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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AMLOGAL	Association of Mayors and Local Government Authorities of Liberia
CA /LCP	Cities Alliance / Liberia Country Programme
CBE	Community Based Enterprise
CEPA DUA	United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration Department of Urban Affairs
CRC	Community Rights Law
EVD	Ebola virus disease
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FDA	Forestry Development Agency
FEPTIWUL	Federation of Petty Traders and Informal Workers Union of Liberia
FOLUPS	Federation of Liberian Urban Poor Savers
G2B-ESP	Getting to Brest Education Sector Plan
GIS	Geographic Information System
GoL	Government of Liberia
IMPAC	Improved Primary Waste Collection in Poor Communities
IRISE	Improving Results in Secondary Education
KYC	Know Your City
LGA s	Local Government Authorities
LGL	Local Government Law
LISGIS	Liberia Institute of Statistics and Geo-information Services
LLA	Liberia Land Authority
LWSC	Liberia Water and Sewer Corporation
MIA	Ministry of Internal Affairs
MME	Ministry of Mines and Energy
MPW	Ministry of Public Works
NAP	National Action Plan
NDMA	National Disaster Management Agency
NFRL	National Forestry Reform Law
NHA	National Housing Authority
NHC	National Habitat Committee
NUA	New Urban Agenda
NUP	National Urban Policy
PAPD	Pro-poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development
SET	Stop Ebola Transmission
SDI	Slum Dwellers International
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SWOT	Strength, weakness, opportunities, and threats

TST	Technical support team
UCLG-A	United Cities and Local Government Africa
UN-Habitat	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
WASH	Water, sanitation and hygiene
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association – Liberia

FOREWORD



I am delighted to present to you the Diagnosis Note for Liberia, a key document to advance Liberia's National Urban Policy (NUP). This Diagnosis Note analyses issues identified at the feasibility phase and aims to better inform the subsequent formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation phases of the policy. Prepared by a team of national and international experts, it has analysed urban trends in Liberia, identified priority opportunities and challenges and proposed key areas for consideration for national urban policy formulation.

Responding to SDG 11 and the New Urban Agenda, UN-Habitat has supported National/Sub-national Urban Policy development in over 55 countries worldwide, all aimed at supporting sustainable urbanization through the integrated and holistic development of urban, peri-urban, and rural areas.

Since 2015, with the financial support of Cities Alliance, UN-Habitat has supported Liberia's Government to develop its National Urban Policy through a participatory process. The overall goal of the policy is to accelerate Liberia's national development agenda and reduce poverty. The policy will also be an additional tool for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially Goal 11, in Liberia.

Developing the NUP for Liberia is helping the coordination of different sectors, establishing incentives for more sustainable practices, and spurring an integrated system of cities and towns. The policy process emphasises strengthening urban-rural linkages and equitable resource allocation, reducing urban and territorial disparities within and among regions, and promoting institutional collaboration and policy coherence.

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