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

This version represents the conclusions of the discussions held on Wednesday 15 March 2023 on draft Decisions 2023/[A], 2023/[B] and 2023/[C].

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 [Ad Ref 8 March 2023](#)
2. Recalls Decisions 2022/1 paragraph 5 and 2022/5 paragraph 14, and *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 fully costed scalability model at the third session of the Executive Board of 2023 with advice from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; [Ad Ref 15 March 2023](#)
3. *Welcomes* the update by the Executive Director on the financial reserve for the non-earmarked budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation ; [Ad ref 8 March 2023](#)
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 [Ad ref 15 March 2023](#)

(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 which requests the Executive Director to obtain an analysis by the United Nations of the reputational risk associated with potential investment by the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation and to present to the Executive Board, at its first session of 2023, a report detailing the findings of the risk analysis and providing information, in the interim, prior to entering into them, on any non-earmarked private sector agreements entered into on behalf of UN-Habitat, including with the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation, and also requests an overview of earmarked private sector contribution agreements that are currently in force, 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, and with the consent of the Executive Board, 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. [\[USA and FRA reserve\]](#)
6. *Requests* the Executive Director to monitor the risk mitigation measures recommended following the assessment of the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation. [\[USA reserve\]](#)

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.

(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. [Ad Ref 8 March 2023](#)

[\[\(d\) Supplementary budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023\]{CMR+}](#)

[\[7 bis. Recalls paragraph 17 of decision 2022/6, takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the programme budget implications of this decision, and decides to approve the supplementary budget for 2023 of \\$303 600 including \\$209 900 in staff costs for the establishment of one P3, one P2 and 2 local level posts and \\$93 700 in non-staff costs spread equally across sub-programmes 1 to 4.\] {CMR+, NGA+, BRA+, KEN+, CHN+, RUS+, FRA-, USA-, DEU-, EUN-}](#)

[\[7 ter \[Amends\] {NGA+} \[Recalls\] {NGA+} paragraph 17 of Decision 2022/6 requesting the Executive Director to provide an update \[and capacity building\] {FRA+} on programmes and initiatives on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including with regard to the submission of national reports, \[once a year instead of at each session of the Executive Board\] {NGA+} and decides to approve a supplementary budget for 2023 of X including X in staff cost \[of the establishment of one P3 and local level post-\] {NGA+} and X in non-staff cost spread equally across sub-programmes 1 to 4. \] {FRA+, USA+, PRT+, CMR-}](#)

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. [\[-Welcomes-\]{CMR+, USA+, KEN+} \[Takes note of\] {CMR+, USA+, KEN+}](#) the report of the Executive Director on the need for and possible benefits of the development of the Sustainable Development Goals Cities certification⁶;

[\[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 \[and to jointly deliver the model\] {KEN+};\] {DEU, -and ARG, EGY reserve}](#)

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; [Ad ref 8 March 2023](#)

13. *Welcomes* 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

⁶ HSP/EB.2023/4.

through informal consultations led by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, following a joint recommendation by the bureaux of the governing bodies. [Ad ref 8 March 2023](#)

(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. [Ad ref 8 March 2023](#)

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 [Ad Ref 8 March 2023](#)

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; [Ad Ref 8 March 2023](#)

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 [Ad Ref 8 March 2023](#)

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 [Ad Ref 8 March 2023](#)

(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 no later than 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 and other relevant negotiations of the UN-Habitat Assembly session; [Ad Ref 15 March 2023](#)

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. [Ad Ref 8 March 2023](#)

⁷ HSP/EB.2023/3.

⁸ HSP/EB.2022/21.

⁹ HSP/EB.2023/INF/2.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ HSP/EB.2023/INF/5.
