



**2021 SECOND MEETING OF NEW
BUREAU OF EXECUTIVE BOARD 2020-2021
1 March 2021**

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1. PROVISIONAL AGENDA



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Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the provisional Agenda.
2. Update on the status of preparations for the 2021 first session of the Executive Board;
 - a) Feedback by the Executive Director and discussion on modalities of the first session of the Executive Board in 2021;
 - b) Status of preparations for the session: i) documentation, ii) registration, iii) delegations; and iv) Executive Director's briefing to Member States on the status of the preparations.
 - c) Proposed organization of work during the session.
 - d) Informal consultations on possible outcomes 2021 first session of the Executive Board including Elections.
 - e) Financial implication for servicing the meetings of the Executive Board in 2021 including the first session .
3. Update on the work of the ad- hoc working groups: a) Ad- hoc working group on Programmatic, Budgetary and Administrative matters b) Ad- hoc working group on stakeholder engagement policy.
4. Briefing by the Executive Director on the outcome of the Induction Seminar for Permanent Representatives to UN- Habitat.
5. General update by the Executive Director to the Bureau.
6. Other matters.



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2. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2021 FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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2a. Feedback and discussion on modalities of the 2021 first session of the EB

1. Following **consultation with the Director General** of UNON it may be possible to have online meeting but with a hybrid format combining the online session with a restricted physical meeting.
2. The Bureau may review its position to reflect that the 2021 first session of the Executive Board may be held in **a hybrid format**.
3. A maximum of **50 persons** will have access to UNON for the session. This being **one delegate** each from the **36** Members of the Executive Board and **14 Staff** from UN-Habitat and UNON.
4. All **other delegates** will join the session **online**.
5. The session will benefit **from interpretation** into six languages, for 3 hours per day.



2a) Feedback and discussion on modalities of the 2021 first session of the EB: **A request on Interpretation;**

Special request on interpretation by Mr. Pedro-José Espinosa Cordero, Chief Interpretation Section, Division of Conference Services **to reduce the cumulative health impacts on interpreters' hearing** as a result of the continued use of non-ISO standard compliant conferencing platforms and the poor equipment used during Remote Simultaneous Interpretation meetings.

1. Participants, especially the Chair and the Executive Director, members of the secretariat, Representatives of Member States, must use recommended headsets with microphone;
2. Participants must ensure secure Internet connection via an Ethernet cable;
3. Written statements including from Member States should be shared with Interpreters by email preferably at least 30 minutes before delivery.



2b. i) Documentation

1. Preparation of **pre-session documents** is advanced and most documents are **under translation** into the six official languages.
2. The Notification of the Executive Director as well as the provisional agenda have been shared with Member States in the six official languages on 26 February 2021 in line with Rule 3 of the rules of procedure.
3. Briefing on the **UN-Habitat Covid-19 Response** will be as part of Executive Director's reports to the Board as a document for information.
4. On agenda item 5 on **relevant reports of the ACABQ**, as at this moment we have not received any ACABQ report since the 2020 second session in October.
5. Documents are being made available continually at **<https://unhabitat.org/First-session-of-the-year-2021-of-the-Executive-Board>**
6. All documents will be available **by 10 March 2021** in line with Rule 6.8 of the rules of procedure at the above link



2b. ii) Registration, iii) Delegations;

REGISTRATION:

On-line registration is now open at <https://unhabitat.org/2021-first-session-of-the-executive-board-registration-form-7-8-april-2021>.

The **deadline** for delegates to register is **Thursday 1 April 2021 at 2p.m.** East Africa Time (EAT).

DELEGATIONS:

Member States and Observers should send a formal communication on the list of members of their respective delegations, as early as possible, but not later than **Thursday, 1 April 2021** to the email chris.mensah@un.org with a copy to unhabitat-sqb@un.org.



2b. iv) Briefing by the Executive Director to Member States on the status of the preparations

1. The briefing in line with **Rule 6.10** will take place on 23 March 2021
2. The Briefing will provide an overview of the **matters to be covered under each agenda item** of the 2021 second session of the Board
3. The briefing will highlight any Bureau recommendations relating to the provisional **agenda, dates of the session, organization of work** during the session and also consultations on the **possible outcomes** of the 2021 first session
4. The Briefing will cover logistical arrangements for the second session including
 - Registration and list of delegations
 - Participation of Partners
 - Regional Consultations
 - Access to the online platform and to UNON

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2c. Proposed organization of work during the session;

	Day 1	Day 2
Morning 9.00am to 12 noon	1. Opening of the session. 2. Organizational matters: 3. Reports by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups. 4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy and geographical and gender balance	8. Implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly. 9. Progress made by UN-Habitat in the implementation of the United Nations development system reform. 10. Annual report on action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace. <i>Informal consultations on draft decisions (if needed)</i>
Afternoon 2.00pm to 5.00pm	5. Reports of the ACABQ relevant to the work of UN-Habitat, issued since the last session of the Executive Board. 6. Status of and discussion on the draft annual work programme and budget for 2022. 7. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat <i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>	11. Annual report on action by the Executive Director to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat. 12. Election of officers. 13. Provisional agenda for the next session of the Executive Board. 14. Other matters. 15. Closure of the session.

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2d. informal consultations on possible outcomes 2021 first session of the Executive Board including elections;

1. At the Bureau meeting on 11 January 2021 the Bureau agreed that:
 - a. The Ad-Hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters will consider any draft decisions before they are formally discussed and adopted by the Board at its first session.
 - b. Such informal consultations should be tentatively held on **17 and 29 March 2021** depending on the schedule of the Chair of the working group.
2. The Bureau and the Chair of the Working Group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters may wish to review these dates.
3. An additional date available for informal consultations is Tuesday, **6 April 2021**.



2d. informal consultations on possible outcomes 2021 – Possible Outcomes

1. Recommendation on the draft work programme and budget for the year 2021 to the ACABQ and/or the Executive Director
2. Recommendation on Financial, budgetary and administrative matters including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy and geographical and gender balance
3. Recommendation on normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat
4. Recommendation on the alignments of the QCPR with the planning cycles of UN-Habitat
5. Decision on Elections of New Bureau for the period 2021/2022
6. Decision on the dates and provisional agenda for the 2021 second session of the Executive Board

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2e. Financial implication for servicing the meetings of the EB in 2021 including the first session

1. For the 2021 first session of the Executive Board in 2021, the cost estimate from **extra budgetary** sources to be borne by UN-Habitat as received from the Division of Conference Services is **USD 142,849**. Out this USD 113,412 is towards pre-session documents.
2. For the 2021 second session, the cost estimate for the expected three day in-person session in October extra budgetary sources will be **USD 179,202** with projected pre-session documentation costs accounting for USD 154,612.
3. The Secretariat requests the support of Member states in **streamlining documentation to each session** of the Executive Board, particularly the annual draft **work programme and budget document** which large and is produced twice year in the six official languages.
4. The Secretariat requests the **support of Member States** in financing the intergovernmental processes and thanks **Germany** for its support for the UN-Habitat Assembly Trust fund in 2019 and 2020.

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2e. Financial implication for servicing the meetings of the EB in 2021 including the first session—Overview of Cost Estimates from the Division of Conference services

	Executive Board First session-April 2021 (2days virtual)	Executive Board Second session- October2021 (3days onsite)	High Level CPR Midterm Review Meeting – June 2021 (3days onsite)
Regular Budget resources	91,885	133,739	187,951
Meetings services	41,731	81,797	70,373
Pre-session	27,713	27,713	82,411
In-session	7,293	7,293	14,586
Post-Session	10,940	10,940	14,586
Report Writing	4,238	6,040	6,040
<u>XB Resources (USD 449,880)</u>	<u>142,849</u>	<u>179202</u>	<u>127825</u>
Meetings services	14,917	20,338	14,692
Pre-session	113,412	154,612	99,914
In-session	3,300		
Post-Session	11,220		
Report Writing			
Platform/ AV/room		16,005	20,815
Total direct costs to (DCS)	234,734	312,941	315,776

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3. UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE AD- HOC WORKING GROUPS:

- a) Ad- Hoc Working Group On Programmatic, Budgetary And Administrative Matters**
- b) Ad- Hoc Working Group On Stakeholder Engagement Policy;**



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4. BRIEFING BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE OUTCOME OF THE INDUCTION SEMINAR FOR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO UN- HABITAT.

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1. The Induction Seminar was held online for two days from 27 - 28 January 2021.
2. It was an opportunity for Member States to further familiarize themselves with the roles and functions under the new structure and the mandate of the organization.
3. It was well attended with 47 delegates from the Permanent Missions to UN-Habitat.
4. UN-Habitat conducted a follow up feedback survey to assess if the Member States expectations on content, format and duration of this session were met and to assist with future designs of induction seminar.
4. The feedback suggests satisfaction with the Induction Seminar. Notable areas requiring further work included;
 - a. More clarity and information on UN-Habitat's budget and finance cycle,
 - b. Addition of session on UN-Habitat programmes and their respective impact to the New Urban Agenda
 - c. increasing level of engagement with Member States during the seminar by i. sharing in advance the agenda items to be covered ii. allocating more time to the induction workshop and iii. simplifying the discussions for better understanding.



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5. GENERAL UPDATE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO THE BUREAU

Cities and Pandemics

Towards a more just, green and healthy future

UN-Habitat Report

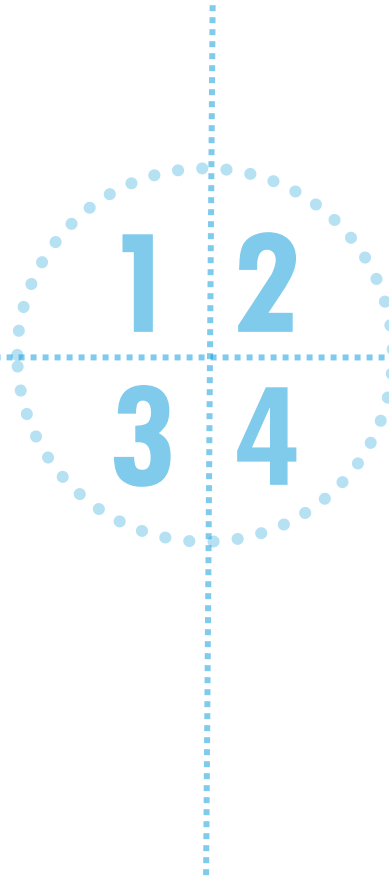
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SELECTED FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Monday, 6 July, 2020

Latest evidence of the complex issues of and relations between the pandemic, cities and communities

Rethinking the form and function
of the city

Addressing systemic poverty
and inequality in cities



Rebuilding a 'new normal'
urban economy

Clarifying urban legislation and
governance arrangements



1. Urban form and function

Improve resilience to future shocks in cities by **investing in urban ‘weak spots**

Promote equitable access to urban services through well planned density and mixed-use development

Place an increasing urban planning emphasis on **neighbourhoods and communities that are self-contained and inclusive**

2. Poverty and inequalities in cities

Pandemic response and recovery strategies should be grounded in **the principles of human rights**

Governments need to rethink **what public and social goods should a city deliver**

Cities’ responses to COVID-19 are showing **ability and agility for fast-tracked problem solving**



3. 'New normal' of urban economy

The pandemic has demonstrated the need to **close the digital divide** by investments in equal **access to affordable digital infrastructure**

Potential for global initiatives such as **universal income, universal health insurance, and universal housing**

4. Legislation & governance arrangements

Multi-level governance systems have delivered stronger pandemic response results, through vertical and horizontal cooperation

Territorially and spatially tailored governance approaches are proving more effective and legitimate in the COVID-19 crises response



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6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

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