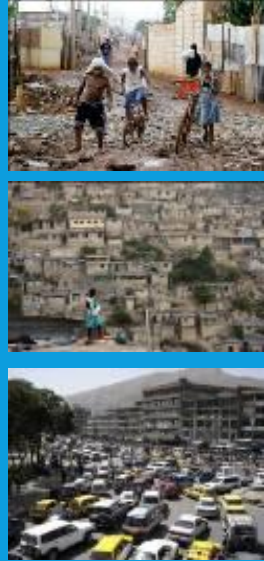


# Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work of the CPR

19 February 2014



## Update on UN-Habitat's contribution to the Post-2015 Development Agenda including the SDGs

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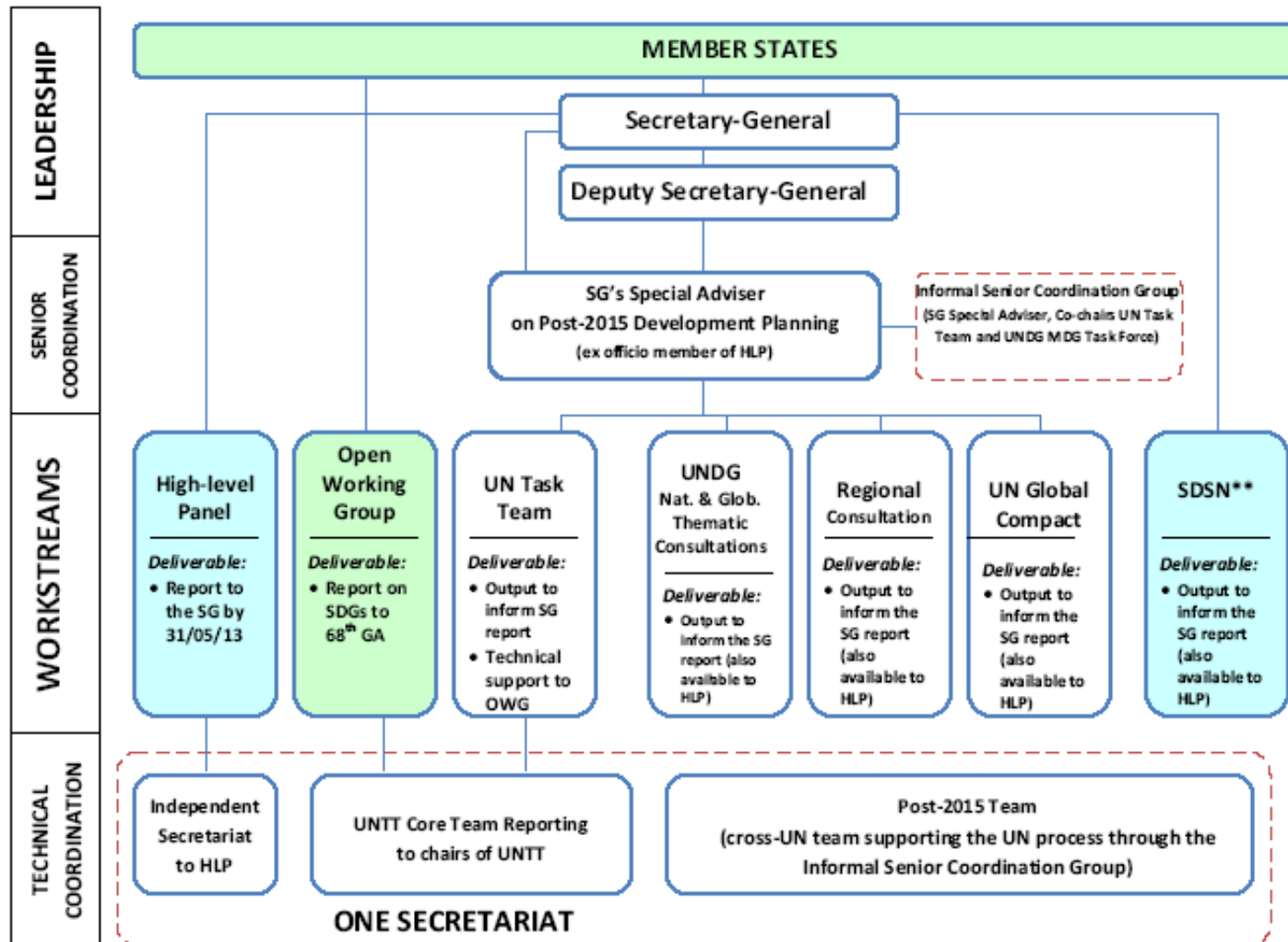


# Overview of Consultation with CPR

- Regular briefings by ED to CPR on UN-Habitat engagement at CPR meetings from 2011 onwards
- Resolution 24/10 – urbanization and sustainable urban development in the post-2015 agenda
- CPR Sub-Committee Meeting of 4 Oct 2013 requests justification, mandates, data sources
- CPR Sub-Committee Meeting of 8 Nov 2013 discussed Issue Brief, compilation of refined targets
- Revised compilation for the OWG 7 session
- CPR Sub-Committee Meeting of 19 February 2014

# Reference Documents

- **Keynote Speech** by Dr. Clos at the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of Open Working Group on SDGs (6-10 Jan 2014)
- **Summary bullet points** by the Co-Chairs for OWG-7. Sustainable Cities and Transport; Sustainable Consumption and Production; Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction
- **Question and Answer** document on Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements in the SDGs
- **Progress report** of the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals *(released on 14 Feb)*



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\*\* Sustainable Development Solutions Network

Member States

SG initiative

# Outcome of UN-Habitat's Efforts to Date

- The report of the **High Level Panel** on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, says that “Cities are where the battle for sustainable development will be won or lost...”
- **UN Secretary-General's report** titled “A life of dignity for all”, recognized “Meet[ing] the challenges of urbanization” as one of key “...transformative and mutually reinforcing actions that apply to all countries...”
- **Global Task Force on Local and Regional Governments** suggested recognition of the role of local and regional governments as well as objective on urban planning and design, territorial cohesion and climate change resilience.
- **Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)** recommended a stand-alone goal on “empowering inclusive, productive and resilient cities”, plus three targets.
- Rio de Janeiro Mayor, chair of **C-40** has also endorsed an urban SDG, stating that ‘without an urban goal the SDGs will be incomplete’.
- The **Communitas Coalition** for Sustainable Cities and Regions is promoting the development of an urban goal .
- The OWG **Co-Chairs**, in their summary at the end of the OWG-7, observed that “The inclusion of an urbanization-related goal in the SDGs was supported by many.”

# Open Working Group on SDGs

## 7<sup>th</sup> Session, 6-10 Jan 2014

- Keynote by the Executive Director; Q&A Session; Statements by OWG members and other MS
- UN-Habitat participated in side-events organized by Japan, France, SLOCAT, ICLEI, Communitas and the Ford Foundation





# Co-Chairs Progress Report, 14 Feb 2014

## paragraphs 150-155

**150.** The world is rapidly urbanizing, and cities pose both **challenges and opportunities** for sustainable development. Many cities are already **leaders** in sustainability and climate change action and the SDGs could aim to support their efforts.



# Co-Chairs Progress Report, 14 Feb 2014

## paragraphs 150-155

**151.** Cities are organically linked with surrounding **peri-urban and rural areas**, with people, knowledge, income, goods and services flowing in both directions. SDGs should aim at **balanced territorial development** such that sustainable urbanization enhances well-being of rural populations.

# Co-Chairs Progress Report, 14 Feb 2014

## paragraphs 150-155

**152.** While the inclusion of an **urbanization-related goal in the SDGs** was supported by many, others considered that it could be captured at the **target level** or under a goal on **sustainable infrastructure** development. The **cross-cutting nature** of sustainable cities and human settlements was stressed, calling for an integrated approach addressing linkages with other sustainable development issues.

# Co-Chairs Progress Report, 14 Feb 2014

## paragraphs 150-155

**153.** **Key factors** contributing to sustainable cities and urban development are forward-looking, integrated **urban planning**, including effective protection of **public spaces** and spatial planning; adequate provision of **affordable housing**; **infrastructure** development to support planned urbanization and rural-urban integration; sound **finances** to support provision of affordable and accessible public services and to provide social protection; policies that promote **economic dynamism**, small-business formation and formal sector job creation.

# Co-Chairs Progress Report, 14 Feb 2014

## paragraphs 150-155

**154.** **Social inclusion** was emphasized as an integral part of sustainable urbanization. This calls for sustainable provision to vulnerable and marginalized groups of **access to safe, affordable and accessible basic services**. The **rapid growth of slum populations** remains a major challenge for many developing country cities.

# Question and Answer Document

- UN-Habitat has developed a “**Question and Answer**” document on Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements in the SDGs to clarify some of the questions that came up in the OWG-7 debate.
- The Q&A offers a brief explanation for each of the following questions:
  - What would an urban SDG mean for rural areas?
  - How might an urban SDG ensure the delivery of universal public services?
  - How might a universal urban SDG accommodate national and local contexts?
  - What kind of signal would Member States send to cities with an urban SDG?

# Moving Forward: Next Steps

- OWG Co-Chairs will present a document detailing “**priority areas**” that Member States may wish to discuss, by 21 February.
- In **five sessions**, starting early March, the Open Working Group is then expected to seek consensus on a framework of SDGs and related targets framework and prepare a report by 18 July.
- Reports of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing (**ICESDF**) and the summary of meetings organized by the President of the General Assembly (**PGA**).

# Moving Forward: Next Steps

- **UNDG** has initiated a process of consultations to discuss the implementation of the new development framework. Within this framework, UNDP and UN-Habitat will co-facilitate the “Consultations on the Localization of the Post 2015 Development Agenda”, including several national consultations, to be completed by September 2014.
- The “**Global Taskforce** (GTF) of Local and Regional Governments for Post 2015 and Habitat III” will be involved in these consultations. In addition, the GTF will continue its engagement process with the Post 2015 Development Agenda and Habitat III at global and regional level.



# Moving Forward: Next Steps

- The **Communitas Coalition** for Sustainable Cities and Regions is also planning to organize focused discussions groups.
- Discussions on the Post-2015 Development Agenda will also feature on the agenda of **AMCHUD** at the end of February in N'Djamena and of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development in early April in Bangkok.
- Within the framework of the **World Urban Campaign**, an event entitled “The City We Need” will be held in New York on 4 March, with a session dedicated to “The City in the Post 2015 Development Agenda and beyond”.

# Moving Forward: Next Steps

- Meanwhile, with regard to measurement, the **SDSN** is preparing an indicator report on Sustainable Cities. A discussion forum launched by **ODI** will discuss measurement of urban quality of life towards the post 2015 agenda.
- The Post-2015 Development Agenda is also expected to permeate the debates at **WUF 7**, through its integration in all dialogue concept notes and submissions of events.
- After the debate in the General Assembly in September 2014, **inter-governmental negotiations** on the Post 2015 Development Agenda are expected to be concluded by September 2015. UN system agencies role to be defined.



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