

SPEECH TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE FORUM: SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA “ (ECOSOC) BY THE UN-HABITAT UNDER-SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MARTHA DELGADO.

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Intervention: 05 minutes.

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- **Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**
- **Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT**
- **Ms. Aminah Mohamed, Deputy Secretary-General of the UN**
- **Distinguished guests, participants in this Forum: SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA**
- **[Message]**
 - It is an honor for me to be at such an important event as President of the UN-HABITAT General Assembly
 - I would especially like to thank Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, for this initiative and the importance of positioning a communication platform in order to unify Governments, all UN Agencies, Civil Society, Private Initiative and the Academic Sector for the good of the people and their cities

- It is an honor and a responsibility for me, as President of the General Assembly, to reiterate the commitment that nations have to plan and create, promote and develop best practices toward a sustainable and inclusive future for all
- This has been a time of real challenge. The pandemic has exposed us, but it has also interconnected us. We now know that we must act immediately, providing short- and medium-term responses, articulated to long-term resolutions, with methodological structures based on knowledge
- One of the proposals of the New Urban Agenda, to think in terms of new ecological and sustainable urban areas, opens a great opportunity to mobilize communities and reactivate space as a vector of change, connecting with solutions in favor of climate change and the readaptation of cities. The need to revitalize the economic resilience of cities is essential to prepare urban public policies, which will be the key to face challenges such as pandemics or future crises and, consequently, to know that we can respond with sustainable institutional actions
- The Secretary General of the United Nations has emphasized that urbanization is one of the transforming forces of our times. This is why multilateralism is a system that works when we commit to promoting common goals and implementing joint actions to develop a better planet for the subsistence of the human species. One that values and improves the quality of life for all, if and only if, using all available resources in a planned and sustainable manner
- In this sense, the urban theorem becomes relevant, takes a specific weight and establishes based on strategic plans the era of Smart Cities and the role of women and men in decision making to find the arguments that offer hope to the problems of large urban settlements, this role involves a methodology for habitat, being the urban strategic planning the guiding axis, with a technological integral vision and

the mission of absolute welfare, with the aim of improving the conditions of the development of cities

- Therefore, it is necessary to give way to the evolution of cities, it is time to raise the level of urban spaces, to be aware and to migrate to the era of Smart Cities, which, from their conception to their development, are architectural envelopes capable of generating quality of life and are self-sustainable, equitable, egalitarian and inclusive
- Today's citizen and human interconnectedness places us in an arena of achieving alliances of committed local government leaders concerned with greater participation of local government actors in multilateral efforts that address issues related to global sustainability
- It is necessary to project the growth of considerable new issues such as resource distribution, project evaluation, vicissitudes facing most developing cities: climate change, overcrowding, resource exploitation, etc....
- A smart city allows the creation of new centers of power, interaction with innovation and technology for human beings to begin a new era; this new world order seeks the adaptation of the nation-state to cities
- Interconnectivity and the digital era, show us the power to solve local and global problems. The city, women, men, children, seniors, people with special needs, LGBT communities and more, as the center of the generic city in which addresses climate change, gender equality, social justice and financial inclusion as relevant conduits and practices to build the New Urban Agendas
- Having said all this, the actions we take now must lead us to the transition of facts and a new social integration, based on the principles of prosperity, transformation, adaptation, equity and respect for human rights.

- I thank everyone for their time. Undoubtedly, these interventions will serve to identify areas of opportunities and cooperation for resilience in cities, inclusion and climate neutrality to be carried through from strategic planning

- Thank you very much

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