



Press Release

Launch of the Regional National Urban Policy Programme: Sustainable, Inclusive and Evidence-based National Urban Policies in selected Arab States

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Over the recent years, it has been widely recognized that in order to capitalize on the opportunities presented by urbanization, urban policy and planning must embrace a scope that reaches beyond the traditional city. This is particularly important to the Arab Region in order to unfold the full potential in the region to achieve sustainable and prosperous cities. Certainly, the various country and sub-regional contexts need to be taken into consideration, ranging from crisis and post-crisis humanitarian and recovery situations to development related environments.

This Programme, **Sustainable, Inclusive and Evidence-based National Urban Policies in selected Arab States**, aims to strengthen capacities of policy makers in four selected Arab States for more informed, sustainable and inclusive National Urban Policies (NUPs). With the support of UN Habitat, country teams will work with national, sub-national and local governments, strengthening their policy-making processes while promoting a participatory and inclusive approach. The Programme will use NUP as an opportunity to rally multiple stakeholders in these four countries in order to collectively define an urban vision and common urban goals. By providing a coordinating framework and action plan to bring coherence across various urban sectors and scales of urban management through NUP, the Project will endeavor to support inclusive and sustainable urbanization.

This Project is a timely demonstration of actions that development partners and countries can take to support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goal 11 in order to support global work towards sustainable urbanization.

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