UN-Habitat Brief

UN-Habitat, The United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

• It is Mandated by The UN General Assembly to Promote Socially and Environmentally Sustainable Towns and Cities.

• It is the Focal Point for all Urbanization and Human Settlement Matters Within The UN System.
Main Mandate Documents

- Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements (Habitat I),
- The Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements (Habitat II and the Habitat Agenda),
- The Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, and Resolution 56/206.
- Habitat III ongoing in Quito – New Urban Agenda

UN-Habitat Priority Areas
Mainstreaming Land in SDGs the GLII Process - The Global Land Indicators Initiative is a collaborative and inclusive process for the development of the Global Land Indicators started by the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), UN-Habitat and the World Bank (WB), facilitated by GLTN.

Land Considerations in the New Urban Agenda - Land underpins all the key aspects of the new urban agenda because it is a key driver for inclusive and sustainable urban development:

128. We will encourage UN-Habitat, other United Nations programmes and agencies and other relevant stakeholders to generate evidence-based and practical guidance for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals, in close collaboration with Member States, local authorities, major groups, and other relevant stakeholders, as well as through the mobilization of experts. We build on the legacy of the Habitat III Conference and the lessons learnt from its preparatory process, including the regional and thematic meetings. We note, in this context, the valuable contributions of, inter alia, the World Urban Campaign, the General Assembly of Partners for Habitat III, and the Global Land Tool Network.
Regional and Country Awareness on Tools

- Partnering with Regional bodies to support implementation of land tools
- Support improved regional capacity, partnerships, knowledge and awareness towards securing land and property rights in the Asia-Pacific Region
- Ongoing country level implementations and preparations in Afghanistan, Nepal and Philippines.
- GLTN’s mid-term report on the implementation of Phase II provides a positive outlook.