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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ABMTCs	Appropriate Building Materials and Technologies Centres
AU	Africa Union
CIDPs	County Integrated Development Plans
CSHSF	Civil Servants Housing Scheme Fund
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
HCPD	Habitat Country Programme Document
KENSUP	Kenya Slum Upgrading Programme
KISIP	Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Programme
LED	Local Economic Development
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
NBS	National Broadband Strategy
NIMES	National Integrated and Evaluation System
NSSF	National Social Security Fund
NUA	New Urban Agenda
PPPs	Public Private Partnerships
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
UNCT	United Nations Country Team
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework for Kenya
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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Foreword



I am delighted to present the Habitat Country Programme Document for Kenya, our host country and a key partner of UN-Habitat.

In 2013, the UN-Habitat Governing Council recognized Habitat Country Programme Documents (HCPDs) as key instruments for implementing the Strategic Plan. HCPD 2016-2019 replaces the previous programme document of 2013-2015. It covers the early years of implementing the Government's "Vision 2030" and its five-year Mid-Term Plan II, with the objective of transforming Kenya into an industrialized middle income country by 2030.

HCPD 2016-2019 focuses on six Strategic Action Directions, providing the means through which the Government of Republic of Kenya, with support from UN-Habitat, can ensure that human settlements and cities for tomorrow become socially inclusive drivers of the desired economic growth and transformation.

These Directions are:

- 1) Improved Land Management and Sustainably Planned Human Settlements;
- 2) Improved Access to Quality Urban Basic Services and Infrastructure;
- 3) Improved Access to Quality and Affordable Housing and Sustainable Slum Upgrading and Prevention;

- 4) Innovation in Improving Urban Economy and Finance;
- 5) Improved Urban Governance and Resilience; and
- 6) Improved Capacity Development and Sensitization.

HCPD 2016-2019 was drafted with national, regional and global priorities and aspirations in mind, including Africa Agenda 2063 and the New Urban Agenda, and strengthens the mechanisms for country-level collaboration with stakeholders including with county governments. As the lead United Nations agency mandated to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities and, as focal point for sustainable urbanization in the UN System, UN-Habitat is pleased to work with the Kenyan State Department of Housing and Urban Development, identifying these priorities which are key for the effective implementation for Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

HCPD 2016-2018 reflected the commitment of UN-Habitat to supporting the priorities of the Government of Kenya as outlined in the Mid-Term Plan 3 and ultimately under Vision 2030.

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Preface



Kenya has experienced exponential population growth in recent years. In 1999, the population stood at 28.7 million people. This figure rose to 38.6 million in 2009 and was projected to have increased to about 42 million people in 2012. It is anticipated that by 2030, the population will be about 65 million. At the same time, Kenya has witnessed rapid urban growth rates of around 5%, which have seen the urban population rise from 8% at independence in 1963 to about 34% in 2011. By 2030, it is estimated that urban areas will account for 54% of the population which translates to over 23.6 million people.

The above mentioned rapid rate of urbanization continues to increase pressure on urban authorities to meet the needs of growing urban populations. The major challenges facing urban areas include: inadequate infrastructure and services; inadequate housing; environmental degradation; high rates of unemployment; and increasing prevalence of urban poverty and inequality. While noting the positive gains attained by devolution through establishment of county Governments, there is need to strengthen their capacity to handle urbanization through establishment of Urban Boards as is prescribed by the Urban Areas and Cities Act, among other matters. In a bid to address urbanization and human settlements challenges, the Government has developed programmes that aim to, among others: support the provision of basic infrastructure and services within urban settlements, increase access to quality and low cost housing, reduce environmental degradation through green construction and energy efficiency in buildings and enhance access to livelihood opportunities through sweat equity.

The Government continues to implement its human settlements programmes guided by Kenya's Vision 2030 through its Medium Term Plans and other sectoral Government policies. Some of the programmes are implemented in close collaboration with UN-Habitat and other relevant stakeholders. The Habitat Country Programme Document (HCPD) 2016-2019 has been developed with the above policies in mind, and encapsulates Kenya's priorities within the urban, housing and human settlements sector. Through this document, it is envisaged that a strong coordination and networking platform will be established for mobilizing public, private, non-state actors and development partners as well as financial resources in the attainment of sustainable urban development in Kenya. This partnership is expected to culminate in the effective implementation of country level activities at both National and county level.

I wish to reaffirm the Governments' full support and commitment to the realization of the New Urban Agenda and to the sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal number 11 that aims to make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

I take this opportunity to thank all individuals, Habitat Agenda partners, and stakeholder institutions for their valuable contributions towards preparation of this programme, as we look forward to its successful implementation.

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