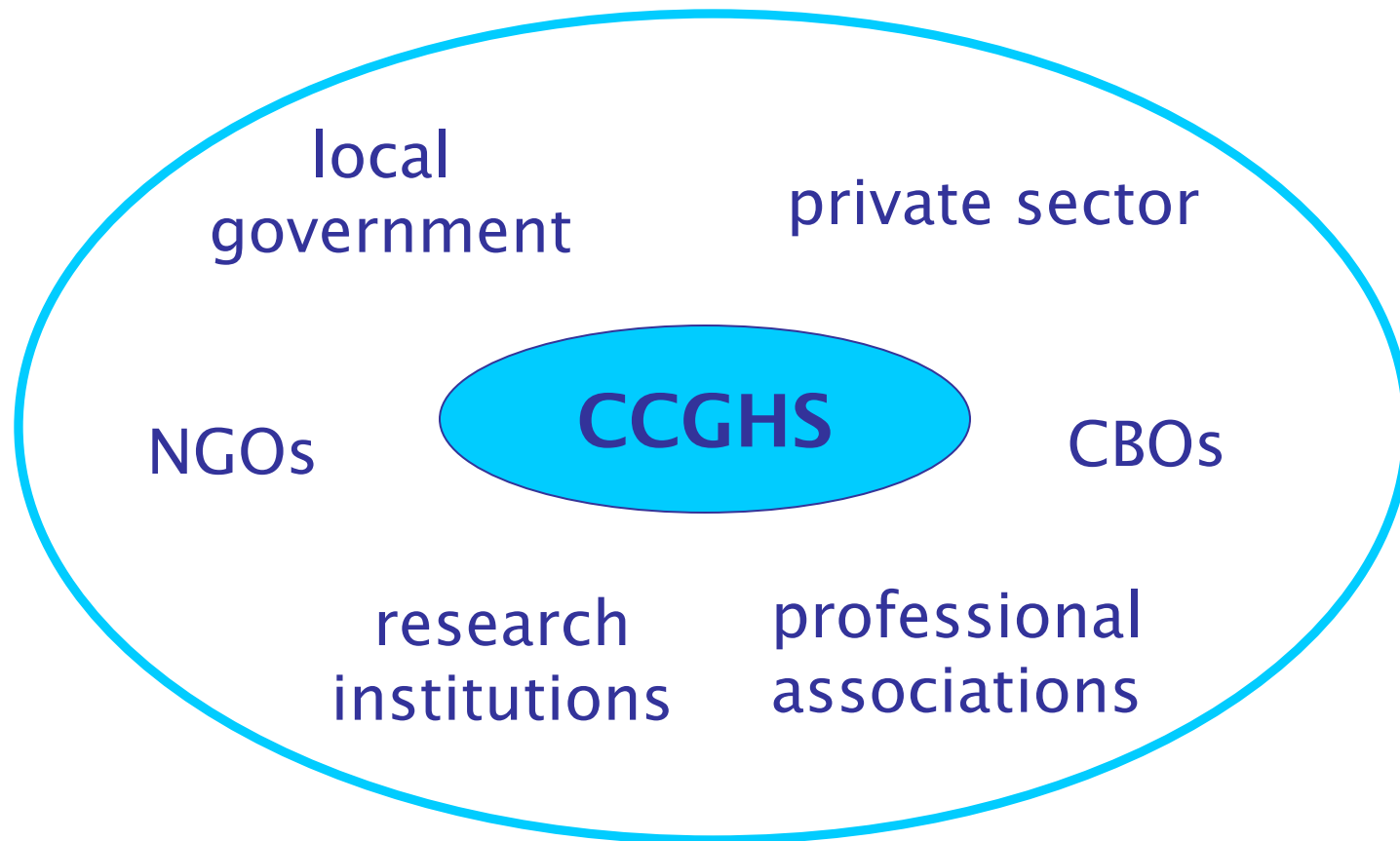




# The ComHabitat Network



# What is ComHabitat?

1. A partnership of government and other agencies working together to support CCGHS objectives
2. A loose network of agencies working towards the Commonwealth Goal

*“Demonstrated progress towards adequate shelter for all with secure tenure and access to essential services in every community by 2015”*

# What does ComHabitat do?

1. Networking and Advocacy
2. Research and Information Sharing
3. CCGHS process

# Why promote the Habitat Agenda in the Commonwealth?

1. Taken lead in establishing the Commonwealth Goal
2. Diverse countries but means of building consensus
3. 327 million Commonwealth citizens live in “slums”
4. Crucial to achieving the MDGs

# Strengths

1. Link to Ministerial Group – CCGHS
2. Brings together partners from different sectors & perspectives
3. Means of strengthening dialogue between Commonwealth and other agencies/networks on shelter
4. Implementing Habitat Agenda is a means of achieving MDGs

# Weaknesses

1. Taken a long time to get off ground
2. Difficult to explain “what ComHabitat is” – complex structure
3. Partnership working is a challenge
4. Limited resources and wide mandate



**What should be ComHabitat's strategy for the next two years?**

**What activities should ComHabitat prioritise?**