



UN-HABITAT

2024 THIRD MEETING OF BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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1. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the provisional Agenda.
2. Status of preparations for the first session of the Executive Board in 2024.
3. Status of draft decisions to be possibly adopted during the first session of the Executive Board in 2024.
4. Discussion on the roadmap for the development of the draft Stakeholder Engagement Policy towards submission to the second resumed session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
5. Any other matters:
 - i. Discussion on the request from a Member State from the regional group of WEOG for a possible hybrid format of the first session of the Executive Board in 2024.

2. STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 2024

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i. Update on documentation for the session and briefing by the Executive Director to Member States on the preparations.

- Pre-session documents have been made available on the dedicated website for the session and that the relevant communication sent out to Member States on 8 April 2024, in line with the rules of Procedure.
- The OIOS report on the the Mid-term Evaluation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme Strategic Plan 2020-2025 has also been duly shared with Member States.
- The Executive Director's briefing to Member States on the preparations for the session will take place on 26 April 2024 from 11 am .

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ii. Technical inputs into the proposed draft outcomes of the session.

The draft technical inputs toward the draft decisions were shared with Member States on 2 April 2024 with four draft decisions as follows:

1. **Draft decision 2024/A:** Draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025, and financial, budgetary and administrative matters and the strategic plan of UN-Habitat.
2. **Draft decision 2024/B:** Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.
3. **Draft Decision 2024 / C:** Update on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
4. **Draft decision 2024/D:** Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2024.

2. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2024 FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

iii.. Registration and Programme for the session

Registration for the session opened on 25 March 2024 as scheduled and will close on 2 May 2024 at 2 pm East Africa Time.

Programme for the session has been shared with Member States. An updated Programme may be issued to possibly indicate the following:

1. A briefing by MOPAN on the ongoing assessment of UN-Habitat under the agenda item 14 on “Other Matters”.
2. A side event by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on “Quality of life Initiative”, likely on Day 2, 7 May 2024.

3. STATUS OF DRAFT DECISIONS TO BE POSSIBLY ADOPTED DURING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 2024

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4. DISCUSSION ON THE ROADMAP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRAFT STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT POLICY TOWARDS SUBMISSION TO THE SECOND RESUMED SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT ASSEMBLY



4.ROADMAP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRAFT STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT POLICY

i. Points to consider in discussing the roadmap.

1. The **Executive Board needs to have the document ready for review and possible adoption by the UN-Habitat Assembly** at its resumed second session in May 2025.
2. The document will need to be presented to the UN-Habitat Assembly in line with the rules of procedure of the Assembly as a **pre-session document available in six Official languages and six weeks in advance** of the session, by 17 April 2025.
3. The Division of Conference Services will require us to submit **all pre-session documents for the Assembly by 6 March 2025**

4.ROADMAP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRAFT STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT POLICY

ii. Options to consider for the roadmap.

Option 1: Possible endorsement of the document by the Executive Board at its 2024 second session in December 2024 .

In the event that the document would not be ready by the second session in 2024, two options would be available as follows:

Option 2: The Executive Board may empower the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy to finalise the document and forward to the Chair of the Executive Board for submission to the President of the Assembly.

Option 3: The timing of the first session of the Executive Board in 2025 be diarised early enough to consider and recommend the priority documents requiring UN-Habitat Assembly approval including the draft stakeholder engagement policy, in addition to other agenda items.

5. ANY OTHER MATTERS

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5. REQUEST FOR A POSSIBLE HYBRID FORMAT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 2024.

Policy Guidance on hybrid Meetings.

“On an exceptional measure, UNON DCS did offer remote interpretation services as a business continuity measure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, with the increased resumption of in-person meetings, UNON, like the other headquarter duty stations, is no longer offering remote simultaneous interpretation. The provision of hybrid and virtual meetings with RSI requires a mandate from the General Assembly to define, inter alia, the legal and technical parameters of these meetings and on how the rules of procedure would be applied in a formal meeting being held in a hybrid or virtual format. Given that the GA has not established such a mandate, continuation of these modalities would contravene their current mandates.”

“DCS will not offer remote simultaneous interpretation until a mandate is established by the GA, including for UNEP’s governing bodies.”

The above guidance is based on communication from the UN Assistance Secretary General for General Assembly and Conference Management addressed to the Director General of UNON in January 2024

Thank you!

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