
Draft technical inputs from the secretariat for the proposed draft outcomes for consideration by the Executive Board at its first session of 2023

Draft decision 2023/[A]: Financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, update on the financial reserve, updated scalability model for the non-earmarked budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, analysis of the risks related to the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation and overview of earmarked private sector contribution agreements

(a) Financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Executive Board

1. [Takes note of] the report of the Executive Director on the interim financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2022;¹
2. [Takes note of] the report of the Executive Director on the scalability model for the non-earmarked Foundation budget,² subject to various level funding up to \$12 million, [and requests] the Executive Director to report back on the scalability model at the first session of the Executive Board of 2024;
3. [Takes note of] the update by the Executive Director on the financial reserve for the non-earmarked budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation [and decides to refine the purpose of the financial reserve to include...];
4. [Welcomes] the report of the Executive Director on action by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace;³

(b) Analysis of the risks related to the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation and overview of earmarked private sector contribution agreements

5. [Recalls] paragraph 21 of decision 2022/5, [takes note of] the analysis of the risk related to the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation⁴ and the overview of earmarked private sector contribution agreements,⁵ [recommends] that the Executive Director, on behalf of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, enter into a contribution agreement with the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation, and [reiterates] its request that the Executive Director present a risk analysis prior to entering into any non-earmarked private sector agreements.
6. [Requests] the Executive Director to monitor the risk mitigation measures recommended following the assessment of the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation.

(c) Preparation of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024

7. [Recalls] paragraph 16 of decision 2022/5, [requests] the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters to continue its discussions on the non-earmarked budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024, and [requests] the Executive Director to finalize a draft annual work programme and budget for 2024 based on feedback from the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to present that work programme and budget for further consideration by the Executive Board at its third session of 2023.

¹ HSP/EB.2023/2.

² HSP/EB.2023/2/Add.1.

³ HSP/EB.2023/5.

⁴ HSP/EB/2023/INF/3.

⁵ HSP/EB.2023/INF/4.

Draft decision 2023/[B]: Normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2022 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities

(a) Normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Executive Board

8. Welcomes the report of the Executive Director on the need for and possible benefits of the development of the Sustainable Development Goals Cities certification;⁶
9. Requests the Executive Director to reach out to United Nations entities, national and local governments, academia, civil society and the private sector to review and further develop the Sustainable Development Goals Cities certification model and its implementation modalities and to jointly deliver the model;
10. Also requests the Executive Director to engage the Local2030 Coalition in the process of further developing the Sustainable Development Goals Cities certification concept and consider the possibility of integrating the certification into the work of the Coalition;
11. Further requests the Executive Director to develop the Sustainable Development Goals Cities certification business model and funding strategy and identify funding sources.

(b) Preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly

12. [*Welcomes*] the update by the Executive Director on the preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, scheduled to be held from 5 to 9 June 2023;
13. [*Takes note of*] and [*concur with*] the theme for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, “A sustainable urban future through inclusive and effective multilateralism: achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in times of global crises”; as proposed by the Executive Director and endorsed by Member States through informal consultations led by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, following a joint recommendation by the bureaux of the governing bodies.

(c) Preparations for the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum

14. [*Welcomes*] the report of the Executive Director on the preparations for the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum⁷ and [*requests*] the Executive Director to keep Member States updated on the preparations for the session.

Draft decision 2023/[C]: Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2023

The Executive Board

(a) Reports of the Executive Board and its working groups

15. [*Adopts*] the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its second session of 2022;⁸
16. [*Takes note of*] the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters on the group’s work;
17. [*Takes note of*] the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy on the group’s work and of the group’s report on the draft stakeholder engagement policy;⁹

⁶ HSP/EB.2023/4.

⁷ HSP/EB.2023/3.

⁸ HSP/EB.2022/21.

⁹ HSP/EB.2023/INF/2.

18. [*Recalls*] paragraph 5 of decision 1/3 adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly and [*recommends*] that at its second session the UN-Habitat Assembly consider the draft stakeholder engagement policy;¹⁰

(b) Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings of the Board

19. [*Takes note of*] the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the second session of the Executive Board of 2022 to evaluate the effectiveness of that session so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions;¹¹

(c) Date and agenda for the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2023

20. [*Decides*] that the second session of the Executive Board for the year 2023 will be held on Thursday, 8 June 2023 on the margins of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly in a manner which will not conflict with the plenary meetings of the UN-Habitat Assembly session;

21. [*Also decides*] that the provisional agenda for the second session of the Executive Board for 2023 shall be as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers of the Bureau.
3. Consideration of the dates and provisional agenda for the third session of the Executive Board of 2023.
4. Other matters.
5. Closure of the session.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ HSP/EB.2023/INF/5.