



**Executive Board of the United Nations
Human Settlements Programme
First meeting (resumed)**
Nairobi, 19 and 20 November 2019

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its resumed first meeting

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I. Introduction

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/239 of 20 December 2018, on implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Executive Board of UN-Habitat held its first meeting at the headquarters of UN-Habitat on the afternoon of Thursday, 30 May 2019, in the margins of the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (UN-Habitat Assembly). At that meeting, the Executive Board elected its Bureau and decided to resume its first meeting from 18 to 20 November 2019.
2. At its first meeting, held on 21 June 2019, the Bureau of the Executive Board recommended that the resumed first meeting of the Executive Board be held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat for a duration of two days, on 19 and 20 November 2019.
3. Accordingly, the resumed first meeting of the Executive Board was held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat on 19 and 20 November 2019.

II. Opening of the resumed meeting

4. The resumed first meeting was opened at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 19 November 2019 by the Chair, Mr. Daniel J. Carl (United States of America).
5. Opening statements were delivered by the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, and Mr. Christopher Obure, Chief Administrative Secretary for the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works, Government of Kenya, speaking on behalf of Mr. James Macharia, Cabinet Secretary for that ministry.
6. Opening statements were also delivered by members of the Executive Board on behalf of the European Union and its member States and the group of African States, respectively.

III. Organizational matters

A. Adoption of the agenda

7. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Executive Board adopted the agenda for its resumed first meeting, on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/EB.1/1/Rev.1), as follows:

1. Opening of the resumed meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Proposed organization of work for the resumed meeting.
3. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters.
4. Approval of the annual work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and of the budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2020.
5. Report on the implementation of the UN-Habitat strategic plan:
 - (a) Implementation of the 2014–2019 UN-Habitat strategic plan:
 - (i) Date of receipt of the 2019 annual report on the 2014–2019 UN-Habitat strategic plan;
 - (ii) Date of receipt of the final report on the full cycle of the 2014–2019 UN-Habitat strategic plan;
 - (iii) Date of receipt of the evaluation report on the full cycle of the 2014–2019 UN-Habitat strategic plan.
 - (b) Briefing on the preparations for the implementation of the 2020–2023 UN-Habitat strategic plan:
 - (i) Results framework;
 - (ii) Impact communication strategy;
 - (iii) Partnership strategy;
 - (iv) Typology of human settlement demands.
6. Briefing on the status of implementation of resolutions and decisions adopted during the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
7. Briefing on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat.
8. Workplan for the Executive Board, including its Bureau meetings, for 2020.
9. Dates and provisional agenda for the second meeting of the Executive Board.
10. Other matters.
11. Closure of the meeting.

B. Proposed organization of work for the resumed meeting

8. The Executive Board agreed to follow the proposed organization of work and timetable for the resumed first meeting of the Executive Board, as set out in annex III to the annotations to the provisional agenda (HSP/EB.1/1/Rev.1/Add.1). Draft decisions for consideration by the Executive Board as recommended by the Bureau were presented by the Chair of the Executive Board and circulated in a conference room paper. The Executive Board agreed to establish an informal working group to review the draft decisions to be considered for adoption by the Executive Board.

C. Report of the first meeting of the Executive Board

9. The Executive Board took note of the report of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat on the work of its first meeting (HSP/EB.1/4).

D. Attendance

10. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following 35 Member States of the UN-Habitat Executive Board: Argentina, Angola, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Turkey, United States of America.

11. The meeting was also attended by the following observers that are States Members of the United Nations: Algeria, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Czechia, Eritrea, Finland, Ghana, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Netherlands, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Switzerland, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Zimbabwe

12. The meeting was also attended by the following observers that are members of specialized agencies of the United Nations: European Union, State of Palestine.

13. The meeting was also attended by the following observer State: Holy See.

IV. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

14. Introducing the item, the Executive Director drew attention to the report on the financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.1/6), the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 and report of the Board of Auditors (A/74/5/Add.9), the UN-Habitat staffing report as at 30 June 2019 (HSP/EB.1/INF.2).

15. The representatives of the secretariat made a presentation on the financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat.

16. Following the presentation, statements were delivered by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden and the United States. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Jamaica and the Netherlands. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

17. The Executive Board adopted decision 2019/2, on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.1/11.

V. Approval of the annual work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2020

18. Introducing the item, the Executive Director drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the work programme and budget for the year 2020 (HSP/EB.1/2/Rev.1) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed work programme and budget for 2020 (HSP/EB.1/2/Rev.1/Add.1).

19. The representatives of the secretariat delivered a presentation on the proposed annual work programme and budget for the year 2020.

20. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Poland, Senegal and Sweden. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Netherlands and Switzerland, and by the representatives of the Habitat Professionals Forum and the Huairou Commission. The Executive Director and other representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

21. The Executive Board adopted part (c) of decision 2019/1, on the work programme of UN-Habitat and the budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2020. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.1/11.

VI. Report on the implementation of the UN-Habitat strategic plan

A. Implementation of the 2014-2019 UN-Habitat strategic plan

1. **Date of receipt of the 2019 annual report on the 2014-2019 UN-Habitat strategic plan**
2. **Date of receipt of the final report on the full cycle of the 2014-2019 UN-Habitat strategic plan**
3. **Date of receipt of the evaluation report on the full cycle of the 2014-2019 UN-Habitat strategic plan**

22. Following an introduction of the sub-item by the Executive Director, the representative of the secretariat delivered a presentation on the status of implementation of the UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2014-2019, highlighting salient results, outcomes, challenges and lessons.

23. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Brazil, China, Kenya, Pakistan, Senegal and the United States.

24. At the invitation of the Chair, statements were also made by the following non-governmental organizations: the World Blind Union, OHAHA Family Foundation, Shelter Afrique, Habitat International Coalition, Huairou Commission and the Habitat Professionals Forum.

25. The Executive Board adopted part (a) of decision 2019/1, on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014-2019 of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.1/11

B. Briefing on the preparations for the implementation of the 2020–2023 UN-Habitat strategic plan

1. **Results framework**
2. **Impact communication strategy**
3. **Partnership strategy**
4. **Typology of human settlement demands**

26. Introducing the sub-item, the Executive Director drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 1/1 on the UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 and the addendum thereto (HSP/EB.1/7 and HSP/EB.1/7/Add.1).

27. The representative of the secretariat delivered a presentation on preparations for the implementation of the UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2020–2023.

28. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Cameroon, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Japan, Malawi, Senegal, Sweden and Turkey. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Sierra Leone and South Africa.

29. The Executive Board adopted parts (b) and (d) of decision 2019/1, on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out document HSP/EB.1/11.

VII. Briefing on the status of implementation of resolutions and decisions adopted during the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly

30. Introducing the item, the Executive Director drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolutions and decisions adopted during the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly (HSP/EB.1/8).

31. The representative of the secretariat delivered a presentation on progress in the implementation of resolutions 1/2, 1/3, 1/4 and 1/5 and decision 1/3 of the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session.

32. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Brazil, China, Senegal and Sweden.

33. The Executive Board adopted part (a) of decision 2019/3, on the implementation of resolutions and decisions adopted by UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.1/11.

VIII. Briefing on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat

34. Following an introduction of the item by the Executive Director, the representative of the secretariat delivered a presentation on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, with a focus on the Egypt country programme and the Climate Change Adaptation Fund. A statement was delivered by the representative of Egypt.

35. The Executive Board adopted part (b) of decision 2019/3, on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.1/11.

IX. Workplan for the Executive Board, including its Bureau meetings, for 2020

36. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the proposed organization of work and workplan for the Executive Board and its Bureau meetings for 2020 (HSP/EB.1/5).

37. Statements were delivered by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Romania, Senegal, Sri Lanka and Sweden.

38. The Executive Board adopted decision 2019/4, on the workplan of the Executive Board for 2020, and decision 2019/5, on the methods of work of the Executive Board. The decisions are set out in document HSP/EB.1/11.

X. Dates and provisional agenda for the second session of the Executive Board

39. As is mentioned above, the Executive Board adopted decision 2019/4, on the workplan of the Executive Board for 2020. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.1/11.

XI. Outcomes of the meeting

40. At its resumed first meeting, the Executive Board adopted the following decisions, which are set out in document HSP/EB.1/11.

(a) Decision 2019/1: Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019 and the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, and approval of the work programme and budget for 2020, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019 of UN-Habitat;
- (ii) Part (b): Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 of UN-Habitat;
- (iii) Part (c): Approval of the work programme of UN-Habitat and the budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2020;
- (iv) Part (d): Alignment with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process;

(b) Decision 2019/2: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat;

(c) Decision 2019/3: Implementation of normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including the resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Human Settlements Assembly, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Implementation of resolutions and decisions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its first session;
- (ii) Part (b): Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat;

(d) Decision 2019/4: Workplan of the Executive Board for 2020;

(e) Decision 2019/5: Methods of work of the Executive Board.

41. During the formal adoption of the decisions, statements were made by the representatives of India, Japan and Romania. A summary of those statements is set out in the annex to the present report.

XII. Other matters

42. No other matters were raised.

XIII. Closure of the meeting

43. The Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.30 p.m. on 20 November 2019.

Annex**Statements made by members during the adoption of decisions**

During the adoption of decisions, statements were made by a number of Member States in which they requested the secretariat to remain neutral both in formal and informal discussions of the Board, and to ensure that UN-Habitat staff were available during negotiations in case information and guidance were needed. The representative of Romania highlighted that members of the Board would have appreciated receiving the text of the proposed draft decisions well in advance of the meeting, in particular in relation to the work programme and budget of UN-Habitat for the year 2020. The representative of India emphasized that informal consultations on draft decisions conducted in parallel of the plenary meetings were not convenient for small delegations. The representative of Japan stressed the need for the secretariat to hold consultations with Member States on the ongoing restructuring process of UN-Habitat.
