

Scope of the resolution

The expected results to be achieved by 2023 resolution 1/2



The resolution directs the Executive Director [...] to provide the Executive Board with **a concept note**, including financial costings, **on the implementation of a review process** for the Guidelines in a manner that enables Member States to share their **experiences and best practices**.



The resolution requests the Executive Director to transmit the Guidelines to the General Assembly with a view to **the development of an inter-agency framework** to support UN-Habitat as a focal point in the United Nations system for sustainable urbanization;



The resolution *also requests* the Executive Director to consider **practical ways of following up on the use and application of the Guidelines**, including through **the allocation of voluntary financial resources**, for the **effective implementation of the Safer Cities Programme and partnerships** [...]



Progress on implementation of resolution 1/2 .

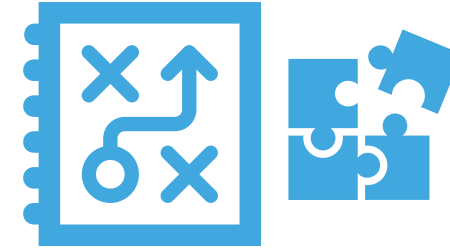
United Nations Systemwide Guidelines on Safer Cities .

- **Concept note, with financial costings on the peer review process:** concept note submitted; online survey administered; South Africa and Mexico engaged in financial costings of implementing the Guidelines in-country, based on safer cities pilots in Durban and Guadalajara; expected to reach 10 – 15 by 2023.
- **Inter-agency Framework:** has been established for the implementation of the Safer Cities Guidelines to advance a UN systemwide common approach; **Joint Programming Framework** with UNODC established at the global level and engaging in resource mobilisation at the country level.
- **United Nations Trust Fund on Human Security:** proposal submitted for consideration; partnership-led initiatives in the **Global Network on Safer Cities:** EU Urban Agenda Partnership on Security in Public Spaces, Africa Forum for Urban Safety (AFUS) Global Parliament of Mayors (GPM).



Convergence with the Strategic Plan 2020- 2023

- The SP considers safety as one of the two **cross-cutting themes** across its four domains.
- Implementing Resolution 1/2 has seen significant impact and improvement in UN-Habitat's work on **safer cities** and the engagement of both **external and in-house partnerships** in the implementation of operational projects in-country.
- The ongoing development of an Urban Safety Monitor tool and the Annual 40 Days Safer Cities Challenge are two key products.
- The alignment of the Inter-agency framework for cooperation on the **UN systemwide Strategy for Sustainable Urbanisation** and the UN systemwide Guidelines on Safer Cities will further reinforce the integration of safety in broader urban strategies and interventions.



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DoC 4: Effective urban crisis prevention and response

COVID19 impact on the resolution.

- Covid-19 pandemic exposed the scourge of **violence against women** in urban areas; and questions of **legitimacy of the law enforcement agencies** in applying the rule of law across the culture, gender, class and age differentiations in urban settlements.
- Covid-19 pandemic reinforces the vision of the resolution to implement multi-dimensional approaches to urban safety using the principle of the **co-production of safety for all**.
- There is need to **scale-up country operations** as part of the COVID 19 social recovery phase. UN-Habitat and UNODC advanced evidence-based demonstration projects in Durban (South Africa), Queretaro (Mexico) and Cali (Colombia) through the UN DA.
- The **peer review process** for the resolution and Guidelines offers an opportunity for Member states to **further exchange innovative practices** on adaptation of safety policies to the post COVID 19 social recovery phase.



| What we could do with additional resources.

- **Capacity building** for the **effective implementation of the Safer Cities Programme**, and partner-led initiatives in the Global Network on Safer Cities.
- Engaging in the **testing of the Urban Safety Monitor** as a benchmarking tool for improving the quality and consistency of municipal safer cities policies and programmes, in the peer review process, both in-country and global/regional.
- **Documentation and evaluation** of institutionalized municipal safer cities policies and programmes.
- **Awareness-raising** of proven and effective practices on safer cities.



Resolution 1/3

Enhancing capacity building for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



General status of the Resolution

The Key expected results to be achieved by 2023 for Resolution 1 /3



The resolution requests the Executive Director [...] to **draft a strategy** [...] to coordinate and lead capacity building as a cross-cutting function [...] (to) be presented to the Executive Board for deliberation



The resolution requests the Executive Director to develop [...] a **strengthened and integrated capacity-building approach** to support the achievement of sustainable urban development, with **inclusive consultations** that take into account the needs of Member States



The resolution requests the Executive Director [...] to support Member States in their efforts to **mobilize human and financial resources** to develop and implement capacity building programmes



Finally, the resolution reiterates its invitation to all Member States, to support the mobilization of human and financial resources through **voluntary contributions** to sustain the UN-Habitat training and capacity building strategy.



KEY PROGRESS of the Resolution



Capacity Building Strategy

Capacity-building strategy adopted by the Executive Board (2nd session in October 2020)

Draft Implementation Plan circulated amongst Member States



Mobilization of resources for the Member States

Capacity development of **Centers of Excellence** in Singapore, Republic of Korea and Western Africa

Support building knowledge on NUA and SDG 11 for **young professionals (University partnership)**



Strengthening and integrating the Capacity Building approach

Consultations with the UN Regional Commissions for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

Alignment of CDTU and the UNI network with the **Communities of Practice** for a more integrated collaboration

Integration of the Capacity Building component in the **Flagship programmes**

Coordinate capacity building activities at project development phase through a set of **Capacity Building markers**



Resolution convergence with the New Urban Agenda & the Strategic Plan 2020-2023



Capacity Building for the implementation, monitoring and reporting on the New Urban Agenda

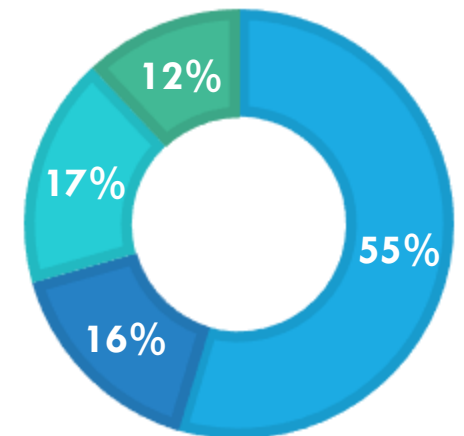
NUA Illustrated Toolkit

- New Urban Agenda Illustrated handbook released in January 2021: 10 000 downloads by the end of February 2021
- New Urban Agenda online courses (October 2020 and April 2021)

Capacity Building as a strong enabler in the implementation of the Strategic Plan

- In 2020, **115 Capacity Building events** reported across the 4 Sub-Programmes,
 - Totalizing **339 days** of trainings/workshops/seminars

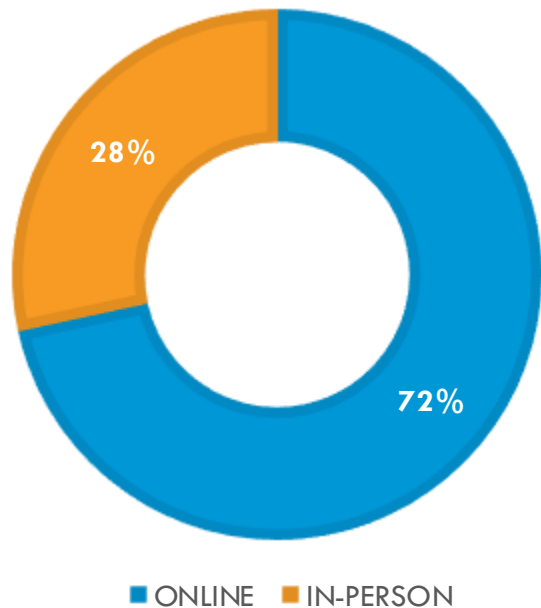
■ SP1 ■ SP2 ■ SP3 ■ SP4



Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on the implementation of the resolution

A New Normal — towards the digitization of capacity building tools and activities

Over **70%** of the capacity building activities were delivered **online** in 2020



“New” rather than “back to” normal: demand for delivering **mix of in-person and digital** digital capacity building products.



UN-Habitat Strategy and guide for digital capacity building

- Strategy document under review to accelerate the digital transformation of capacity building activities
- Practical guidance for all UN-Habitat staff

Development of a pilot corporate **online learning platform**



- Increased impact through cross-promotion between initiatives
- Reduced costs through shared infrastructure

Strategic partnerships with other UN programmes

- Working group with UNDESA and selected agencies on digital innovation for capacity building



Potential scale up of the implementation of the Resolution



What we could do with additional resources ?

- Invest more in the **digital** capacity building to build a strong institutional infrastructure, cost efficiency and increase integration, including UN-Habitat Learn Platform
- Develop full-fledged **capacity building products**:
 - online facilitated course on the urban component of the UNCCA/UNDCF
 - transformation of the substantive and normative products of UN Habitat into capacity building modules (Catalogue of Services)
 - self-paced courses for urban professionals on key products and methodologies promoted by UN-Habitat
 - new season(s) of the Global Urban Lectures Series
- **Translation** of NUA-I toolkit content and ‘crash’ course in the 6 official UN languages



Resolution 1/4

Achieving gender equality through the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to support inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements.



Scope of the resolution

The expected results to be achieved by 2023 resolution 1/4



The resolution Requests the Executive Director [...] to strengthen and support UN-Habitat [...] in (a) **mainstreaming gender equality** and **women's empowerment** [...] (b) **setting up policies and programmes** to achieve gender equality.



The resolution requests the Executive Director to **utilize available resources for gender mainstreaming** within the programmes and activities of UN-Habitat, [...] for the period 2020–2023;



The resolution encourages the Executive Director to **engage and work meaningfully with other United Nations entities and with civil-society organizations**, [...] in order to improve the efficiency and impact of programmes and activities.



The resolution Urges the Executive Director to **support and make optimal use of the Advisory Group on Gender Issues** [...] to facilitate the mainstreaming of gender within UN-Habitat [...]



The resolution Recommends that the Executive Director allocate **adequate resources** for the **development and implementation of an updated version for the period 2020–2023** of the revised policy and plan for gender equality and the empowerment of women [...]



Progress on implementation of resolution 1/4 .

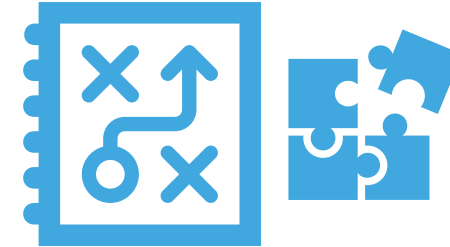
Gender Mainstreaming, policies and programmes.

- Ongoing **project review and feedback system** through PRC, ensuring gender and other social inclusion issues are considered/prioritized in all of UN-Habitat's work
- Gender marker incorporated into the comprehensive **UN-Habitat Environmental and Social Safeguards System** in line with UN system-wide common approach
- Ensured that gender considerations are prioritized in **agency-wide planning, publications and strategy documents** (Flagship Programmes, Annual report etc.)
- Development of **Social Inclusion (including gender) Strategy** in line with Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023 is underway.
- Finalisation of **revised Gender Policy Plan** (GPP) to support gender mainstreaming in UN-Habitat's work. The GPP builds upon the experiences of the former Gender Policy (2014-19), drawing on the findings of the recently concluded Gender Equality evaluation.



Convergence with the Strategic Plan 2020- 2023

- SP aims for positive impact on those groups most left behind, including women and girls.
- Implementing Resolution 1/4 has seen significant impact and improvement in UN-Habitat's work on **gender mainstreaming and social inclusion** and the overall transformative promise of Agenda 2030 of 'Leaving No One Behind'.
- The GPP reinforces and updates UN-Habitat's focus to defined standards of gender mainstreaming performance, in alignment with the Strategic Plan and the UNSWAP.
- Through **partnership and engagement** with the **Advisory Group on Gender Issues**, **grassroots women organizations** and **other UN sister agencies**, there has been an improvement in gender inclusive programming.



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COVID19 impact on the resolution.

- Covid-19 pandemic exposed the increased **gender inequalities** in urban areas and multiple layers of discrimination and inequalities.
- Gender mainstreaming and women's empowerment is key in COVID19 response and recovery; inclusion in **decision-making processes** and at all phases of the response.
- There is need to **support more countries** and local authorities by contributing to policies and programme recommendations **to ensure women's concerns are well addressed during and post the pandemic.**
- COVID19 showed the need to invest in **intersectional and sex-disaggregated data**, to help understand the social and economic impacts of the pandemic
- **Learning from the past there** is need to identify opportunities for building back greener, equitable, gender-responsive and inclusive cities.



| What we could do with additional resources.

- Capacity building for implementation of the GPP, both for internal and external teams would need additional resources.
- Engaging in gender responsive planning, implementation and evaluation often requires **additional resources beyond the regular operating budgets.**
- Resources are needed for the **collection and analysis of sex-disaggregated data**, particularly to track impacts of policies (GPP) and programming.
- Develop normative tools and guidelines on gender mainstreaming in **COVID-19 recovery.**
- For more effective gender **mainstreaming**, additional financial and human resources would be required.
- **Knowledge management products** and **monitoring of impact** of programmes and projects needs a robust system which would require extra resources.



Resolution 1/5

ENHANCING URBAN-RURAL LINKAGES FOR SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS



General status of the Resolution

The Key expected results to be achieved by 2023 for Resolution 1 / 5



The resolution requests the Executive Director [...] to develop mechanisms [...] for enhancing urban-rural linkages and calls upon the Executive Board of UN-Habitat to consider possible implementation options.



The resolution [...] encourages Member States to take into account urban-rural linkages in [...] development planning policies and processes [...].



The resolution requests [...] to raise awareness [...] regarding the impact of urban-rural linkages on sustainable urbanization, territorial cohesion and national development.



The resolution requests [...] to disseminate and share good practices and policies relating to the impact of urban-rural linkages [...].



Finally, the resolution requests [...] to assist Member States, upon request, in developing policies and programmes to address migration from rural to urban areas.



KEY PROGRESS of the Resolution

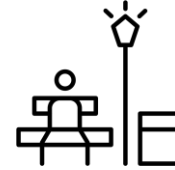


Supporting member states on enhancing urban-rural linkages

9 African countries being supported on integrating urban-rural linkages in their policies

First edition of URL training manual developed; **second edition** comprised of participant guide, instructor manual and e-learning course under development to equip national and local authorities and other relevant stakeholders

Normative products and tools developed to implement the resolution while supporting member states enhance urban-rural linkages including the respective thematic focus as food systems



Raising awareness and sharing best practices on urban-rural linkages

2 compendium of inspiring practices on urban-rural linkages

3 editions of urban-rural linkages newsletters

One International forum on Urban-Rural Linkages; Second one (planning is underway; Oct/Nov 2021); aim is to bring a variety of stakeholders working in the urban-rural linkages to deliberate on relevant topics and develop recommendations for member states

10 webinars with **over 2500** participants from different regions in the world on different URL topics including covid-19 response and recovery



Resolutions convergence with the strategic plan 2020-2023

ENHANCED PROSPERITY OF CITIES AND REGIONS" THROUGH INTEGRATING FOOD TO URBAN AND TERRITORIAL PLANNING AND POLICIES



REDUCE SPATIAL INEQUALITIES AND POVERTY IN COMMUNITIES IN THE URBAN-RURAL CONTINUUM"



OUTCOME 1 - acknowledges that connectivity across urban networks, between cities and their surroundings, peri-urban and rural areas, must be strengthened..... urban and rural territorial planning, National urban policies, and with the appropriate legal frameworks and technical and financial support in place, can ensure that prosperity is shared across cities and regions. This is with the food systems and nutrition at the center; being the key link between rural and urban areas



OUTCOME 3 - Expanded deployment of frontier technologies and innovations for urban development; which are relevant for enhancing the link between food producers/retailers with consumers through online platforms



OUTCOME 1 on "Increased and secure access to land..." relevant for food production



OUTCOME 2 on "Effective settlement growth..." relates to peri-urban and rural agriculture, which are in most contexts transformed by urban sprawl.

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"STRENGTHENED CLIMATE ACTION AND IMPROVED URBAN ENVIRONMENT" WHICH FOCUSES ON THE INTERSECTION OF CITIES AND OTHER HUMAN SETTLEMENTS WITH CLIMATE AND THE ENVIRONMENT.



OUTCOME 1&3: "Reduced greenhouse gas emissions... and effective adaptation of communities and infrastructure to climate change" – the IPC 2018 report showed that the rising temperatures due to global warming would have negative impacts on food security among others due to droughts, changed seasons, disasters among others.



OUTCOME 2: "Improved resource efficiency and protection of ecological assets": actions include Adequate planning and legislation to reduce urban sprawl while protecting fertile agricultural land and the respective negative effects on the environment



Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on the implementation of the resolution

- **Covid-19** pandemic has proven the **relevance of urban-rural linkages in response and recovery**
- The key Urban-Rural Linkages areas evident during covid-19 response and recovery included **food systems, migration, supply and distribution of medical supplies, availability of medical facilities in intermediary towns/rural areas, digital divide**
- The urgent need is to **support more countries and context specific thematic focus (e.g. food systems, services provision, mobility, intermediary cities development, managing migration)** in enhancing the urban-rural linkages to manage future pandemics
- There have **efforts to raise resources** but the pandemic has hampered the efforts



Potential scale up of the implementation of the Resolution



- With additional resources, urban-rural linkages resolution would be **implemented in countries in other regions; Asia and Europe** (currently in a few Sub-Saharan African countries)
- More funds for **spatial and socio-economic data** collection and analysis
- **Capacity development on urban-rural linkages and awareness raising** through the international fora and events relevant in different contexts
- Projects and knowledge development on urban-rural links with urgent sectors **as climate change and biodiversity**
- **Governance and boost of intermediary cities**; supporting member states overcome urban-rural divide by boosting service centers
- Undertake knowledge work on **the impact of urban-rural linkages** on sustainable urbanization, territorial cohesion and national development
- Knowledge work on better understanding on the role of URL in the context of **migration and COVID-19 recovery**. A **Global State of URL** could be prepared



Decision 1/3: Arrangements for the transition towards the new governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

Operative Paragraph 5: Stakeholder engagement policy

General status of the Decision

The Key expected results to be achieved by 2023 for Decision 1 /3 Operative Paragraph 5

The United Nations Habitat Assembly decides, on an exceptional basis, to entrust the Executive Board with continuing discussions on, and completing as soon as possible, the **development of a UN-Habitat stakeholder engagement policy**, as requested by the Governing Council in its resolution 26/7, with a view to its provisional implementation on the basis of consensus, and to submit the draft policy for consideration and possible approval by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its second session;

KEY PROGRESS of the Decision



Partnership strategy approved by Executive Board in October 2020



Stakeholder engagement policy: Executive Board decision 2020/6 requested ad-hoc working group to resume discussion when in-person meetings possible



Enhanced **visibility and transparency** on UN-Habitat's engagement with partners on UN-Habitat site
<https://unhabitat.org/partners>



Standard Operating Procedures and handbook to guide **coordinated and consistent engagement** with stakeholders—in progress



Leadership, policy dialogues and inter-governmental engagement



Stakeholder collaboration in programmes



Monitoring implementation urban SDG targets



Resource Mobilization



Advocacy

Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on the implementation of the Decision

Progress on stakeholder engagement policy — The ad-hoc working group on stakeholder engagement policy has not been able to hold in person meetings as requested by the Executive Board to advance the discussion

National capacity building workshops — Only two multi-stakeholder capacity development workshops held on monitoring urban SDGs as most partners have requested in-person training



Potential scale up of the implementation of the Resolution

- Invest more in **strengthening engagement** with local governments, parliamentarians, and private sector and developing relations with **new strategic partners**
- Develop **guidelines for stakeholder engagement** in the monitoring urban SDGs including through data production to reach target of 1,500 voluntary local reports by 2023
- Enhance internal **coordination and support** to all offices at Headquarters and outposted areas to:
 - mobilize new partners to support UN-Habitat’s work and take action to advance sustainable urbanization
 - provide guidance to partners and staff to enhance consistent and effective stakeholder engagement
 - undertake training for partners and staff on effective partnerships to advance urban SDGs globally and for country programmes



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