

**NIGERIA'S STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 7:  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NORMATIVE AND  
OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF UN-HABITAT,  
INCLUDING REPORTING ON ITS  
PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES IN 2023 AND THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF SUBPROGRAMMES,  
FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES AND TECHNICAL  
COOPERATION ACTIVITIES**

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Thank you Chair.

2. Nigeria is concerned with the overwhelming emphasis on Urban Regeneration in the background report due to the inherent vagueness of the concept and its lack of legislative roots. Similarly, this concept holds the significant potential of affecting comprehension of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat and thereby reducing its effectiveness.

3. This concept as seen in the background report is linked to nature-based solutions and purports to provide guidelines for SDG localization. These linkages of different concepts should be deemphasized to avoid creating challenges for implementation of already existing and well-established programmes and projects. Furthermore, the report mentions "Paragraphs 38 and 52 of the New Urban Agenda highlight the specific interlinkages between urban regeneration and renewal and the provision of basic infrastructure and services...." As lofty as this sounds, it should be noted that there is no single mention of urban regeneration in the New Urban

agenda. We are hence unable to reconcile the relevance of this concept to our needs.

4. Mr Chair, Nigeria calls for clearer narratives on the work of UN-Habitat in keeping with the transparency that the organisation is known for, also noting the OIOS recommendations for proper accountability and results framework.

5. I thank you.