MINUTES OF THE IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS’ SELECTION COMMITTEE (IPSC) HELD ON 04/07/2019 AT UN-HABITAT MEETING ROOM (NAIROBI)

Agreement Title: Fukuoka City

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Jane Nyakairu
2. Lucia Kiwala
3. Mohamed Robleh
4. Dyfed Aubrey

MIN 10/2019: PRELIMINARIES

The purpose of the meeting was to deliberate on the issues raised during the last IPSC meeting wherein the members discussed the intended AoC between UN-Habitat and Fukuoka city for the implementation of the project *“Project for the Stabilization and rehabilitation of existing dumpsite (Htein Bin) and Construction of the Fukuoka Method land fill (technology-transfer)”*. The project will be implemented in Myanmar in the city of Yangon. The Parties are yet to sign the AoC.

MIN 11/2019: DELIBERATIONS

Jane stated that owing to the complex nature of the agreement and the many exceptions sought, there was need to establish safeguards. Mohamed confirmed that Fukuoka city filed a note confirming that they have complied with the rules and regulations of Japan throughout the sub-contracting process. The members agreed that it is important to alert the Office of the Executive Director, through the Deputy Executive Director of the happenings through a memorandum.

Jane then asked whether it is possible for OIOS to audit the project as part of the ROAP’s audit. Mohamed replied that ROAP will be audited in a few months, before the end of this year and the members agreed that a project audit at that point would be too soon. Jane then suggested that UN-Habitat conduct spot-checks to safeguard project implementation.

Lucia noted that while Bruno stated during the last meeting that there will be a steering committee in Myanmar to monitor project implementation, the same was not included in either the AoC or in any accompanying documents and that details of this steering committee, including its composition should be included in the project document. The members noted that a lot of times memos are written, and recommendations are made but the recommendations are never implemented. They agreed that in this case, there is need for regular visits to the project site to ensure proper implementation of the recommendations.

MIN 12/2019: WAY FORWARD

The members agreed that as a way forward and for documentation, it is necessary to write a letter addressed to Fukuoka city noting the various exemptions and breaches that have been made with regard to this AoC. They also agreed that moving forward, UN-Habitat may need to hold consultations with Japan with the aim of finding middle ground. The members further agreed that special monitoring mechanisms will need to be put in place and that the Office of the Executive Director will need to be informed of the “special nature” of this AoC.