The ComHabitat Network

local government

CCGHS

private sector

NGOs

research institutions

CBOs

professional associations
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?