

**DECISION ON THE COMMON AFRICAN POSITION ON THE THIRD
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE
URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HABITAT III) IN QUITO,
ECUADOR, 17-20 OCTOBER 2016
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The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** the convening of the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development to be held from 17 to 20 October 2016, in Quito, Ecuador;
2. **FURTHER RECALLS** the on-going preparatory processes leading to the Habitat III Conference and the need for Africa to engage effectively with one voice to secure her priorities in the outcome document;
3. **COMMENDS** the efforts made by the Specialized Technical Committee on Public Service, Local Government, Urban Development and Decentralization in collaboration with the Commission and with technical support from the Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Human Settlement Program (UN-HABITAT) to develop a coordinated framework for Africa's engagement in the Habitat III Process;
4. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the Federal Government of the Republic of Nigeria, in conjunction with other relevant actors, for hosting and supporting the African Ministerial Conference on the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development held from 21 to 26 February 2016, in Abuja, Nigeria;
5. **REITERATES** the commitment to strengthen and consolidate the United Nations Human Settlement Program (UN-Habitat) in Nairobi as the global anchor institution that leads and coordinates the United Nations system wide implementation on the mandates of urbanization and human settlements included in the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development, the Paris Agreement to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Sendai Framework on Disasters and Risks Reduction, and the New Urban Agenda;
6. **DECIDES TO:**
 - i) Take note of the Abuja Declaration on the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development on the Common African Position;
 - ii) Adopt the Common African Position (CAP H3) as contained in the Abuja Declaration as the Position to be used by all High Level Government representatives and negotiators for engagements in the Habitat III preparatory processes and at the Conference to be held in October 2016 in Quito, Ecuador.