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Regional Meeting in Follow-up to Habitat II:  
Implementation of the Habitat Agenda  
in the Arab Region  
24-27 November 1998  
Beirut

### PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Tuesday, 24 November 1998

0900-1000	Registration
1000-1100	Opening session
1100-1130	Break
1130-1330	<i>First session:</i> The Habitat Agenda and the Arab world
	Riadh Tappuni ESCWA Themes and partners in regional urban development
	Ahmad Nouh League of Arab States The Arab strategy for housing and urban development
	Mohamed El Sioufi United Nations Centre for Human Settlements Progress made in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda in the Arab region
1330-1500	Break
1500-1700	<i>Second session:</i> Role of governments
	Yousef Hiasat Housing and Urban Development Corporation, Jordan The evolving role of government institutions in Urban Development and housing in Arab countries

Tuesday, 24 November 1998 (continued)

Fahima El-Shahed	Ministry of Housing and New Communities, Egypt A model for partnership in urban planning and decision-making
Abu Bakr Shawesh	General People's Committee for Housing and Utilities on behalf of the Jamahiriya Libya Settlement Planning and Training (A case from the field)
1700-1730	Break
1730-1915	<i>Third session: Role of cities</i>
Jochen Eigen	Sustainable City Programme Implementing the urban environmental agenda
Christian Arandel	Urban Management Programme, Regional Office for the Arab States Urban challenges in the Arab States
Elizabeth Picard	Center for Contemporary Studies and Research on the Middle East Municipalities, local government and urban development  Cases from the field: Institutional development of municipalities  Egypt: Comprehensive development for the city of Luxor United Arab Emirates: Urban development, Dubai municipality

Wednesday, 25 November 1998

0900-0945	<i>Special session: World Charter of Local Government</i>  UNCHS and Arab Towns Organization  World Charter of Local Self Government: a follow-up to the City Summit
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Wednesday, 25 November 1998 (continued)

0945-1045		<i>Fourth session:</i> The role of civil society: Academic and research institutions
	Babar Mumtaz	University of London Research and education in urban development in the developing world
	Tarek Wafik	University of Cairo University education and development needs: training the Arab professional
1045-1115		Break
1115-1330		<i>Fifth session:</i> The role of civil society: Non-government organizations and Community- based Organizations
	Roula Majdalani	ESCWA NGOs and the follow-up to Habitat II: A regional perspective  NGOs in urban development: Reports from Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine and the Syria Arab Republic  ESCWA Community Development Project: Egypt and the Syria Arab Republic (A case from the field)
1330-1500		Break
1500-1630		<i>Sixth session:</i> The role of civil society: NGOs and CBOs ( <i>continued</i> )  Network of Arab non-governmental organizations in urban development
1630-1830		<i>Seventh Session:</i> Governance and urban poverty reduction (cases from the field)  Morocco: Poverty alleviation pilot programme in urban and peri-urban areas Sudan: Urban upgrading and poverty alleviation in Khartoum  Urban issues on film

Thursday, 26 November 1998

0900-1115

*Eighth session: (a) The role of civil society:  
Advocacy, the media and development*

William Halaseh

Media Association for Urban Development  
The media and urban development

Ali Shabou

UNCHS  
Habitat Agenda: Development concepts and the  
media discourse

*(b) Monitoring and exchange of information*

Obaid S. Al-Shamsi

Dubai Municipality  
The Dubai Award for Best  
Practices to Improve the Living Environment

Jochen Eigen and  
Mohamad El-Sioufi

Urban Environment Forum Arab States

UNCHS

The Global Urban Observatory, a monitoring  
tool

1115-1145

Break

1145-1345

*Ninth session:*

Oussama Kabbani

The Lebanese Company for Development and  
Reconstruction of Beirut Central District  
(Solidere)  
Private public partnership in urban development:  
Case of Beirut Central District

Field visit to the Beirut Central District  
reconstruction site

1345-1515

Break

1515-1645

*Tenth session: Reports from Arab countries on  
the national implementation of the Habitat  
Agenda*

1645-1715

Break

1715-1915

*Eleventh session: Network of Arab Urban  
Research and Academic Institutions*

Friday, 27 November 1998

0900-1000

*Twelfth session:* Environmental planning and management (cases from the field)

Morocco: Localizing Agenda 21: Action planning for sustainable urban development in Essaouira

Egypt: Sustainable Ismailia Governorate Project

1000-1130

*Thirteenth session:* Reconstruction in post-war societies (Cases from the field)

Iraq: Settlements rehabilitation

Somalia: Urban Settlements Governance and Management Programme

Urban issues on film

1130-1200

Break

1200-1245

*Fourteenth session:* (Cases from the field)

Yemen: Low-cost housing in Aden

Djibouti: Social housing at Balbala

1245-1445

Break

1445-1615

*Fifteenth session:* Network of regional urban development organizations

Ossama Salem

CEDARE

Proposal for a plan of action

1615-1815

*Sixteenth session:* Conclusions and recommendations

