HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

AFRICAN PERSPECTIVES

Date: 2 March 2022
OVERVIEW

2016 Adoption of NUA during Habitat III in Quito in alignment with 2030 Agenda and vision 2063.

Consensus on urbanization as an opportunity for Africa’s social economic transformation.

2018 Adoption of a regional Harmonized Framework for NUA Implementation endorsed under the AU STC No.8.
HIGH LEVEL MEETING AND GLOBAL AND REGIONAL AGENDA

- African Union transformative agenda, Vision 2063, as the continent is rapidly urbanized
- Localization of the SDGSs, through the VLRs process and elevate the urban dimension at the local level.
- Emphasis on the role of local Government; United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA)
- Contribution to the UN Common Agenda: urban resilience and climate action; urban economy and municipal revenue; urban displacements, peace and security.
AFRICA’S TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES
FOR THE NUA

TRANFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

1. Ending All Forms and Dimensions of Poverty as well as Leaving No One Behind
2. Fostering Peace and Security
3. Sustainable and inclusive urban prosperity
4. Accelerating Structural Transformation
5. Fostering Environmental Sustainability & Enhancing Resilience and Risk Reduction
6. Promoting Regional Integration

EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION

1. National Urban Policies
2. Planning and Management of Spatial Dev.
3. Urban Governance
4. Urban Legislation, Rules and Regulations
5. Financing Systems & Management Capacities
6. Local Implementation
7. Monitoring Reporting & Review Part II

(Reciprocally Linked)
WHY THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING

- NUA accelerator of the implementation of the SDGs (Goal 11)
- Quadrennial report on the implementation of the NUA based on national reports (RES/75/229)
- High Level meeting by the President of the GA to discuss progress (RES 75/229)
- Regional Forum for Sustainable Development to provide inputs to the HLM (RES/75/229)
- Outcomes of the HLM to be linked with aspects of the NUA: COVID 19, Climate emergency, Decades of action, common Agenda.
PROCESS

- ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION: SUPPORT PREPARATION OF HLM AND IDENTIFY KEY MESSAGES ON URBANIZATION DURING THE 76 UNGA
- NON-PAPER TO BE DEVELOPED AROUND: DECADE OF ACTIONS; CITIES AND PANDEMIC; NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT; CLIMATE ACTION; PEACE AND SECURITY.
- MOBILISATION OF MEMBER STATES

FOR AFRICA

- DEVELOPMENT OF ISSUES PAPER ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NUA.
- CONSULTATION WITH AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC GROUP (MARCH 2022)
- CONSULTATION WITH THE AUC-STC 8 (MARCH 2022)
- MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE (APRIL 2022)
- DEVELOPMENT OF KEY MESSAGES
- NETWORKING EVENTS ON THE 27 OF APRIL
1. Well planned and managed urbanization ensures sustainable development and is an accelerator for prosperity.

2. Urban areas attract significant foreign direct investments (FDIs) boost internally generated revenue.

3. Leveraging co-benefits of sustainable urbanization, regional trade policy (i.e. AfCTA) and regional integration for major socio-economic improvements.

4. Controlled urbanization can promote peace and security and reduce vulnerability of women and juvenile
PRIORITIES

2. Promote job rich growth in a rapidly urbanizing and increasingly youthful population
3. Leverage local and regional governments to pursue prosperity and attainment of Agenda 2063 – the Africa We Want.
4. Ensure climate resilient pathways and increased green urban infrastructure investments
5. Boost housing sector to stimulate national economy, reduce informal settlements and accelerate regional economic recovery from COVID-19
6. Strengthen urban disaggregation of development indicators
7. Digital transformation must be harnessed to promote sustainable urbanization
8. Integrate urban systems into rural-urban areas across a continuum
MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NUA

NUA effective implementation is a critical factor in determining outcomes.

The New Urban Agenda framework requires all aspects of age, gender and disability to be incorporated in the measurement of all indicators.

Many New Urban Agenda indicators require collection at city level.

Since 2016, UNH and all other custodian agencies have developed indicator-specific modules to provide guidance on the concepts and methods of computation of several SDG 11 indicators.
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Address HOUSING DEFICITS in Africa

2. Promote ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE urbanization

3. Promote cities as nodes for REGIONAL INTEGRATION

4. Prioritize urbanization in NATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY MAKING
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