



REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TERRITORY PLANNING

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The United Nations Human Settlements Program has been, a key Partner for the Government of Angola, for the promotion and boost of social and economic development, as the implementation of its objectives in Central and Local Governance in Angola has allowed dreaming and thriving. “For a better urban future”.

We convey the firm conviction that the “good practices” of governance of the Government of Angola in the field of territorial planning and housing, have had a direct impact on the well-being of the population, which has allowed the growth of cities and towns based on urban infrastructures, adding to it a set of “basic urban services” such as: (water, sanitation, electricity, urban mobility, and waste management).

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Within the scope of the Administrative reform process underway in Angola, it was possible to transfer attributions and competences from Central bodies to the local bodies of the State, as we understood it to be the most assertive of the equations to resolve the population's aspirations faster and reinforce the local capabilities for “Economic and social development”.

The expansion of the process of administrative deconcentration and decentralization that we are experiencing at the moment, has allowed the empowerment of the bodies of the Local Administration of the State, in what concerns “the urban economy and local finance”,

The faster growth of the population in Angola has generated a phenomenon of disorderly occupation of urban centres and the outskirts of cities. For this reason, Angola, through its policy in the field of territorial planning, launched, in 2009, the National Program for Urbanism and Housing, an operational governance instrument that defined the integrated strategies adopted by the Government to achieve the national objectives concerning the consolidation of the urban system and improvement of the country's housing stock.

The National Urbanism and Housing Program advocates and achieves the most favorable level of development of urbanism and housing and, subsequently, boost and qualifies the development of the urban system and housing stock in the country, with the aim of guaranteeing the population social well-being elevation and to contribute to the sustainable development of the country.

In this sense, the Angolan Government started works in thirty three (33) Centralities (urban centres), of which twenty three (23) are completed with 88,924 housing units and ten (10) centralities yet to be concluded with 19,746 housing units, totaling 108,670 units that benefit more than 760,000 inhabitants in a dignified and secure legal ownership of the property.

We are concluding the construction of another twenty (20) Urbanizations, with around 30 thousand housing units intended to serve the relocation operations of families at risk and vulnerability resulting from natural disasters, as well as populations with low economic and financial incomes.

In 2021, we have assumed the construction of three (03) more Centralities with five (05) thousand housing units that will benefit thirty five (35) thousand inhabitants. With this, we are safeguarding the right to "Housing and quality of life for citizens", enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Angola, and improvement of precarious/informal settlements", because what we advocate is "make our cities and towns inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable".

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The Government of Angola intends to continue working with UN-HABITAT's assistance in the multiple aspects of territorial Planning and Housing, observing the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda.

We are committed as well to honor with our financial contributions that help in the operational equilibrium of this indispensable United Nations Agency.

Finally, we take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the pleasant reception of this beautiful city of Nairobi and this home of the United Nations, in the certainty that with the recommendations of this meeting we can consolidate in our country a better public policy in the short, medium and long term that embody values that dignify human life.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH