

## **Joint UN Habitat / ARDN Press Release**

### **Official signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding between UN Habitat and the African Renaissance and Diaspora Network**

Nairobi , Thursday, October 15—, Mr. Victor Kisob, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN Habitat and Dr. Djibril DIALLO, President and CEO of the African Renaissance and Diaspora Network (ARDN) signed today a Memorandum of Understanding, which offers a broader framework of cooperation to the two signatory organizations in many areas. In particular, it will make it possible to: (a) popularise the Sustainable Development Goals while emphasizing the promotion of sustainable urbanisation within the framework of the United Nations sustainable development program for 2030; (b) strive to anchor peace and security in cities, as well as sustainable development, using sport, art and culture as entry points; (c) work to protect the most vulnerable and those who have traditionally been marginalised or under-represented in cities and informal settlements; (d) raise worldwide awareness of the importance of sustainable urbanisation in Africa.

The parties also agreed to combat all forms of violence against women.

This Memorandum of Understanding is put in place with regard to the common objectives of both parties and their desire to implement common projects for human well-being.

For both organizations, it is a new and important step which opens, through this partnership, the achievement of their specific and common objectives.

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#### ***About ARDN***

The African Renaissance and Diaspora Network (ARDN) serves as a coordinating body to unite the efforts of individuals and organizations with a single goal: to support the advent of the African renaissance by fostering unity among African nations and all peoples of African descent. ARDN has been active as an informal body since the 1990s. It has been recognized by the United States government as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt public charity. ARDN has consultative status with the United Nations.

#### ***About UN Habitat***

The United Nations Program for human settlements, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It has been appointed by the United Nations General Assembly to promote socially and ecologically sustainable cities with the aim of ensuring suitable accommodation for all.