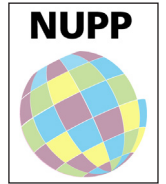


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CONTEXT

More than half of the world's population currently live in cities, and a projected 70 per cent will be living in urban areas by 2050. To manage rapid urbanization and respond to its associated challenges, 150 national governments have taken the initiative to develop national urban policies (NUPs). However, given that all countries have different contexts, histories and capacity among other features, each country's urbanization process is different, with varying goals and unique challenges.

NUPs have the potential to help countries and cities address and take advantage of existing global trends and maximize the opportunities they may bring. To do so, countries need to develop NUPs that incorporate new and innovative policy approaches, instruments, and partnerships across all levels of governments and all sectors of society. However, no single urbanization policy fits all contexts. Globally, countries are at different stages in their NUP formulation and implementation processes and have much to learn from one another.

Within this context, this session will discuss how NUPs were developed in selected countries including Malawi, Ghana, and Iran. It will provide all participants with an opportunity to showcase country-specific case studies, innovative approaches and tools and emerging knowledge on urban policy.

Key questions that will be addressed during the roundtable include:

- In the context of the New Urban Agenda, how is your country's NUP framework being used as an opportunity to establish a connection between the dynamics of urbanization and the overall process of national development?
- How has your country developed legal foundations, capable institutions and financial instruments to support the implementation of NUPs?
- How have the active collaboration of different levels of government and the inclusion of non-state actors achieved varied national policy goals?
- What are the specific challenges and opportunities for urban policy making in your country? How did you overcome these challenges and capitalise on these opportunities?

SESSION 1, NUPS IN ARAB STATES

Moderator: *Claudio Acioly*, Senior Housing and Urban Management Expert - Head of Capacity Building, UN-Habitat

Panellist 1: *Deema Abu Thiab*, National Programme Coordinator; UN-Habitat, Jordan

Panellist 2: *Maya Majzoub*, Head of the Policy Development Unit/Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting Officer; UN-Habitat, Lebanon

Panellist 3: *Dr. Khaled Alnifa*, General Director, Research and Studies, Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, SAUDI ARABIA

Panellist 4: *Prof. Faisal Abdulsalam*, Prof., City& Regional Planning, Menoufia University, Egypt



SESSION 2

Moderator: *Claudio Acioly*, Senior Housing and Urban Management Expert - Head of Capacity Building, UN-Habitat

Panelist 1: *Mercy Betty Dube*, Director for Urban Development, Malawi

Panelist 2: *Pamela Nutsukpo*, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development

Panelist 3: *Gonzalo Lacurcia Consultant*, UN-Habitat, Spain

Panelist 4: *Emmanuel Adeleke*, UN-Habitat, Niger State

