
Second Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat for the year 2023

Thursday, 20 April 2023
09:00 hrs – 10:30 hrs East Africa Time (EAT)
Hybrid meeting-UN-Habitat OED Boardroom

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda item 1: Adoption of the provisional Agenda

1. H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Chair of the CPR opened the meeting at 09:10 hrs EAT.

The following members of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives were present:

H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to UN-Habitat (in-person)
H.E. Mr. John Stephen Simbachawene, Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (in-person)
Mr. Sergio Salazar Alzate Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Colombia to UN-Habitat (in-person)
Ms. Felista Rugambwa, Head of Chancellery of the United Republic of Tanzania (in-person)
Ms. Cattrysse Machteld, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Belgium to UN-Habitat (in-person)

H.E. Mr. Dragos Viorel Radu Tigau, Permanent Representative of Romania to UN-Habitat and representing the Regional Group of Eastern European States to the Bureau in his capacity as chair of the Regional group of Eastern European States in Nairobi (on-line)

The following UN Habitat Secretariat members were also present:

Mr. Michal Mlynar, Deputy Executive Director.
Mr. Raf Tuts, Director, Global Solutions Division.
Mr. Chris Mensah, Secretary to the Governing Bodies.
Mr. Erfan Ali, Chief of Staff.
Mr. Chris Williams, Director of UN-Habitat Liaison Office, New York
Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Officer

2. The Chair welcomed all participants to the meeting. The provisional Agenda was adopted without any changes and can be accessed [here](#).

Agenda item 2: Discussion on the alignment of the UN-Habitat strategic planning cycles and cycle of election of the offices of the governing bodies with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review process (QCPR).

3. The Chair recalled that at its first meeting for the year 2023 held on 12 April 2023, the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) to UN-Habitat requested the secretariat to develop options for the alignment of the UN-Habitat strategic planning cycles, with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review process (QCPR) and election of the offices of the Governing Bodies for consideration by the Bureau for further discussions.

4. The Secretariat presented options for the alignment of the UN-Habitat strategic planning cycles with the QCPR.
 - i. The options as presented by the Secretariat can be accessed [here](#).
 - ii. In addition, the Secretariat presented a legal note on the elections of the offices of the Governing Bodies which can be accessed [here](#).
5. The presentation was followed by an exchange of views among Bureau members.
6. The Bureau after carefully considering the options presented by the Secretariat on possible alignment of the UN-Habitat Planning, the election of offices of the Governing Bodies, with the QCPR process, decided to recommend an early alignment in 2025.
7. The Bureau took into consideration the following:
 - a) That the Executive Board at its 2021 second session already recommended that the Assembly consider an extension of the current strategic plan 2020 to 2023 to cover the period 2020 to 2025 and therefore no new Strategic Plan has been prepared;
 - b) That UN-Habitat was in the minority of UN organizations that had already aligned with the QCPR and that it is within the mandate of Member States to ensure such an alignment occurs;
 - c) The Bureau also appreciated the need for offices of the Governing Bodies to be elected in a manner that would enhance their term of office with the proposed early alignment in 2025. They noted that this may require the suspension of some rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly. The desired option of the Bureau, however, is that from 2025 onwards, the term of office of the Governing Bodies are fully aligned with the QCPR and that each Governing Body is able to discharge its functions seamlessly in line with the rules of Procedure.
 - d) The Bureau recognized the need to take this conversation to Member States through the informal consultations of the CPR, as a recommendation of not just the CPR Bureau, but also as a recommendation the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly to be further presented to the informal consultations of the CPR.
8. The bureau further requested the Secretariat to develop one option based on the recommendation of the Bureau as detailed above, for transmission and consideration by the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

Agenda item 3: Any other matters

There were no other matters under discussion and the second meeting of the Bureau of the CPR for the year 2023 was adjourned at 10:40 East African Time (EAT).