


## MEMORANDUM

To: All UN-Habitat Staff Reference: UNH-OED-OM-191226-01

From: Maimunah Mohd Sharif  : Date: 26th December 2019  
Under-Secretary-General and  
Executive Director

Subject: **Activating the New Organisational Structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

In the context of the ongoing restructuring exercise and in line with the internal consultations that resulted in the new organizational set-up, I have decided to move existing staff from the current organizational units into the new structure effective 1st January 2020.

Individual memoranda will be issued in January 2020 to all concerned staff documenting the assignments in the new structure.

Let me emphasize that these are transitional arrangements which will be firmed up in the coming months on a more permanent basis in line with operational exigencies and individual expertise and competencies.

All divisions, branches and offices will be headed by these officers in an acting capacity as follows:

**Office of the Executive Director**, Mr. Joerg Weich

**Management Advisory Compliance Division**, Mr. Gary Landes

**Secretariat of the Governing Bodies**, Mr. Christian Mensah

**Global Solutions Division**, Mr. Rafael Tuts

**Urban Practices Branch**, Ms. Shipra Narang Suri

**Programme Development Branch**, Mr. Filiep Decorte

**Strategy, Planning, Knowledge, Advocacy and Communications Division**, Ms. Christine Knudsen

**Knowledge & Innovations Branch**, Mr. Eduardo Moreno

**Advocacy Resource Mobilisation, Partnerships Branch**, Ms. Jane Nyakairu

**Program Strategy Initiatives Section**, Mr. Pacome Kossy

For the time being, the regional set-up below will remain as it is with regional representatives and liaison offices reporting directly to the Office of the Executive Director. The first weeks of the new year will be used to refine these arrangements as we move ahead to operationalise what we have developed over the last year through a participatory process.

**Regional Programmes Division, Office of the Executive Director**

**Regional Representative of Asia and the Pacific**, Mr. Atsushi Koresawa

**Regional Representative of Latin America & the Caribbean**, Mr. Elkin Velasquez

**Regional Representative of the Arab States**, Mr. Erfan Ali (Acting)

**Regional Representative for Africa**, Mr. Oumar Sylla (Acting)

**UN-Habitat New York Office**, Mr. Christopher Williams

**UN-Habitat Brussels Office**, Mr. Paulius Kulikauskas

**UN-Habitat Geneva Office**, Mr. Graham Alabaster (Acting)

Please also take note that this is phase one in the implementation of the new structure that involves mostly Nairobi-based positions (see attached organigram). The second phase will involve colleagues in the field, providing opportunities for staff mobility between HQ and the field.

I look forward to working closely with all of you to ensure that we build a stronger and more impactful organisation.

Thank you.