeholders of the PSUP at country level.

It coordinates the programme implementation through **Country Teams** consisting of representatives from the Ministry of Housing, Land and Urban Development, Finance, municipal urban planning departments, slum dwellers' organisations (CBOs, NGOs and resident committees), local and national gender focal points as well as private sector and academia.

In September 2013, the ACP Secretariat, the European Commission and UN-Habitat will conduct the second International Tripartite Conference of the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme: ***Inclusive Sustainable Urban Development to improve living conditions in slums.***

Further, UN-Habitat jointly with Slum Dwellers International is organising a meeting to give the voice to the slum dwellers just before the Governing Council. This event feedbacks the concerns of the slum dwellers and enriches discussions on the principles of the PSUP slum upgrading in general and the mainstreaming of the improvement of living conditions in slums.

The mobilised PSUP and other HAP partners shall meet and strategize on how best to contribute to the post-MDG 2015 agenda and the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The discussions shall feed into the upcoming PSUP International Conference, the preparations for Habitat III as well as the positioning of the urban poverty issue in the post-2015 agenda.

2. OBJECTIVES

- ☐ To increase awareness about the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (PSUP)
- ☐ To share PSUP principles, approaches and strategies of endorsing them at country level;
- ☐ Present recent declarations on the slum target of the Post 2015 Agenda
- ☐ Announce the International ACP/EC/UN-Habitat Conference in 2013
- ☐ Brainstorm, discuss and strategize on entry-points and common concerns to be addressed during the international conference in 2013
- ☐ Agree on a road-map for preparing the ACP/EC/UN-Habitat Conference



3. PARTICIPANTS

In total, the event will cater for 80 participants including a coffee break after the event;

The following participants are targeted by the Side Event:

- ☐ Interested UN-Habitat Governing Council Participants;
- ☐ UN-Habitat CPR members;
- ☐ Media;
- ☐ Technical, senior government officials from the 80 ACP countries participating in PSUP and other interested governments;
- ☐ Ministers from the 80 ACP countries participating in PSUP and other interested governments, responsible for urban development or housing;
- ☐ NGOs and CBOs as well as slum dwellers from the pre-GC meeting, jointly organised with SDI;
- ☐ Gender focal points, women and youth representatives;
- ☐ Representatives from development partners, particularly European Commission and EU Delegations

4. EVENT OUTLINE

The presentations, organized in a panel, will be succeeded by an interactive discussion. The event will be opened by a panel consisting of:

- ☐ Key note address by UN-Habitat Deputy Executive Director;
- ☐ Statement by a Minister from a participating PSUP Country;
- ☐ Statement by host of the International ACP/EU/UN-Habitat Conference in 2013
- ☐ Presentation of Rabat Declaration, PSUP principles, approach and strategies as well as planned outline for the International ACP/EU/UN-Habitat Conference in 2013
- ☐ Statement by a Slum Dweller reflecting the results of the pre-meeting co-organized by SDI
- ☐ Brainstorming and discussion on focus of International ACP/EU/UN-Habitat Conference in 2013 and roadmap for preparation