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URBANISATION CHALLENGES &
POVERTY REDUCTION
IN ACP COUNTRIES
Nairobi, 08 -10 June 2009

- Mega-cities and mega-slums
- One out of three citizens lives in slums
- Rapid growth of small cities
- Increasing urban inequalities
- Climate change impact on cities
- Governance and urban planning

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I. Background

In January 2005, UN-HABITAT and the European Commission (EC) held a joint regional workshop in Nairobi on "Urbanisation Challenges in Africa".

110 participants from Africa outlined the acuteness of urban development needs and requested a joint response. It was stated that increasing urbanisation is linked to a subsequent rise in urban poverty. Thus, local and national decision-makers face an augmenting pressure to provide adequate response mechanisms.

During the conference in 2005, participants reported from their daily struggle in addressing service needs and urban poverty, and urged the importance to establish efficient urban governance and management frameworks.

Ultimately, the conference resulted in an agreement to develop a joint programme strengthening urban planning and management frameworks to address both the urban development drivers through capacity building and the target groups through interventions for poverty reduction.

In addition, activities have been designed to contribute to the Millennium Development Goals, in particular to Target 11, "achieving significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers until 2020."

Last year, the ACP Group of States, EC and UN-HABITAT launched the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme for ACP Countries (PSUP) which is 4 million Euros programme for 30 ACP countries financed through the 9th European Development Fund.

The "ACP-EC-UN-HABITAT Tripartite Conference on Urbanisation Challenges and Poverty Reduction" will expand the participation to all ACP countries, thus deepen elaborations of the former EC-UN-HABITAT Conference in 2005, and further outline components and achievements of the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme to tackle urban poverty.

Apart from aiming to involve all ACP countries, the programme has been expanded to three days: two days of technical sessions, directly linked to the programme, and one high-level meeting to compile a concrete declaration and work plan on how to address urban poverty and urbanisation.

The first two days will cater to review methodology, tools and implementation frameworks. At the same time, current implementation experiences and complications will be discussed. Further, participants will share challenges, first outputs and impacts of the Participatory Slum Upgrading and other urban development programmes.

In brief, the technical meetings will serve to amend the high-level meeting agenda (which will then comprise ministers and top level officials from the 79 ACP countries).

This high-level meeting has been developed as a response to a request from the ACP Committee of Ambassadors in Brussels and its Sub-Committee for Political Affairs.

The conference caters to assess the urban situation and urban poverty in ACP countries and thus recommend actions to improve living conditions in cities. There will be an opportunity for countries which are not yet included in the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme to raise their national urban development needs.

II. Objectives

Overall, the conference aims to strengthen future collaborations between the European Commission, the ACP Group of States and UN-HABITAT in order to harmonise contributions to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) – especially to those relating to urban poverty reduction and slum upgrading. In doing so, the discussions will build upon the EC–UN-HABITAT Joint Regional Workshop in 2005 and will further develop the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme.

Furthermore, the conference targets the following:

- Enable participants to review the current status quo of urbanisation and slum growth in ACP countries and to exchange and develop solutions.
- Achieve participant's familiarity with UN-HABITAT's Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme experiences and evaluate commonly the recent urban profiling and action planning methodology and tools currently implemented in 30 ACP countries. .
- Enable participants to feature UN-HABITAT's slum upgrading related focus areas 1) Pro-poor land and housing, 2) Basic urban infrastructure and services, 3) Urban governance and planning, 4) Human settlements finance and 5) Local economic development; give feedback and elaborate recommendations for the Ministerial Round Tables.
- Document potentials of financial and technical support to sustainable urban development for ACP countries through the collaboration of the ACP Secretariat, the European Commission and UN-HABITAT.

III. Output

- Report on major ACP countries concerns on urban development issues.
- Feedback on PSUP implementation and agreement on follow-up-steps.
- Establishment of a network of ACP countries tackling urbanisation and urban poverty issues.
- Agreement on joint programme activities within the 10th EFD to tackle urban development and slum upgrading issues.

IV. Participants

In total, there will be about 200 participants:

- Technical officials from the ACP countries participating in PSUP.
- Senior officials from the ACP countries.
- Ministers from the ACP countries, responsible for urban development or housing.
- Representatives from the 6 regions.
- EC country and headquarter representatives.
- Members of the ACP Secretariat.
- Representatives from bilateral and multilateral donors

V. Methodology

The 3-day conference will consist of two main components: a Policy Workshop of two days and an ACP Ministerial Coordination Meeting of one day.

1) Policy Workshop (2 days)

The Policy Workshop will be organised in a highly participatory manner and will be structured according to experience from the Urban Profiling scheme - the first phase of PSUP. Best-practice examples will be presented and commonly discussed. Further, an exchange of tools and methodologies as well as implementation steps and challenges will be introduced and discussed. Results will be illustrated in a final report that reflects participant's contributions and concern on urbanisation, urban poverty reduction and participatory slum upgrading.

- Update on the current status quo of urbanisation and slum growth in ACP countries.
- Exchange information and open a policy dialogue in the regard of creating an improved planning and implementation capacity in ACP countries.
- Assess the feasibility of establishing a formal urban development network in ACP countries.
- Present and discuss participatory slum upgrading approaches and best-practices.
- Elaborate on PSUP implementation steps and challenges.

2) ACP Ministerial Coordination Meeting (1 day)

The high-level coordination meeting will be chaired by the focal points from the three collaborating organisations: ACP Secretariat, EC Brussels and UN-HABITAT. Participants will be informed about PSUP implementation, methodology and tools. Further, future collaboration opportunities, especially with countries that are not part of PSUP are to be discussed.

- Present urbanisation and urban poverty reduction concerns.
- Present PSUP and main concerns elaborated during the first two conference days.
- Exchange urban development priorities and policies and share UN-HABITAT's institutional memory.
- Define urban priority development areas.

The three-day schedule allows time for bilateral meetings and exchange on implementation issues with the ACP Group of States, EC and UN-HABITAT.

VI. Practical Information

a. General Information

Kenya is located on the eastern coast of Africa, right on the equator. It is a land of striking landscapes, ranging from snow-capped Mount Kenya to rich farmlands, barren deserts and tropical beaches. It borders Somalia, Ethiopia and Sudan in the north, Uganda in the west, Tanzania in the south, and the Indian Ocean in the east. Kenya's capital city is Nairobi. Other major cities are Mombasa, the main port on the Indian Ocean and Kisumu on Lake Victoria. The eight provinces of Kenya range in geographical size from the small Nairobi Province to the much larger eastern and Rift Valley provinces. Kenya's national parks are wildlife, marine and botanical sanctuaries set aside to conserve their unique species and for educational and recreational enjoyment by Kenyans and tourists.

Time Zone

Kenya is GMT + 0200 hours and standard time +0300 UTC.

Health

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is mandatory for travelers over one year of age coming from countries where yellow fever may occur. Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru have been indicated as countries where yellow fever may occur, but no guarantees can be given that no certificates are required from other countries. Malaria risk exists throughout the year in Kenya, though there is little risk in Nairobi and the highlands.

Weather

Although Kenya lies astride the Equator, the Nairobi area and many other parts of the country enjoy a very pleasant and temperate climate throughout the year. Nairobi's altitude is some 1,700 metres (5,450 feet) above sea level. The period of early May falls in the so-called "long rains" season in Nairobi. Rainfall is, however, generally confined to the evening hours, and the month average for May is approximately 200 mm (8 inches). It is pleasantly warm by day with sunny periods. Nights are cool. In May the average maximum temperature is 24°C and the average minimum temperature 16°C.

Electricity

240 Volts.

Official Language

The official languages of the Republic of Kenya are English and Kiswahili.

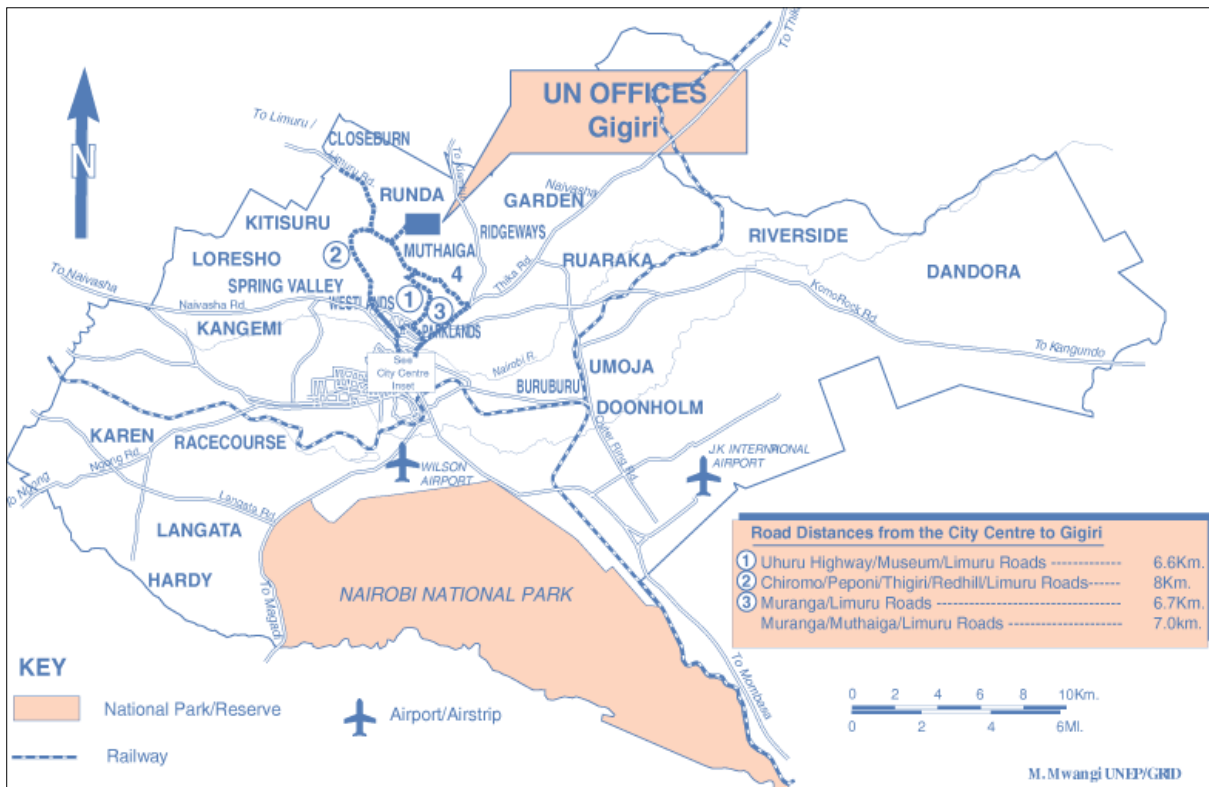
Currency

The official currency of the Republic of Kenya is the Kenya Shillings (Ksh). The current exchange rate vis-à-vis the US dollar stands at approximately Kshs.80.00 for one US dollar and Kshs. 105.00 for one Euro.

Credit cards

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in the city.

b. Venue



The conference will take place in Conference Room One at the UN Offices in Gigiri, Nairobi.

c. Travel

Passport and visa

All travellers arriving in Kenya must have a valid passport. Entry visas are required, and Participants are strongly advised to obtain all visas and/or transfer documents before departure. In countries where there is no Kenyan Embassy or High Commission, the British Embassy or High Commission will generally represent Kenya, and be in a position to issue visas or provide advice.

Delegates can also apply for visas on arrival into the country but will be required to show official evidence that they are attending the conference. A fee of US\$ 50 is charged for a visa. Please note that visa fees cannot be waived for any individual.

Further information about Kenya Immigration Department requirements can be found on www.immigration.go.ke.

d. Accommodation

UN Special Rates for Participants.

Kindly note, that participants are requested to make their own reservations with the hotels of their choice and to make their own transport arrangements. Delegates, who do not have their own pick up services arranged in advance at the airport, will be assisted to board authorized taxis to their hotels at their own cost.

(Rates are inclusive of breakfast, taxes and subject to confirmation with the hotel)

Name, Contacts, Description, Location	Available rooms		
FAIRVIEW HOTEL P.O. Box 40842, 00100 Nairobi, Kenya Tel: 254-20-2881000 Fax: 254-20-2721320 Email: book@fairviewkenya.com Web: www.fairviewkenya.com Contact person: Jane Karuga	Single room	USD 94	
	Economy	USD 107	
	Economy plus	USD 119	
	First	USD 132	
	Economy(2persons)	USD 138	
	Business(2persons)	USD 150	
	first(2persons)	USD 163	
<i>City Center, 14km from UNON Gigiri</i>			
HILTON HOTEL P.O. BOX 30624, Nairobi, Kenya Tel: 254-20-2790000 Fax: 254-20-250099/226477 Email: Bernard.itebete@hilton.com Web: www.hilton.com Contact person: Bernard Itebete Rerservations.nairobi@hilton.com	Guest Rooms Single	USD 145	
	Guest Rooms Double	USD 177	
	Deluxe Room Single	USD 175	
	Delux rooms Double	USD 200	
	Deluxe Plus room	USD 195	
	Deluxe Double	USD 270	
	Hilton Presidential Suite Single	USD 545	
	Hilton Presidential Suite Double	USD 570	
	<i>City Center, 12km from UNON Gigiri</i>		
HOLIDAY INN P.O Box 66807 Nairobi, Kenya Tel: 254-20-3740920 Fax: 254-20-3748823 Contact person: Ms. Sallie Khavere E-mail: hi-sales@africaonline.co.ke Reservation: reserve@holidayinn.co.ke	Standard Single room	USD 199	
	Standard Double room	USD 244	
	<i>Outside City Center, 12km from UNON Gigiri</i>		
	HOTEL BOULEVARD P.O Box 42831-00100 Nairobi, Kenya Tel: 254-20-227567 Fax: 254-20-334071 Contact person: Ms. Jackline Mumbi Email: hotel@hotelboulevardkenya.com	Single room	USD 66
<i>City Center, 12km from UNON Gigiri</i>			

Name, Contacts, Description, Location	Available rooms	
HOTEL INTER-CONTINENTAL P.O. Box 30353-00200, Nairobi, Kenya Tel: 254-20- 32 00 000 Fax: 254-20- 32 00 036 Email: nairobi@interconti.co.ke Web: www.ihg.com Contact person: Ms. Josephine Wakhu	Superior Single	USD 185
	Superior Double	USD 205
	Deluxe Single	USD 230
	Deluxe Double	USD 270
	Club Inter-Continental Single	USD 325
	Club InterContinental Double	USD 365
<i>City Center, 12km from UNON Gigiri</i>		
HOTEL LA MADA P.O Box 40683, Nairobi Kenya Tel: 254-20-221439/218321 Fax: 254-20-332170 Email: sales@madahotels.com Contact person: Ms. Betty Olwenyi	Single room	USD 140
	Double room	USD 160
	Suite	USD 250
	<i>Outside City Center, 8km from UNON Gigiri</i>	
JACARANDA HOTEL P.O. Box 14287 - 00800, Nairobi Kenya Tel: 254-20-4448713/4/5/6/7 Fax: 254-20-4445818 Email: sales-jhggroup@africanonline.co.ke Website: WWW.jacarandahotes.com Contact Person: Tonney Muiruri Mutunga	Deluxe Room	USD 218
	Single Room	USD 175
	Standard Single Room	USD 188
	Standard Double Room	USD 234
	<i>Outside City Center, 10km from UNON Gigiri</i>	
LAICO REGENCY HOTEL P.O Box 57549 Nairobi, Kenya Tel: 254-20-211199 Fax: 254-20-217120 Contact person: Ms. Jassi Sian jsian@grandregency.co.ke	Single room	USD 185
	Double room	USD 210
	The Executive Suite	USD 375
	<i>City Center, 8.5km from UNON Gigiri</i>	
LENANA MOUNT HOTEL P.O. Box 40943 Nairobi Kenya Tel: 254-20-2717044/48 Fax: 254-20-2719394 Email: lenananmounthotel@iconnect.co.ke Contact Person: Esther Amina	Single room	USD 50
	Double room	USD 72
	Twin Room	USD 72
	<i>Outside City Center, 20km from UNON Gigiri</i>	
NAIROBI SAFARI CLUB P.O. Box 43564 Nairobi, Kenya Tel: 254-20-251333 Fax: 254-20-215137/224625 Contact person: Ms. Florence Marangu Email: sales@nairobisafariclub.com Website: http://www.nairobisafariclub.com	Single Suite Rates	USD 160
	Double Suite Rates	USD 1890
	<i>City Center, 12km from UNON Gigiri</i>	

Name, Contacts, Description, Location	Available rooms	
NAIROBI SERENA HOTELS P.O Box 48690 Nairobi, Kenya Tel: 254-20-2710511 Fax: 254-20-2718100 Contact person: Mr. Harrison Tuva E-mail: nairobi@serena.co.ke Website: www.serenahotels.com	Single Deluxe room Superior rooms Executive Suite Business Suite	USD 220 USD 395 USD 510 USD 605
(Rates are on bed basis only)		
<i>City Center, 12km from UNON Gigiri</i>		
PANAFRIC HOTEL P.O. Box 72493 Nairobi Kenya Tel: 254-20-2714444/6688 Fax: 254-20-3726356 Email: panafri@sarovahotels.com Contact Person: Mr. Nelson Mburu Website: www.sarovahotes.com Email:nelson.mburu@sarovahotels.com	Standard room Single Standard room double Superior room Single Superior room Double Club Room Single Club Room Double One Bedroomed Themed Suite	USD 110 USD 150 USD 145 USD 190 USD 185 USD 240 USD 400
<i>City Center, 15km from UNON Gigiri</i>		
PANARI HOTEL P.O Box 4372, 00506 Nairobi Kenya Tel: 254-20-828990/6946000 Fax: 254-20-828985 Email: info@panarihotel.com Contact person: Mr. Arafa Kenji Email: afafa.k@panari.com	Standard Single Room Standard Double Room Superior Single Room Superior Double Room Deluxe Single Room Deluxe Double Room	USD 140 USD 170 USD 170 USD 200 USD 200 USD 230
<i>Outside City Center, 18km from UNON Gigiri</i>		
RED COURT HOTEL P.O. Box 2661 - 00100 Tel: 254-20-3520757/3593145 fax: 254-20-3503147 Fmail: infor@redcourt.co.ke Contact: Ms. Ann Ongundi	Single Room	USD 120
<i>Outside City Center, 18km from UNON Gigiri</i>		
SAFARI PARK HOTEL P.O. Box 45038, Thika Rd. Nairobi, Kenya Tel: 254-20-3633000/3633312/971 Fax: 254-20-3633919 Contact Person: Sclar Muthamia or Ms. Ruth Chege Email: sales@safariparkhotel.co.ke Website:http://www.safaripark-hotel.co.ke	Deluxe Room Double Deluxe Room Grand Room Business Suite Executive Suite	USD 180 USD 230 USD 280 USD 330 USD 380
<i>Outside City Center, 12km from UNON Gigiri</i>		
SAROVA HOTELS THE STANLEY P.O. Box 72493 Nairobi Kenya Tel: 254-20-316377 Fax: 254-20- 2715566 Email; thestanley@sarovahotels.com Contact Person: Mr. Nelson Mburu Website: http://www.sarovahotels.com Email: nelson.mburu@sarovahotels.com	Single Deluxe Double Club Room Single Club Room Double Business Suite Executive Suite Executive two bedroom Suite two bedroom State Suite Pent house Presidential Suite	USD 175 USD 215 USD 245 USD 285 USD 520 USD 608 USD 714 USD 796 USD 714 USD 1135
<i>City Center, 12km from UNON Gigiri</i>		

Name, Contacts, Description, Location	Available rooms	
SILVER SPRINGS HOTEL P.O. Box 61363-00200 Tel: 254-20-2722451/2-7 Fax: 254-20-2720545 / 2728061 Email: silversprings@iconnect.co.ke Contact: Mr. Michael Ochieng	Standard Single Standard double Double Suite Double Business Suites Superior Suite Single Superior Suite Double	USD 172 USD 200 USD 229 USD 258 USD 329 USD 386
<i>Outside City Center, 18km from UNON Gigiri</i>		
THE NORFOLK HOTEL P.O Box 40064-00100 Nairobi, Kenya Tel: 254-20-2216940/225900 Fax: 254-20-336742 Contact person: Mr. Charles Kikuvi Email:kenya.reservation@fairmont.com Web: www.fairmont.com	Fairmont Single Room Fairmont Double Rooms	USD 169 USD 199
<i>City Center, 12km from UNON Gigiri</i>		
TRIBE THE VILLAGE MARKET P.O. Box 133,00621 Village Market Nairobi Tel: 254-20-72 00 000 Fax: 254-20-7200 000 Email: reserations@tribehotel-kenya.com Web: www.africanpridehotels.com/tribe contact person: Sandeep Brar	Standard single Standard Double Deluxe Single Deluxe double Single Junior Suite Double Junior Suite	USD 205 USD 265 USD 285 USD 345 USD 405
<i>Outside City Center, 1km from UNON Gigiri</i>		
UTALII HOTEL P.O Box 31067-00600, Nairobi Kenya Tel: 254-20-8563540/8561201 Fax: 254-20-8560514 Email: utaliihotel@utalii.co.ke Contact person: Mr. Suleiman Mwanyere	Single room Double room	USD 90 USD 112
<i>Outside City Center, 8km from UNON Gigiri</i>		
WINDSOR GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB P.O. Box 45587 Nairobi, KenyaCenter Tel: 254-20- 8562300/8562500 Fax: 254-20-8563322 Contact person: Ms. Rosemary Nyakarura Email: nnyakarura@windsor.co.ke	Deluxe Single Deluxe double Studio Suite 2-bed roomed Cottage	USD 198 USD 244 USD 368 USD 485
<i>Outside City Center, 15km from UNON Gigiri</i>		

e. Registration

Please send following information for registration purposes to
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Last Name:

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Gender:

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Country: