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The Role of the Proposed African Model law in Shaping Policy Guidelines towards enabling African Countries Revive their Economies through Affordable Housing Delivery in the COVID 19 era

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Introduction

According to UN Habitat, **the impacts of the new coronavirus disease could be considerably higher on the urban poor** living in slums, coupled with overcrowded public transport and marketplaces, where these makes it difficult to follow the recommended measures such as social distancing and self-isolation, and consequently make Africa's cities hotbeds for COVID-19.

Highlights

- According to United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), **Africa may lose half of its GDP growth.**
- Additionally, as indicated by McKinsey, **Africa's economies could experience a loss of \$200bn** and International trade is expected to drop to 13% from 32%.
- It is imperative on governments and other related public and private stakeholders to **adopt more pragmatic, innovative and sustainable solutions** to the related urbanization challenges facing the region.

Highlights

- According to the WTO, **the average contribution of the construction industry to the GDP is 11%**, which results to increase in jobs, densification & economic growth.
- **Effective policy guidelines in affordable housing and urban development** will provide guidance, consistency, accountability, efficiency, and clarity on how affordable housing can be an economic revival strategy in the COVID 19 Era in Africa.



Highlights

- The African Union Commission (AUC) through the Specialized Technical Committee (STC No. 8) on Public Service, Local Government, Urban Development and Decentralization Bureau has received the mandate to engage in the process of the development of an AU Model Law on Housing, Urban and human settlements.
- Consequently, the AU Model Law will be an intermediary legal instrument towards the elaboration of an African Charter of Values and Principles on Housing, Urban Development and Human Settlements.



Highlights

- The model law is co-ordinated by the AUC in collaboration with UN Habitat, Shelter Afrique, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the United Cities and Local Government Africa (UCGLA).

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