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THE INAUGURAL AFRICA URBAN RESILIENCE PROGRAMME (AURP) STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS



WHAT: The African Union Commission through its Department of Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy (SEBE) organises the Inaugural Africa Urban Resilience Programme (AURP) Steering Committee and the Technical Working Group Meetings.

WHEN: The meeting will be held in two formats:

- **14 August:** Steering Committee Meeting
- **15-16 August:** Technical Working Group

TIME: 09:00 -17:00 (GMT+2)

WHERE: Cape Town, Republic of South Africa (Rockefeller Hotel)

WHO: The Africa Urban Resilience Programme Inaugural Technical and Steering Committee meeting is organized by the African Union Commission (AUC) and hosted by the government of the Republic of South Africa.

Objective:

The objectives of the AURP Steering Committee meeting are, amongst others to:

- Present the AURP programme and associated implementation pathways and sub-projects;
- Discuss and adopt the Steering Committee's ToRs;
- Promote and raise awareness about the urgency and importance of building urban resilience in Africa through the AURP;

- Reflect on and discuss resource mobilization strategies and partnership opportunities; and
- Approve the AURP workplan.

The objectives of the Technical Working Group Meeting are to:

- Review progress in the implementation of the AURP Programme;
- Take stock of complementary initiatives, opportunities and actors in the implementation of urban resilience in Africa;
- Discuss resource mobilization approaches and opportunities;
- Deliberate on the modalities for the operationalization of the AURP Technical Working Groups at regional and national levels; and
- Prepare the recommendations and action points for endorsement by the AURP Steering Committee;

Participants:

The AURP Technical Working Group is comprised of the AU Member States (MSs), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), AUC, multilateral/bilateral partners, international organizations, representatives of media, civil society, academia, youth, women and other stakeholders supporting and or implementing resilience building efforts at the national, regional, continental and global levels.

Background Context:

The AURP is aligned with and supports the achievement of other developmental goals and targets such as the Programme of Action (PoA) for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) 2015-2030 in Africa, the New Urban Agenda, the AU's Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2032 and the Paris Agreement. Through the AURP, the AUC seeks to strengthen regional and national urban risk management policies and plans and the institutional capacities of member states to effectively address urban risks.

The programme has been validated by the AU Member States, and technically and politically endorsed by the AU Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Agriculture Rural Development, Water and Environment (ARDWE) and the 2024 AU Executive Council respectively. The AU Commission is working closely with various internal and external stakeholders, including a range of development partners on key priorities of the AURP, substantive programmes and opportunities for partnership in their long-term programming on urban resilience to draw coherence and complementarity to guarantee effective implementation of the programme through transparency and good governance.

The AURP was successfully launched on 4 September 2024 at the inaugural Africa Urban Forum at the Adwa Victory Memorial Museum in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The launch showcased the main components of the programme, its objectives and intended outcomes. The high-level event also drew together key

stakeholders and donors to reflect on current and future avenues for collaboration and support for the programme.

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