

In this month's UN-Habitat Donor Brief we welcome our new Deputy Executive Director, feature positive impact stories in Afghanistan and Jamaica, give you updates on our institutional reforms and financial status, and invite you to celebrate the upcoming Urban October.



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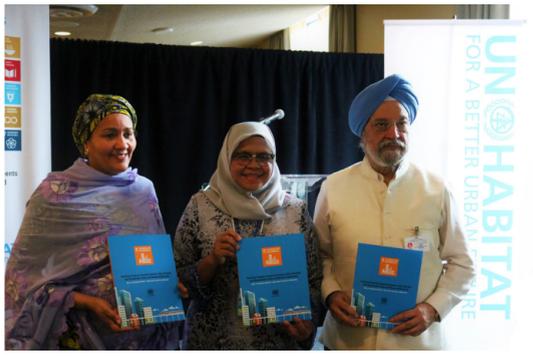
## HIGHLIGHTS



**New Deputy Executive Director – Mr. Victor Kisob** from Cameroon will assume his new position in October following his appointment by the Secretary General as Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UN-Habitat. He is currently Director of Learning, Development and Human Resources Services in the United Nations in New York. Mr. Kisob will assist the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif in the overall management and on-going reform of UN-Habitat, helping the Organization achieve its mandate.

**Governance reform** – UN-Habitat is happy to report that in line with United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/72/226, the Chair of the UN-Habitat's Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) presented findings and recommendations on the strengthening of UN-Habitat to the President of the General Assembly. These findings and recommendations, made by the Open-Ended Working Group comprising representatives of Member States to the CPR, will be discussed by the General Assembly at its seventy-third session later this year.

**Institutional reforms** – UN-Habitat's reform process, which started in 2018 to be concluded at the end of 2019 has so far implemented 5 change actions with 23 in progress. Major actions undertaken so far include finalising the vision and mission, core values, roles of key stakeholders in the change process, the resource mobilization strategy including launch of a new donor information system. UN-Habitat appreciates the financial support from the Governments of **Sweden** and **Norway** towards UN-Habitat's reform process and appeals to other Member States to make contributions towards the US\$8 million required to complete this process. Regular updates on the reform process can be found [here](#).



**High-Level Political Forum** – The UN Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Amina J. Mohammed joined UN-Habitat's Executive Director Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif at the launch of the Synthesis Report on SDG 11 to *make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable* at the **High-level Political Forum** on Sustainable Development. The Forum was attended by more than 2,000 delegates representing governments, private sector and civil society, among others. In her [remarks](#), Ms. Mohammed highlighted the importance of strengthening UN-Habitat and the agency's role as leader in sustainable urbanization.

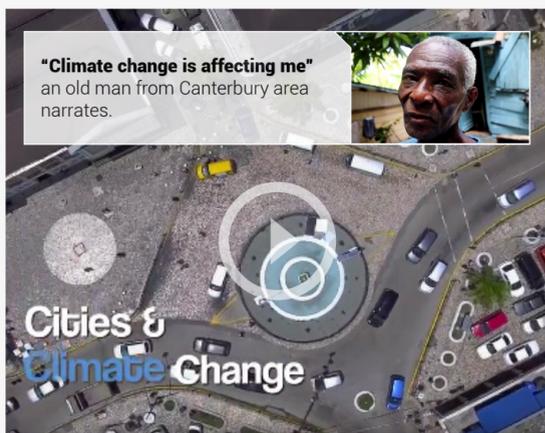
**Urban October** – This year's Urban October begins with celebration of **World Habitat Day** on 1 October 2018 under the theme *Municipal Solid Waste Management*. A highlight of the global observance in Nairobi, Kenya, will be presenting the **Scroll of Honour award** to institutions and individuals that have made a significant impact in sustainable urbanization. The month will conclude with **World Cities Day 2018** on 31 October focusing on *Building Sustainable and Resilient Cities*; the global celebration will take place in Liverpool, UK. Join us in celebrating Urban October by organizing events on how to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable, you can post the events [here](#).



## IMPACT

**Delivering impact in Afghanistan:** The [Evaluation Report](#) of UN-Habitat's Country Programme in Afghanistan shows the impact of programmes undertaken in the country. Since 1992, UN-Habitat has implemented programmes in Afghanistan worth around US\$ 430 million, working in partnership with communities and the government with support from **Denmark, EU, Japan, The Netherlands, Switzerland, UK, USA**, and the **World Bank**, among others. Focusing on the period 2012–2016 the report highlights significant achievements in post-disaster construction, housing, urban planning, climate change, disaster risk reduction, water and sanitation and humanitarian relief. UN-Habitat will take on board recommendations to further improve programme delivery, communications and sharing of good practices, lessons and knowledge from the experience of this significant programme.

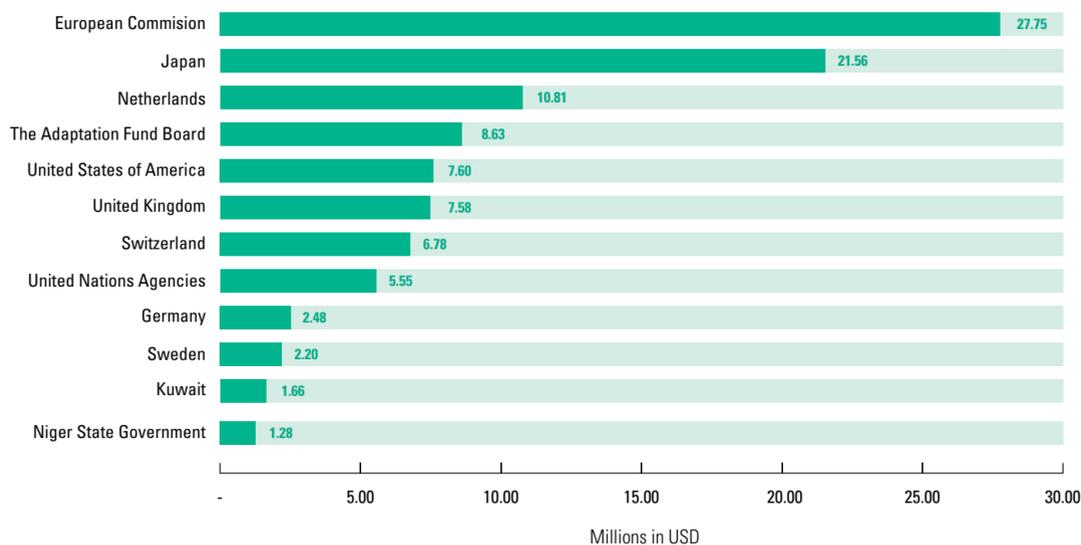
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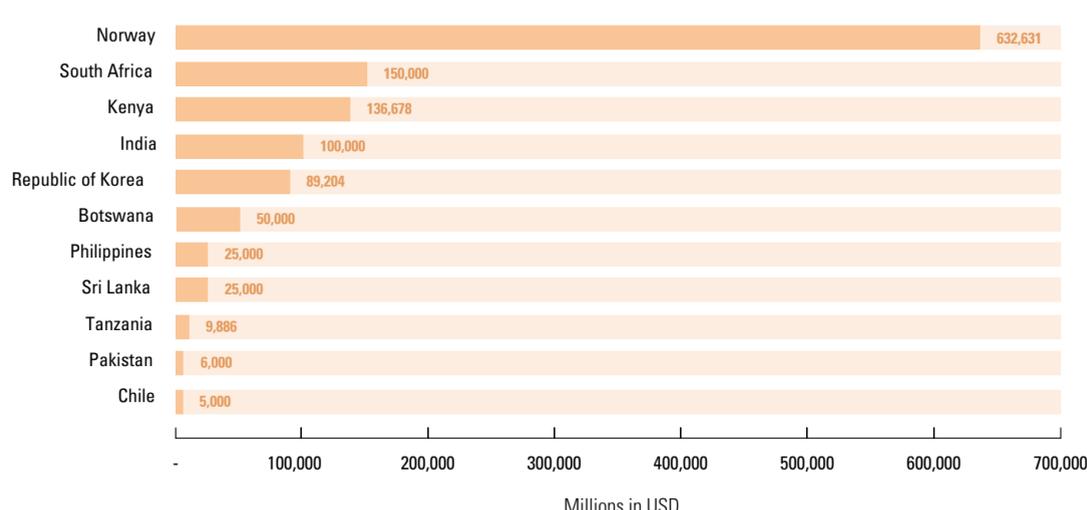
The Canterbury area in Montego bay, Jamaica is an informal settlement that experiences adverse effects of climate change and faces challenges in its waste management. With support from **Sweden**, UN-Habitat with St. James Municipal Corporation and Arcadis are helping improve resilience of some of the most vulnerable communities in Montego Bay. The initiative is part of a wider programme to build climate change resilience in informal settlements in five cities: Montego Bay in **Jamaica**; Bamenda in **Cameroon**; Ouagadougou in **Burkina Faso**; Suva in **Fiji** and Honiara in **Solomon Islands**. Work done includes climate risk and vulnerability assessments, climate resilience planning. Plans in Suva, **Fiji** and Honiara, **Solomon Islands** have led to investments of over US\$ 10 million in climate resilience infrastructure. This will benefit over 10,000 inhabitants. Click [here](#) to watch.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

## Highest value grants from January - August 2018



## Foundation General Purpose Top Donors 2018 in US\$



Since the last Donor Brief in May, UN-Habitat is most grateful for the financial support from the Governments of **Norway** and **Sweden** to UN-Habitat's reform process. We also appreciate support from the Governments of: **Colombia** to address conflicts in cities and human settlements in the country, **European Union** for supporting urban water supply upgrading project in **Somalia**, **India** for the housing programme in **Sri Lanka**, **Iraq** for safer cities in Suleimaniyah, Kurdistan Region in the country. **Japan** supported performance evaluation of existing health facilities in **Iran**, **Jordan's** support for UN-Habitat Office in Amman, **Niger** for participatory slum upgrading in the country, **Spain** for Urban legislation knowledge sharing to support the New Urban Agenda and **Switzerland** supported the communities at risk of displacement in **Palestine**. **United Kingdom** contributed towards preservation of historic buildings in old **Lebanese towns** occupied by displaced people and the **United States of America** funded the national programme rehabilitation and regularization of Informal Settlements for IDPs in **Iraq**.

In addition to support for specific programmes UN-Habitat greatly appreciates voluntary non-earmarked contributions received in 2018 for its core normative work from **Botswana, Chile, Czech Republic, India, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Tanzania**. UN-Habitat appeals to Governments for an additional US\$ 10 million to enable timely delivery of the organization's programme of work as approved by Member States.

Support from other donors includes: **Adaptation Fund Board** to enhance climate and disaster resilience of the most vulnerable in **Lao**, **Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation** supported operations of UN-Habitat's Regional Office for Asia and Pacific, **New Urban Communities Authorities** for strategic urban plans for small cities in **Egypt**, **Plan International Germany** for strengthening institutions, communities and systems in **Myanmar**. **Prosperity Fund Global Future Cities Programme** supported the development phase for the global future cities programme in **Brazil, Indonesia, Myanmar, Malaysia, Nigeria, the Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam** and **South Africa**. While Shenzhen Association for International Cultural Exchanges contributed towards research and publications and **Tongji University** for village design guidelines for Chongming island in **China** and municipal waste in **African cities and China**.

Thank you to all of you for your support and for joining hands with UN-Habitat to help achieve our common goal of sustainable urbanization.

