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**(HABITAT II)**

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## HABITAT II

Dr. Wally N'DOW, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (HABITAT II), discusses the goals of the conference. The deterioration of living conditions the world over has prompted the international community to convene HABITAT II to confront the emerging urban crisis and initiate urgent worldwide action to improve shelter and living environments. Most of the actions agreed to in the Rio Conference on Environment and Development (the Earth Summit) can be achieved through the participation of local authorities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), business and communities. The conference will concentrate on all aspects of human life. Dr. N'Dow believes that, when given assistance and support, people are often able to provide their own shelter.

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