

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UN-HABITAT

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AGENDA ITEM 12: Action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace.

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Action Plan: 4 areas

- 1. Advocacy: Secretary-General's Zero Tolerance Policy; the Model Code of Conduct
- 2. Focal Point System: All offices away from Nairobi have a focal point
- 3. Training: mandatory training on PSEA, SEA and dedicated training as part of capacity building.
- 4. Monitoring & Reporting: Reports are submitted to EOSG in July of every year but lack of dedicated staff has limited our capacity for more comprehensive reporting and quality control.



Actions by the Executive Director

- Incorporation of SEA as part of the Capacity Building Unit's portfolio
- Establishment of the Focal Point System for all offices away from Nairobi
- Ensure all staff complete their mandatory training that includes SEA & PSEA (part of the ED's compact)









Actions by the Management

- Internal communications: Dedicated feature story on SEA in the HabPost, internal magazine for all staff and personnel.
- **Development of the 'Speak Up App':** To ensure there is a safe medium to reach dedicated resources, report cases and seek guidance on the subject of SEA & PSEA.
- Dedicated Training on SEA & PSEA: Establishing a working partnership with UN Women, OCHA and other UN agencies to tap into their dedicated resources to strengthen UN-Habitat's capacity to build capacity of staff and implementing partners.









Why we need dedicated resources

- Monitoring: Without any dedicated staff, monitoring is through the Regional Programme Division, which is mostly project funded. Depending on available resources in the field, monitoring is not comprehensive.
- **Reporting:** Without any dedicated staff member and with existing colleagues doing two or three functions, reporting is very limited. The Secretariat welcomes soft-earmarked support and stands ready to work with any Member State to translate the action plan into more solid actions throughout the Programme.







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