

**Country Presentation
for the CPR Committee Meeting**

**Results of UN-Habitat's work in
Angola, Ethiopia, Mozambique and
Rwanda**

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Background

- **The Regional Office for Africa** has the responsibility to coordinate UN-Habitat country activities with all HQ Thematic Branches and to supervise UN-Habitat country teams in sub-Saharan Africa.
- **UN-Habitat project development at the country level** needs to be aligned with:
 - Globally: the *UN-Habitat Strategic Plan*, the *New Urban Agenda* and the *Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*
 - Nationally: the *United Nations Development Assistance Framework/Programme (UNDAF/UNDAP)*, within the delivering as One UN context, and the *national development priorities* set by the government
 - Donors programmes and priorities in that given country.

Rationale

- UN-Habitat presence at the country level **fully depends** on the **existing/on-going project portfolio**, hence successful fund raising is a precondition to country presence → Challenge: ***importance of UN-Habitat presence*** at the country level **vs. *unpredictable funding*** → structural fragility
- Sustaining a country programme requires:
 - ✓ **High relevance & cutting-edge knowledge/expertise**
 - ✓ **Flexibility** to adapt to the local conditions
 - ✓ Acquired **trust** through increased **credibility**, consistent **delivery of results** and long-lasting **impact**
 - ✓ Establishment of **strong partnerships** with government, local authorities, UN Agencies, bi/multi-lateral donors, CSOs, academia and the private sector



Angola

- Country's population: 30 million people
- **70%** urbanised
- Almost **half of this urban population** (8-9 million people) lives in **Luanda**,
- Approximately 70-80% of Luanda citizens live in **informal settlements** ("musseques")

Angola (2)

- **MoU** signed in 2011 resulted in a financial contribution in 2014 to support the development of a **National Urban Policy (NUP)**
- The **UN-Habitat Country Programme** approved at the President's Office level. **UN-Habitat is the only UN Agency in Angola being funded by the Government**
- **Structuring country programme/policy** leading to **project development & UN Joint Programming**



Ethiopia

Objectives

Support the Government of Ethiopia in implementing the urban component of GTP II in alignment with SDG 11 and the NUA

Pillars

Urban and Regional Planning

Urban Resilience

Housing and Urban Basic Services

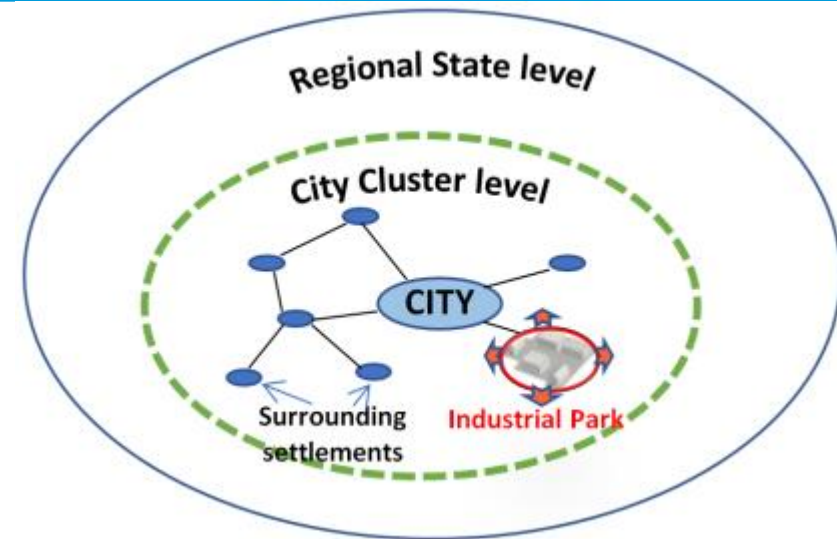
Urban Monitoring and Research

Cross Cutting

**Advocacy - Awareness Raising - Participatory Approach
Capacity Development - Technical Advice - Policy Support**

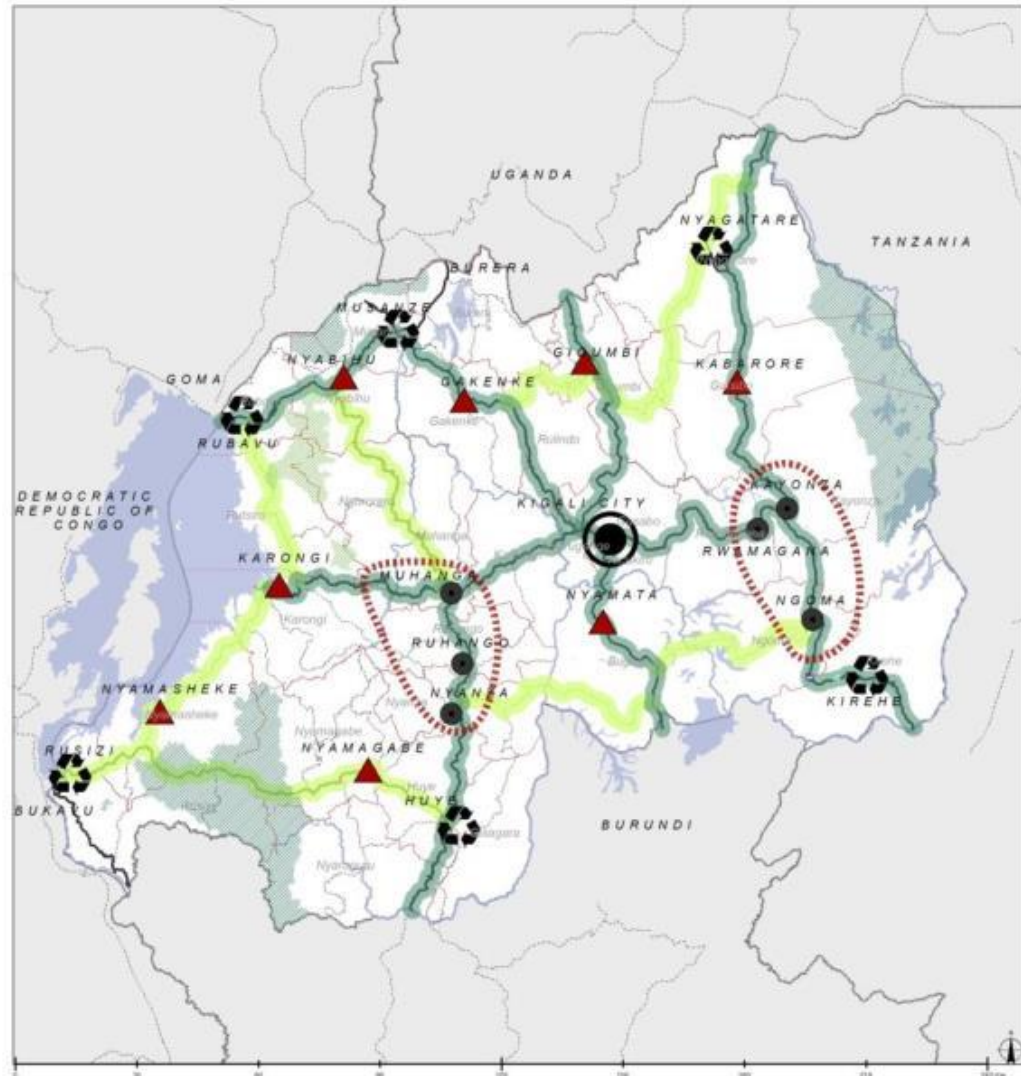
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- 3 levels of planning in Hawassa (funded by DFID)
- Urban resilience action planning in Addis, Adama and Dire Dawa (funded by Sweden)
- Implementation of the Fukuoka Method in Addis Ababa (funded by Japan)
- Development of **City Performance Measurement Framework** (CPMF) inspired from the City Prosperity Index (funded by the Government of Ethiopia)



Rwanda

- MoU signed in Oct. 2017 to implement the UN-Habitat Country Programme
- NUP linked to a Spatial Development Framework
- City-wide informal settlements upgrading strategy for Kigali City
- Rapid Planning project
- Urban LEDS 2
- Smart City Master Plan
- One Stop Youth Center
- Housing construction for Rwandan Returnees



Mozambique

- Demographic boom and a **fast urbanising country** (32% urban)
- 60% of the population lives in areas **vulnerable** to floods, ciclones and drought
- **UN-Habitat** present **since 2002** – over **40 projects** implemented and **30M usd** mobilised; currently country team ranges between **20-25 staff**
- **Diverse country programme:** urban/ regional planning, slum upgrading & basic services, housing, DRR & climate resilience, policy & legislation, capacity building
- **Current priorities:** National Urban Policy; resilient infrastructure; support the National Housing Policy



Main characteristics of the country programme and current priorities

Main characteristics:

- From advocacy to demonstration to policy
- Resilient construction → influencing the building codes
- On-the-job capacity building at the different levels
- Credible institution
- Strong partnerships (Government, UN, NGOs, WB, bilaterals...)

Current priorities:

- Advocate and develop a National Urban Policy
- Promote resilient infrastructure
- Support the implementation of the National Housing Policy

Conclusions and recommendations

(also based on the feedback from the CPR sub-Committee)

- **Work/presence of UN-Habitat at the country level is relevant** to support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda locally
- **UN-Habitat unique and broad mandate for sustainable urbanisation**, a process that concerns all human settlements, is an effective tool for increasing our relevance in the field and for mobilizing resources
- At the country level, there is a need to combine both policy/planning support with actual enforcement/implementation, i.e. **combining both normative and operational work** as a two-ways relationship
- There is a need to look at **how to improve rules and regulations** to confer more sustainability to UN-Habitat's country presence and ensure more efficient delivery of results



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