Implementing New Urban Agenda in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Nations: Lessons from Afghanistan

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Urbanization is a global phenomenon, as cities bulge from natural growth and increasingly from the rural to urban migrants seeking better economic opportunities, basic amenities and infrastructure, and better quality of life. Many countries in the Central Asia Region and the Arab Peninsula are experiencing an influx of internally displaced persons, returnees, and migrants, relocating to urban areas and rapidly exerting pressure on local infrastructure and services exacerbating pre-existing vulnerability conditions.

The side event will facilitate the understanding of urbanization processes and challenges in fragile and conflict affected countries; showcase innovative data collection and public engagement methods in a challenging environment where institutions and local governments are under-capacitated; demonstrate how improved participation of youth and data collection can bolster innovation and participation while strengthening the capacity of local and national governments in their role to fulfil their mandate of sustainable urban development; contribute to the global discussion ongoing regarding the data revolution which is needed for localization and implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

Draft Agenda
14:00-14:05  Opening remarks
   HE Minister Sadat Mansoor Naderi, Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, Afghanistan
14:05-14:15  Presentation, Humayoun Faiz, Director, Policy and Planning, Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, Afghanistan
14:15-14:45  Panel Discussion
   Moderator: Mr. Srinivas Popuri, SHSO, Regional Office of the Asia and the Pacific, UN-Habitat
   Panelists: -HE Minister Sadat Mansoor Naderi, Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, Afghanistan
             -Ms. Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director UN-Habitat