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Mr. William Cobbett,
Manager,
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Mailstop MC8-804, 1818 H Street,
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Dear Mr Cobbett,

CITIES ALLIANCE SUPPORT: HOUSING SURVEY IN NIGERIA


I write as a follow up to the discussions we had in Nanjing, China, during the just concluded World Urban Forum (WUF4), regarding the support of the Cities Alliance to assist in conducting housing surveys in Nigeria. This has resulted from the AMCHUD 2 Conference held in July, 2008 which observed the apparent lack of data on the scale and dimension of the housing challenge, which is essential for informed policy decisions and urban management.

2. I had in my letter to you, dated 8th September, 2008, accepted the willingness of both AMCHUD and the Government of Nigeria of the offer of the Cities Alliance to fund the housing studies for African States and Nigeria, as a strategy to fill the existing knowledge gap.

3. While I have advised the AMCHUD Technical Secretariat in South Africa to take up the issue of the studies for African States in collaboration with UN-HABITAT, I wish to request that you inform us of the concrete next steps to take to secure the necessary funding and make the exercise operational in Nigeria.

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4. I thank you for your continued support to AMCHUD, and wish you the very best of this season.



Chief Chuka Odom
Chair of AMCHUD,
Minister of State for Environment, Housing &
Urban Development, Nigeria