

International Meeting (16-17 October 2022)
Launch of a Global Action Plan Framework
on Informal Settlements and Slums

The **International Meeting launches a Global Action Plan Framework** to transforming Informal Settlements and Slums in the Decade of Action, accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda. The International Meeting leverages the momentum of the Urban October and the preparation process for the UN-Habitat Assembly in June 2023.

The Global Action Plan Framework Initiative is anchored in the Slums and Informal Settlements Network (SiSnet) launched during Habitat III in Quito as part of the global Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (PSUP), initiated by the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), financed by the European Commission and implemented by UN-Habitat. The Government of South Africa would like to invite key partners to jointly develop a roadmap with the objective of formulating a resolution in support of a Global Action Plan Framework to be endorsed during the UN-Habitat Assembly.

The Global Action Plan Framework is informed by the co-creation of a global publication in search of solutions to the challenges of informal settlements and slums. The publication provides a snapshot of the current global status quo of slums and informal settlements, reflects on lessons learnt in the past 20 years and identifies sustainable and inclusive solutions for transforming informal settlements and slums. The Government of South Africa invites Member States to launch a resolution formulation process shaping commitments and endorsement in support of the Global Action Plan Framework.

The intention of the Global Action Plan Framework is to take **coordination, collaboration, commitments and partnerships** to the next level. It consolidates and amplifies efforts for accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda (NUA) in the Decade of Action. It provides a joint vision to inform actions framed by partnerships and is the basis for Member States to elevate commitments in form of a resolution to be pledged in the UN-Habitat Assembly process.

The Framework is designed to engage **multiple stakeholders at all levels of governance to foster international cooperation for regional and sub-regional strategies and implementation efforts at country level**. It will drive continuous increased commitment, learning, sharing, accountability and monitoring as well as transformative programmes for greater impact.

PURPOSE

The Global Action Plan Framework will inform **strategic key interventions to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs by transforming informal settlements and slums**. It will outline a shared vision and identify concrete accelerators that support rapid action on Target 11.1 of the SDGs. It will highlight actions and activities and serve as an umbrella action plan against which annual targets, implementation arrangements and activities of the Global Action Plan Taskforce can be defined.

DELIVERABLES

- Present **findings and trends** from the Global Publication process;
- Examine **issues to be addressed for scaling up and accelerating actions**;
- Identify **lessons learnt for transforming informal settlements and slums**;
- **Demonstrate models for multi-level and multi-sector partnerships** for planning, financing, implementing, scaling and ensuring a better quality of life for persons living in informal settlements and slums;
- Develop a first draft of a resolution endorsing the Global Action Plan Framework for accelerated transformation of informal settlements and slums by 2030;
- **Agree on institutional arrangements** for shaping the roadmap of endorsing the resolution supporting the Global Action Plan.

16 October

Time	Item	Speaker
9.30	Welcome remarks by the Government of South Africa and UN-Habitat	Minister, Government of South Africa ED UN-Habitat European Commission, Organization of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)
10.00	Opening statements by key partners (4 partners)	
10.20	Introduction of the Global Action Plan and the process of drafting the Resolution	Government of South Africa UN-Habitat
	Question and Answers	
10.45	Refreshments	
11.00	Site Visit	
14.00	Stakeholder Engagement	
	Opening statements by a range of government representatives	

17 October

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10.00	Introduction to the trends, situation and rationale of calling for a Global Action Plan Transforming informal settlements and slums	Government of South Africa UN-Habitat Global expert Community
11.30	High-level Roundtable – Policies and principles enabling scaling of slum transformation Government statements Deep dive by thematic experts Action points for the resolution	High-level national and local government, civil society organization, academia, financing partner
13.00	Lunch break	
14.00	Drivers for accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda	High-level national and local government, civil society organization, academia, financing partner
15.30	Contribution by experts and conclusions for the way forward	High-level national and local government, civil society organization, academia, financing partner
16.00	Coffee break	
16.30	Partnership commitments for the Implementation Framework Announcements of milestones on the way forward	Stakeholders present
17.30	Conclusions for the Roadmap and reading of the draft final declaration and endorsement of the roadmap until UN-Habitat Assembly	Government of South Africa
The whole day, there is a parallel drafting committee for the resolution facilitated by the core partners team and dedicated rapporteurs		
Closing of the event with a closing dinner at 19.00		