



REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

**RESUMED SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT
ASSEMBLY**

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MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, URBAN PLANNING AND HOUSING

OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

DURING THE HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ALL

**AGENDA ITEM 6. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HABITAT FOR THE PERIOD 2026–
2029**

29th May 2025 | 15:00 – 18:00

EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY,

EXCELLENCIES CO-CHAIRS OF THE INTERGOVERNAMENTAL WORKING
GROUP ON ADEQUATE HOUSING

EXCELLENCY MS. ANA CLÁUDIA MARINHEIRO CENTENO ROSSBACH,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UN-HABITAT,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

ON A FUNDAMENTAL IMPERATIVE: TO ENSURE THAT URBAN DEVELOPMENT SERVES AS A CATALYST FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, ECONOMIC PROGRESS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN-HABITAT STRATEGIC PLAN 2026–2029, WHICH RECOGNIZES THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF HOUSING POLICIES IN BUILDING A MORE INCLUSIVE, RESILIENT, AND EQUITABLE FUTURE, BY PLACING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE ISSUE OF ACCESS TO ADEQUATE HOUSING, LAND AND BASIC SERVICES, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF URGENT TRANSFORMATION OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS AND SLUMS.

SINCE 1978, UN-HABITAT HAS BEEN AN ESSENTIAL PARTNER FOR ANGOLA, ENABLING US TO MATERIALIZE THE DREAM OF ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ALL AS A DRIVING FORCE TO REDUCE POVERTY, FOR JOB CREATION, CLIMATE RESILIENCE, AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

IN ANGOLA, THE HOUSING POLICIES HAVE SERVED AS A PLATFORM FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION. SINCE THE LAUNCH OF THE NATIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM IN 2009, THE GOVERNMENT ALONE HAS BUILT OVER THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND (350 000) HOUSING UNITS THROUGH TWENTY-NINE CENTRALITIES AND NINE URBANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THIS EFFORT HAS BEEN DOUBLED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND DIRECTED SELF CONSTRUCTION, WHERE CITIZENS RECEIVE PLOTTED, AND INFRASTRUCTURED LAND ON WHICH THEY CONSTRUCT THEIR OWN HOMES. TOGETHER, THESE INITIATIVES HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO REDUCING THE HOUSING DEFICIT, ALLEVIATING POVERTY, AND GENERATING EMPLOYMENT—WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ANGOLANS AND THOSE LIVING IN ANGOLA.

OUR POLICY OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECENTRALIZATION HAS STRENGTHENED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' ROLE IN LEADING URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, FOSTERING SIMPLE AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT LEVERAGE LOCAL LABOUR AND MATERIALS.

THE NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ARE DESIGNED ACCORDING TO SUSTAINABLE URBAN PLANNING PRINCIPLES: INTEGRATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS, GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE, EFFICIENT URBAN MOBILITY, AND COMPREHENSIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT. THESE PRACTICES SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, ALIGNED WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT, THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND THE NEW URBAN AGENDA.

IN A WORLD MARKED BY CLIMATE CRISIS, PANDEMICS, AND CONFLICTS, WE RECOGNIZE THAT ADEQUATE, SAFE, AND SUSTAINABLE HOUSING MUST BE VIEWED AS A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: THEREFORE, TO INVEST IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IS TO ENSURE THAT COMMUNITIES ARE BETTER PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE, STRENGTHENING THE LINK BETWEEN HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY AS OUTLINED IN UN-HABITAT'S NEW STRATEGIC CYCLE.

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUE ON THIS PATH, HAND IN HAND WITH UN-HABITAT AND WITH REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS. WE ENVISION CITIES THAT ARE MORE JUST, GREENER, AND MORE HUMANE—WHERE EVERYONE CAN LIVE WITH DIGNITY, PROSPERITY, AND HOPE, AND WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND.

WE LEAVE THIS MEETING MOTIVATED TO CONSOLIDATE CONCRETE, PEOPLE-CENTERED ACTION PLANS, WITH MEASURABLE IMPACT. THE FUTURE OF OUR CITIES IS A REFLEXION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO HUMANITY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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