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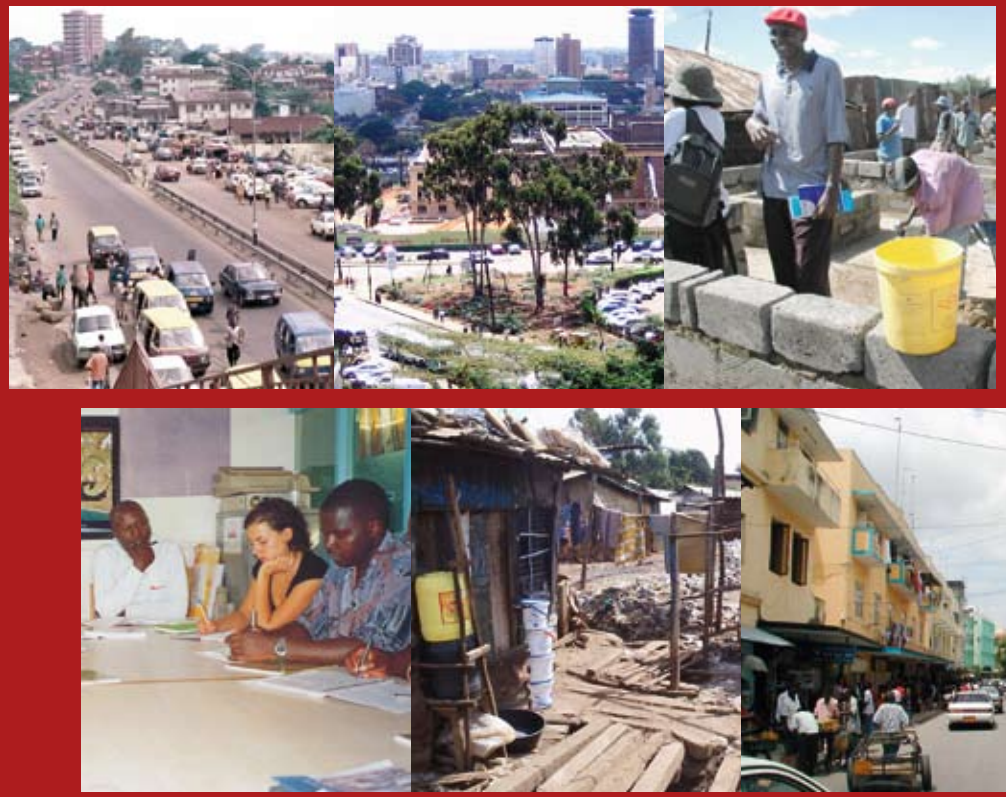

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List of acronyms

CBO	Community-Based Organizations
HUDCO	Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited
ILO	International Labour Organization
NGO	Non-Governmental Organizations
UNCHS	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements
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