### Brief description of the organisation

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme was originally established as the United Nations Center for Human Settlements (UNHABITAT) by the General Assembly of the United Nations resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977, and thereafter transformed into a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly of the United Nations by its resolution 56/206 of 21 December 2001, with Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya (“UN-HABITAT”). UNHABITAT is the coordinating agency within the United Nations system for human settlements activities and focal point for the monitoring, evaluation and implementation of the Habitat Agenda, as well as the task manager of the human settlements chapter of Agenda 21 and responsible for promoting and consolidating collaboration with all partners, including local authorities and private and non-Governmental organizations in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the Urban related Sustainable Development Goals especially Goal 11 on Cities and Human Settlements. The Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlement in the New Millennium as detailed in General assembly resolution S-25/2 reaffirmed the role of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UNHABITAT) in advocating, promoting, monitoring and assessing the progress made in implementing the goals of adequate shelter for all by providing legal security of tenure and sustainable human settlements development in all countries and in combining best practices, enabling policies, and compiling legislation and action plans for identifying illustrative cities for the two global campaigns and advancing further the normative debate and operational action on major human settlements issues, inter alia, by timely and regular publication of global flagship reports and timely release of urban related data. New Urban Agenda reaffirms the role and expertise of UN-Habitat, within its mandate, as a focal point for sustainable urbanization and human settlements and also acknowledges that in implementing the New Urban Agenda particular attention should be paid to addressing and coordinating within the UN system the unique and emerging urban development challenges facing all countries.

### Mission

UN-HABITAT’s vision aims at promoting stronger commitment of national and local governments as well as other relevant stakeholders to work towards the realization of a world with economically productive, socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable cities and other human settlements. UN-HABITAT’s mission is in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and other United Nations entities, support governments and local authorities, in line with the principle of subsidiarity, to respond positively to the opportunities and challenges of urbanization by providing normative or policy advice and technical assistance on transforming cities and other human settlements into inclusive centres of vibrant economic growth, social progress and environmental safety. In light of the factors shaping the twenty-first century cities, and of the UN-Habitat current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats he mission is anchored in a four-pillar strategy focusing on (a) urban legislation, land and governance; (b) urban planning and design; (c) urban economy; (d) urban basic services. These fall under the four core functions assigned to the agency by world governments - monitoring and research, policy development, capacity building and financing for housing and urban development. UN-HABITAT’s programmes are designed to help policy-makers and local communities get to grips with the human settlements and urban issues and find workable lasting solutions. In April 2013, the Governing Council (GC) of UN-HABITAT approved the results-based Medium Term Strategic and Institutional Plan

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1. Description of the statistics section/department in the organization
2. Mission of the statistics section/department of the organization
Within the framework of MTSIP, the Research and Capacity Development Branch (RCDB) shall support the Agency to develop an enhanced normative framework to package: a robust monitoring, advocacy and communications strategy to raise awareness and political commitment to address the challenges of rapid urbanization, urban poverty and slums. Furthermore, RCDB shall support the MTSIP anticipated outcome for UN-HABITAT to become a premier reference centre for data collection, analysis, monitoring and reporting on sustainable urbanization by 2019.

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<td>Towns and cities are growing today at unprecedented rates setting the social, political, cultural and environmental trends of the world, both good and bad. In 1950, one-third of the world's people lived in cities. Just 50 years later, this rose to one-half and will continue to grow to two-thirds, or 6 billion people, by 2050. <strong>Cities are now home to half of humankind.</strong> The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), is the United Nations</td>
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agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

The organization's mandate is outlined in the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements (1976), Habitat Agenda, Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements (1996), the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, and Resolution 56/206 (2000). The agency's mandate was further strengthened by two recent developments i.e 2016 Quito declaration on the New Urban Agenda and the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

| Statistical work programme | Data collection and analysis is a collaborative effort between National Statistics Offices, Ministries responsible for urban issues, City and Metropolitan authorities and the Research community. The Global Urban Observatory statistical work programme for the period 2010-2019  
1. Produce data to monitor the Habitat Agenda, Millennium Development Goals, and Sustainable Development Goals  
2. Produce data for the State of the World’s Cities Report  
3. Produce data for the Global Report on Human Settlements  
5. Produce data for Regional Cities Report  
6. Conduct Urban Inequities Surveys  
7. Produce data for cities and citizens report as part of City Prosperity Initiative  
8. Support Local Urban Observatories  
9. Update the UrbanInfo database  
10. Support the GIS 1000 Cities Programme  
11. Monitor urban expansion forms in over 500 cities  
12. Organise Census Analysis regional workshops in Asia, Africa, Latin America and The Caribbean in order to produce city indicators  
13. Build capacities of National Statistical Systems to monitor and report on cities/urban related SDGs |

| Number of staff | The Research and Capacity Development Branch has 7 senior researchers overseeing the various statistical and urban research demands for the agency at the regional and global levels. In addition, there are 3 professional statisticians addressing the Global urban statistical demands at the HQ level. |
| Total / Statistical division |

2. The Global Report on Human Settlements (GHRS)  

| Website | www.unhabitat.org |

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