

First Regional Steering Committee meeting of the project “Promoting Energy Efficiency in Buildings in East Africa”

The Urban Energy Unit (UBSB) would like to request the allocation of a slot for an official side-event at the upcoming UN-Habitat Governing Council meeting. This event is the first regional steering committee meeting of the project *Promoting Energy Efficiency in Buildings in East Africa*, which is currently being implemented by UN-Habitat.

The Regional Steering Committee Meeting:

- Will inform on the project progress during the first year of implementation,
- Will discuss and seek approval for the projects works plan review,
- Will discuss and seek approval of the budget review,
- Will draw the bow between urban legislation, urban planning and management, and finance and the green (urban) economy.
- Will discuss and establish the way forward, with regards to the project implementation.

We are requesting a slot of 1 hour duration.

The project “Promoting Energy Efficiency in Buildings in East Africa” was initiated by UN-Habitat in collaboration with the governments of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The five-year program (2011-2015) is co-funded by Global Environment Fund (GEF) and aims at mainstreaming energy efficiency measures into housing policies, building codes and building practices in East Africa.

The project has completed its first year of implementation. Therefore, we are calling for the First Regional Steering Committee meeting. We would like to hold it during the GC 24, at the UN-Offices in Nairobi, preferably on 17 April 2013 during lunch time on the early afternoon.

This side event is an important measure of outreach for our project!