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ACRONYMS

AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
CBO	Community-based organization
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CLIP	Community Land Information Programme
CLT	Community Land Trust
GIS	Geographic Information System
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
NGO	Non-governmental organization
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
PPHPZ	People's Process on Housing and Poverty in Zambia
SDFN	Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia
SPV	Special Purpose Vehicle
UN-Habitat	United Nations Human Settlements Programme

FOREWORD



Africa is currently the world's fastest urbanising region and this makes the issue of housing in the continent's cities even more critical. Analysis made by UN-Habitat based on the data collected by the Global Urban Observatory suggests that urbanization in sub-Saharan Africa has become a synonym of informal and spontaneous urbanisation. It is therefore a vital time to act to address the existence of slums and informal settlements and to improve housing conditions of Africa's urban population. Addressing the access to adequate housing in African cities will enable governments to redress the challenges of spontaneous urbanization and bring cities to a planned and sustainable urban development path, creating the conditions for urban planning and legislation to work in favour of a prosperous urban future.

UN-Habitat is pleased to introduce to a wider audience this training pack focusing on such a relevant topic of Housing the Poor, particularly at this moment when the international community is engaged in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, Habitat III, to be held in Quito in 2016.

For UN-Habitat, the development of knowledge, skills and know-how in the area of housing is fundamental for addressing the challenges of urbanisation and this training pack is certainly an important contribution to this effort. The Facilitator's Guide and the accompanying training materials have been prepared on the basis of the *Quick Guides for Policy Makers: Housing the Poor in African Cities* series, which was produced through a joint work programme by UN-Habitat and Cities Alliance. This training pack has been made possible

through the financial contribution of Cities Alliance. This comprehensive knowledge product fills a gap in this field and provides training and capacity building institutions with a valuable set of tools, methods and case studies that will enable them to further strengthen the capacity of institutions, housing practitioners and policy makers in this very fundamental field. The training materials draw on the resources provided by the series but also include additional materials.

The *Quick Guides for Policy Makers: Housing the Poor in African Cities* series was written by a team of experts from the African Centre for Cities and produced by UN-Habitat and Cities Alliance. This series of the *Quick Guides* has been inspired by and prepared on the basis of a similar and successful series of *Quick Guides on Housing the Poor in Asian Cities* that was developed by UN-Habitat in cooperation with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the Asian Coalition of Housing Rights.

The *Quick Guides* series for Africa consists of eight concise and user-friendly publications. They are meant for housing practitioners, policy makers and decision makers in the housing sector and provide them with quick access to knowledge on housing issues to make decisions that benefit the poor in African cities. The series is available in English and in French.

The training pack that accompanies the *Quick Guides* series aims at disseminating housing knowledge and strengthening capacities of individuals and institutions in African countries. The focus is on using participative methods to discuss key housing issues, draw on key

practical concepts and experiences, learn from case studies and develop problem solving approaches.

It is a critical time to take action on housing in African cities, to address the housing needs of growing urban populations, and to improve existing housing stock, particularly considering the international debate on the Post-2015 Development Agenda leading to the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the preparatory process for the Habitat III conference.

I am confident that these training tools on the *Quick Guides for Policy Makers: Housing the Poor in African Cities* series will promote improved knowledge on housing issues and lead to better outcomes for the urban poor. Given that housing is an important aspect of the new

urban agenda, these training tools will also contribute to increasing the knowledge of the decision makers formulating and implementing the new urban agenda.



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