



# **Habitat International Coalition**

**Proposal for a UN Habitat Stakeholder-engagement Mechanism**

Submitted to

UN Habitat Executive Board Ad Hoc Working Groups on Stakeholder-engagement Po



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# 1. Purpose of the Policy

The intention of the policy is to improve policy inputs, outputs and outcomes, as well as to ensure greater buy-in/up-take and legitimacy of UN-Habitat policies implemented throughout the agency; i.e., at headquarters and through country offices. Means toward these ends include stakeholder engagement and participation in UN-Habitat intergovernmental processes,

# Objectives

- **Policy-relevant specificity**
- **Self-organizing**
- **Stakeholder diversity/plurality – 3 sub-mechanisms**
- **Learn from past and present**
- **Adhere to Rules of Procedure**
- **New remit, not duplicating/supplanting other or former fixtures**

# Composition

- Civil society and non-governmental organizations, social movements,
- Representatives of local and regional authorities and local and regional governments
- Representatives of private sector associations

# Civil Society (plural interest)

- Research and academia
- Civil society organizations
- Nongovernmental organizations
- Grassroots groups/organizations
- Women
- Children and youth
- Professionals (nongovernmental planners, surveyors, public-interest legal practitioners, etc.)
- Cooperatives
- Indigenous People
- Media
- Persons with disability
- Older Persons
- Sexual minorities

# Local and regional governments and authorities (local public interest)

- Local and sub-national authorities (among them, rural, intermediate cities, megalopolis cities)
- Public service providers (representing technocratic specializations)
- Women in local government
- Parliamentarians



# Private Sector (private interest)

- Business and industry
- Women entrepreneurs
- Foundations and philanthropy
- Private utilities (private sector and privatized water, sanitation, transport, energy or other service providers)
- Professionals (private-sector planners, surveyors, legal practitioners, etc.)

# Habitat Stakeholder Advisory Board

- Inclusivity
- Transparency
- Democratic processes
- Exclusive EB-support focus
- Gender balance
- Regional balance
- Working groups
- Efficient resource management

# Functions and activities

- Channeling broad and regular exchange of information, analysis and experience;
- Developing common positions as appropriate;
- Communicating to the EB and its respective commissions and working groups, as appropriate;
- Convening a HSAB constituency forum as a preparatory event before EB sessions;
- Monitoring and evaluation.

# Secretariat

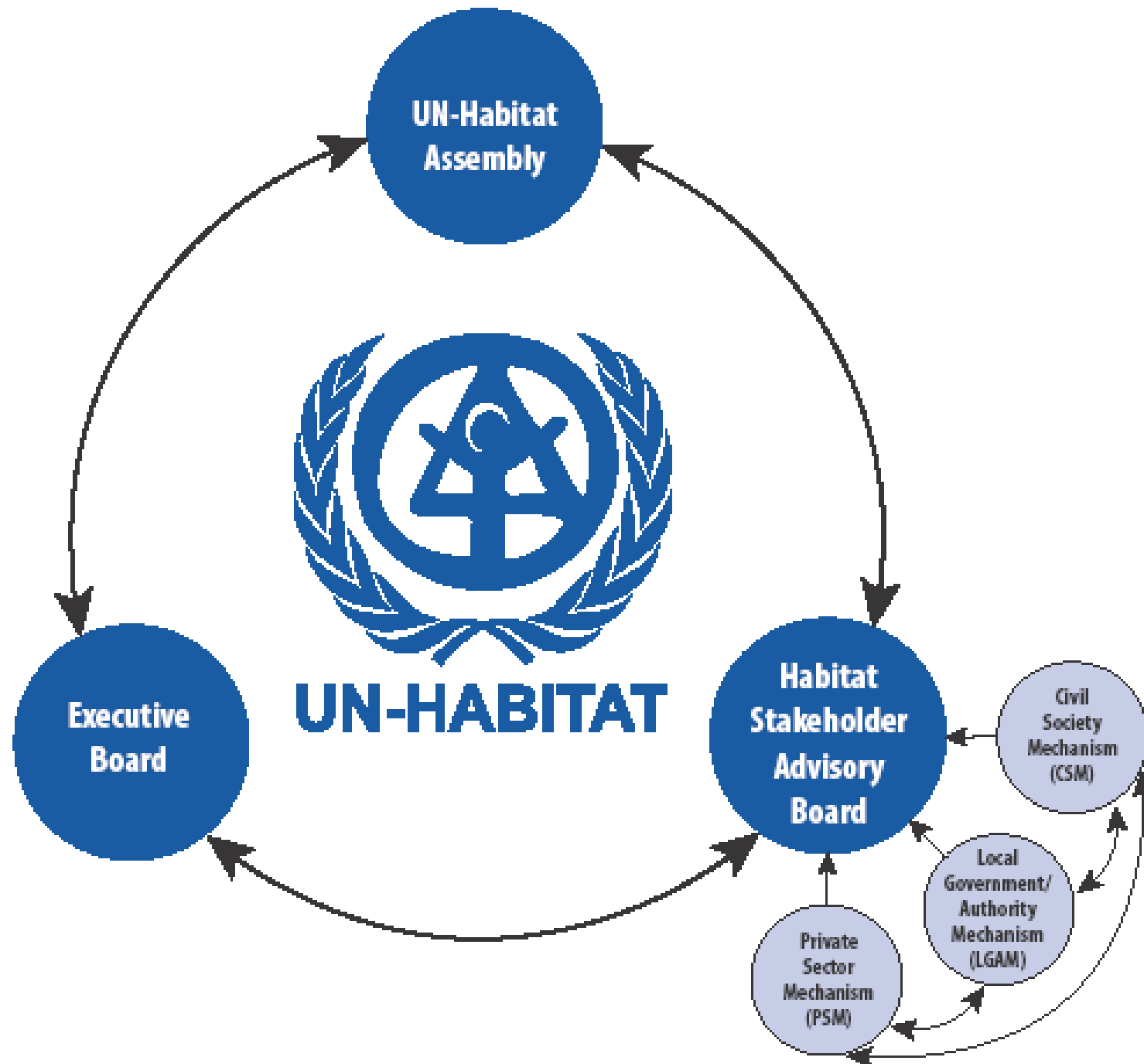
- **One or three?**
- **Budget?**
- **Links to UN-Habitat?**
- **Neutral/no advocacy role**

# Expectations of UN Habitat

- **Office space?**
- **Meeting space**
- **Access to UN Habitat**
- **Funding assistance**
- **Information and documentation**

# Global Stakeholder Forum

- All stakeholders
- In advance of each EB meeting
- Interim meetings and exchanges



Steps toward UN Habitat SEM	2022				2023										
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Proposal to EBWG, PaLGU	7														
EBWG meets, reviews proposals	21														
EBWG/UN Habitat mgmt. confer															
EBWG recommends to EB															
EBWG confers with UN-Habitat mgmt.			17												
EBWG considers SEM. accreditation															
All prepare presentation for UNHA															
2nd UNHA decides															
Stakeholders develop procedures															
Stakeholders submit procedures to EB															
Set-up, staffing, fundraising															

