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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AfDB	African Development Bank
AFPAT	The Association for Indigenous Women And People of Tchad
AMCHUD	African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development
AU	African Union
AUA	Africa Urban Agenda
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
GC	Governing Council
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
Habitat III	The Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development
HAPs	Habitat Agenda Partners
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
PIACB	Partners and Inter-Agency Coordination Branch
PrepCom	Preparatory Committee for Habitat III
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SPP	Strengthening Partnership For a New Africa Urban Agenda Project
UCLGA	United Cities and Local Governments of Africa
UNECA	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
UN-Habitat	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
WUF	World Urban Forum

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Honourable Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development of Nigeria Mrs. Akon Eyakenyi welcomed Colombian Minister of Housing Luis Felipe Hernao Cardor, UN-Habitat Executive Director Joan Clos, and Mayor of Medellin Anibal Gaviria Correa to the Nigerian exhibition during the WUF7.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The World Urban Forum (WUF) is a global forum, with participants from regions of the world including Africa, convened by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), hosted in a different city every two years, to examine the most pressing issues facing the world today in the area of human settlements, including rapid urbanization and its impact on cities, communities, economies, climate change and policies. It is the World's premier conference on cities.

The Seventh session of the Forum (WUF7), under the theme "Urban Equity in Development - Cities for Life", took place from 5-11 April 2014 in the city of Medellin, Colombia.

At WUF7, Africa was represented by both state and non-state representatives at various sessions which provided opportunities for organizers and participants to;

- (i) discuss the state of our cities today; and
- (ii) report on progress made and lay out next steps towards advancing the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the New Urban Agenda at the third United Nations Conference on Housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III) which will be held in the month of June 2016.

need to actively involve their populations in designing the future of urban areas.

This would help not only in addressing the challenges of providing basic needs to the urban population, but it would also advance a collective effort to harness the transformative power of urbanisation for sustainable urban development.

UN-Habitat, in its "The State of African Cities 2010" report, estimates that the continent's current population of one billion will double by 2050 and six out of ten of those people will live in cities. The proportion of urban population in Africa would double by 2050.

Being the least urbanized region in the world, Africa has an opportune moment to harness the potentials of urbanization by prudently developing policies comprehensively fashioned towards addressing present challenges and developing an inclusive and participatory continentally endorsed urban agenda stating priorities of the next 20 years.

The Federal Government of Nigeria and the Government of the Republic of Ghana have both risen to the challenge by leading the Africa Urban Agenda

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