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The First Session of the 2024 Executive Board Meeting of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme has commenced in Nairobi under the Chairmanship of Arc. Ahmed Musa Dangiwa, Nigeria's Minister of Housing and Urban Development. The session is being held at the UN-Habitat Headquarters from May 6th to 8th, 2024.

In his opening remarks at the meeting, Arc. Dangiwa tasked members of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat to redouble efforts towards repositioning the organization as an impactful global tool for tackling human settlements' challenges in a structured and sustainable manner.

“As members of the Executive Board, I must draw our collective attention to the fact that our nations, at this time, are among the privileged few tasked with the important responsibility for the regular supervision of the global human settlements agenda. We have a moral obligation to approach this duty with our best efforts, utmost sincerity, and the highest responsibility for the good of mankind. To this end, during my Chairmanship, I intend to pursue global collaboration in partnership with the various regional and political groups, and I would count on your support as I look forward to active engagement to bring this organization to its rightful footing.

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The Minister, who also doubles as the Chair of the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Bureau of the Shelter Afrique Development Bank (ShafDB), noted that he sees his unique positions as an opportunity to forge strategic alliances that are beneficial to actualizing the mandate of UN-Habitat.

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The UN-Habitat Executive Board is a legislative body of UN-Habitat. It comprises 36 member states elected by the United Nations Habitat Assembly with 10 seats for Africa, one of which is occupied by Nigeria currently acting as the Chair, 8 seats for Asia and Pacific States, 4 seats for Eastern European States, 6 seats for Latin America and Caribbean States, and 8 Seats for Western European and other States. Nigeria has been a member of the Executive Board since 2019 and was granted a renewed term of two years in 2023 until 2025.

The Executive Board convenes two or three times a year to oversee the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, ensure accountability, transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness, approve and oversee the implementation of the annual

programme of work and budget of the organization.

Notable issues slated for discussion at the first session of the 2024 Board Meeting include financial, budgetary, and administrative matters, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 and actions by UN-Habitat to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff; updates on the draft work program of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025, outline for the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029, and implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on its programmatic activities in 2023 and the implementation of subprograms, flagship programs, and technical cooperation activities.

The meeting will also review the implementation of the United Nations development system reform in UN-Habitat and actions taken by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace.

The opening session had attendance representatives of the 36 member countries, the Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development of the Republic of Kenya, Hon. Alice Wahome who welcomed the members on behalf of the Kenyan President His Excellency, William Ruto. The Director General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi, Ms. Zainab Bangura, welcomed delegations at the UN complex in Gigiri. Acting Executive Director of UN-Habitat Dr. Mychal Mlynar delivered an opening statement on behalf of UN-Habitat.

Signed
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INCLUSION TO THE SPEECH OF THE CHAIR OF THE UN-HABITAT EXECUTIVE BOARD



Excellencies, distinguished delegates, I have a fair awareness of the diverse needs of the people of the world today on issues of human settlements. Their essence was captured in the several resolutions adopted at the adjourned second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly in 2023. I do not count it a coincidence that as the Minister of Housing and Urban Development of the most populous country in Africa, I also Chair the AGM Bureau of Shelter Afrique Development Bank and I now Chair the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. I see these strategic alignments as a call to maximize the opportunities my current positions afford me, to promote more beneficial global collaborations, more international attention and, hopefully, more funding for UN-Habitat.

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Permit me to reiterate our collective appreciation to Maimunah Moh'd Sharif for salvaging this organisation from a negative financial situation. Mr Mlynar, please convey our appreciation to Ms Sharif.

For you Mr Mlynar thank you for the steadfast work in holding the fort and I can assure you of our continued support as we did your predecessor.

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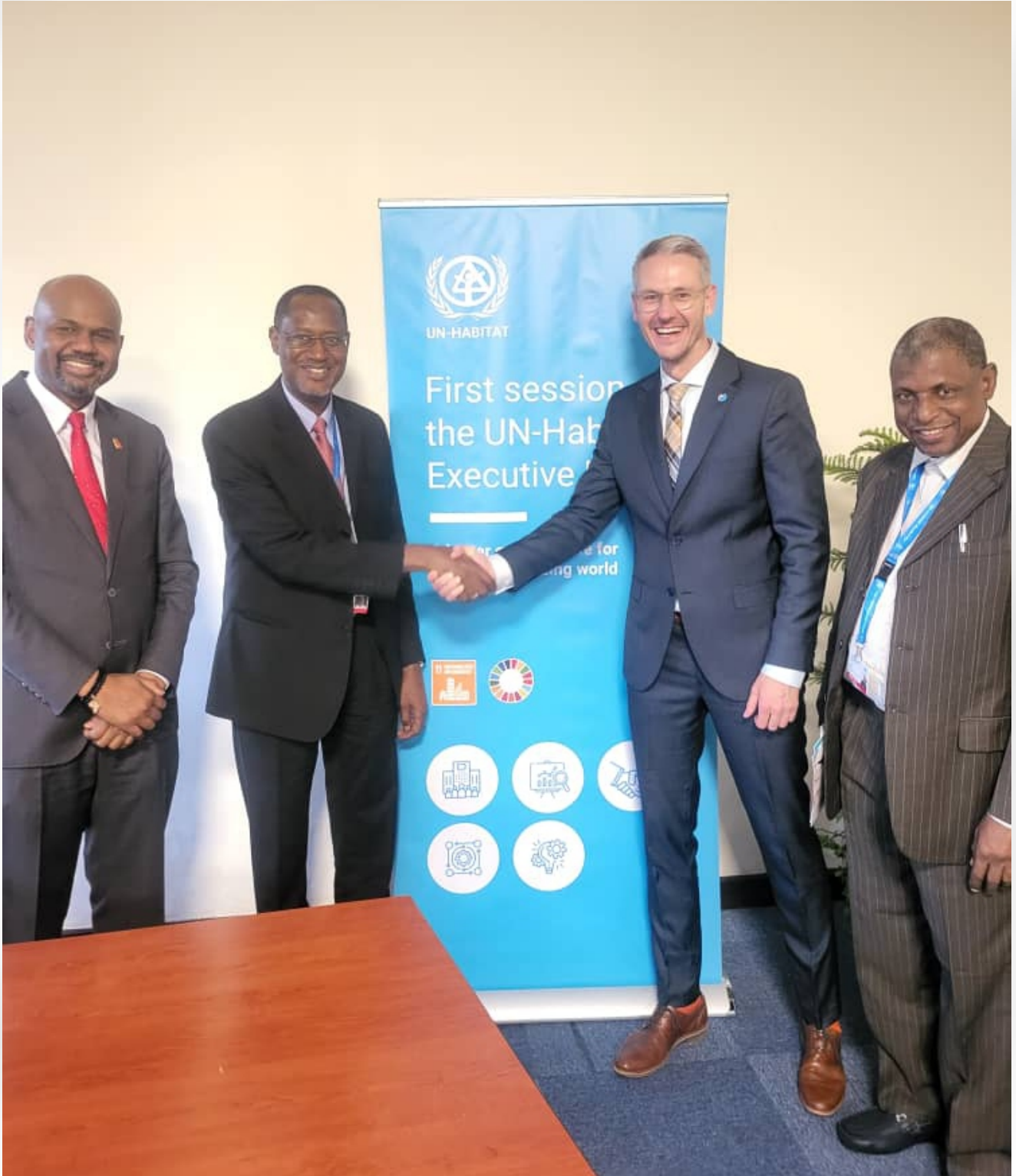


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