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1. Programme of core meetings of the Governing Council

Wednesday, 10 May

- 8–8.50 a.m. **Third Bureau meeting** (CE 110-112)
Chaired by the President of the Council
- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. **PLENARY: DIALOGUE ON THE SPECIAL THEME** (conference room 2)
Agenda item 7. Dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council
Documents: HSP/GC/26/5, HSP/GC/26/INF/5
Opening session: Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda
Thematic session 1: Promoting access to adequate and sustainable housing
- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. **DRAFTING COMMITTEE** (conference room 4)
Consultations on draft resolutions
Document: HSP/GC/26/3/Add.1
- 1–3 p.m. **Lunch break**
- 1–1.30 p.m. **Press conference** (press centre)
- 3–6 p.m. **PLENARY: DIALOGUE ON THE SPECIAL THEME** (*continued*)
(conference room 2)
Documents: HSP/GC/26/5, HSP/GC/26/INF/5
- 3–4.30 p.m. **Thematic session 2:** Integrated human settlements planning for sustainable urbanization
- 4.30–6 p.m. **Thematic session 3:** Synergies and financing for sustainable urbanization
Closing of the dialogue session
- 3–6 p.m. **DRAFTING COMMITTEE** (conference room 4)
Consultations on draft resolutions
Document: HSP/GC/26/3/Add.1

2. Meetings of the regional groups of States

Wednesday, 10 May

8–9 a.m.	African Group (conference room 14)
8–9 a.m.	Asia-Pacific Group (conference room 3)
8–9 a.m.	Eastern European Group (conference room 6)
8–9 a.m.	European Union (conference room 13)
8–9 a.m.	Latin America and Caribbean Group (conference room 11)
8–9 a.m.	Japan, United States of America, Canada, New Zealand (JUSCANNZ) (conference room 8)
9–10 a.m.	G-77 and China (conference room 1)
1–2 p.m.	League of Arab States (conference room 6)

3. Caucus meetings

Wednesday, 10 May

8–10 a.m.	Youth Caucus (conference room 9)
	Women's Caucus (conference room 7)

4. Side events

Wednesday, 10 May

1–1.45 p.m.	Putting the Arab Urban Agenda into Action (conference room 9) Organized by the League of Arab States
	Effective Implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Collaboration with Habitat Agenda Partners (conference room 11) Organized by the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Kenya
	The Role of Real Estate in Planning for Sustainable Urbanization: City Prosperity Initiative to Guide Urban Growth (conference room 14) Organized by the International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI), France
2–2.45 p.m.	Promoting Local Governance and the Good Practices of African Local Authorities (conference room 9) Organized by Special Council Support Fund for Mutual Assistance (FEICOM)
	Ensuring Access to Quality and Affordable Housing in Malaysia (conference room 10) Organized by Urbanice Malaysia (Urban Well-Being Centre of Excellence)
	Engendering the New Urban Agenda implementation (conference room 11) Organized by Huairou Commission, United States of America
	A Hub for Housing: Leveraging Multi-Sectoral Partnerships for Knowledge Exchange (conference room 14) Organized by the Habitat for Humanity regional office for Latin America and the Caribbean in Costa Rica

6–7.30 p.m.

Implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Africa: A Harmonized Strategic Framework
(conference room 9)

Organized by UN-Habitat, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Union Commission

Addressing the Causes of and Solutions to Urban Migration (conference room 10)
Organized by UN-Habitat and the International Organization for Migration

Harnessing the Value of Land for Transformative Urbanization (conference room 14)
Organized by UN-Habitat and the Global Land Tool Network

5. Summary of side events held on Monday, 8 May after 6 p.m.

The City Prosperity Initiative as a Tool for Measuring and Monitoring Implementation of the New Urban Agenda

The side event focused on lessons learned from the implementation of the City Prosperity Initiative in five different cases, in four countries (Colombia, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Viet Nam).

Mr. Moreno gave an overview of the origins of the Initiative, its unique features, its main objectives and its achievements globally. Ms. Kacyira spoke about the importance of basing policies on accurate and reliable data and about the capacity of the Initiative to help cities and countries use evidence-based information to develop innovative solutions and urban policies.

Mr. Forero presented the various approaches used by Colombia to implement the Initiative. It had been the basis for reports on the state of Colombian cities nationwide, on the state of Colombian youth, and their application at the supra-municipal level in Bucaramanga and at the district level in Bogotá. Ms. Orvañanos discussed the application of the Initiative in 153 municipalities in Mexico – the largest-scale project of the Initiative – and the project’s multiplier effects at the national and city levels. Ms. Tellez described how Bucaramanga had used the results or impact of the Initiative to develop a metropolitan development plan and other municipal planning tools. Mr. Altoukhi spoke about the Initiative in the context of the Future Saudi Cities Programme. He talked about the interim results and how they had been incorporated into the city profiles and planning reviews of the cities involved. Mr. Abilla outlined the activities that UN-Habitat had taken to implement the Initiative in five cities of Viet Nam to ensure that cities took ownership of the process.

Urban and Territorial Planning: Towards a Healthy Environment

The International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning were adopted by UN-Habitat’s Governing Council in 2015 as a global framework for improving policies, plans, designs and implementation processes. The New Urban Agenda cites the Guidelines as a means for its effective implementation (para. 93), which means they are ultimately also important for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. As a document designed to enable sectoral integration at different levels, the Guidelines cover multiple thematic issues, one of which is planning for health.

Using approaches to planning and managing city development that place health and health equity at the core of decision-making and integrate health considerations into urban plans, policies and projects is key for avoiding health risks, protecting vulnerable groups, and enhancing health benefits to urban populations from urban decisions (*Health as the Pulse of the New Urban Agenda*, 2016). In this context, the Government of Norway is supporting UN-Habitat, in collaboration with the World Health Organization, in implementing the Guidelines with a focus on urban health.

The side event, attended by 31 participants, was an opportunity to take the partnership on Healthy Urban and Territorial Planning forward. A webinar will take place in mid-June to follow up on the workplan and identify further activities. UN-Habitat is committed to continuing the development of knowledge tools in the area of planning for health with the continued support of the World Health Organization. The partnership will culminate in the development of a joint publication for guiding constituencies in planning for health.

A number of participants expressed their interest in contributing to the work programme by sharing tools and experiences, including case studies from France and Germany, while others were keen to continue their involvement through forthcoming meetings such as the webinar and the expert group meeting planned for late 2017.

Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa: Decentralized Cooperation for Effective Implementation of the New Urban Agenda

In line with the UN-Habitat mandate to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities, the Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa promotes and supports local action on these issues. As is recognized in the New Urban Agenda, local and regional governments' leadership is vital for the implementation of the Agenda, and the Covenant serves as an inspirational facilitating platform for local leaders.

The side event presented the pillars of the Covenant of Mayors Initiative for Sub-Saharan Africa and decentralized cooperation as a key tool for sustainable local development and effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda. It also introduced two specific cases – one from sub-Saharan Africa (the city of Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of the Congo) and the other from North Africa (the Moroccan city of Chefchaouen).

The side event highlighted the need for partnerships – between different cities, as well as among cities, research centres and academia. There was general agreement that, to ensure sustainable local development, all actors must be mobilized. The session closed with an appeal to invest in empowering local actors and mobilizing resources and competences at the local level.

6. Summary of events held on Tuesday, 9 May

DRAFTING COMMITTEE

The drafting committee convened at 10.15 a.m. under the chairship of Guatemala (David Mulet Lind) and completed a first reading of three resolutions: (i) Revised strategic plan for 2014–2019 and the work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the biennium 2018–2019; (ii) To enhance UN-Habitat's role in urban crisis response; and (iii) Promoting effective implementation, follow-up to and review of the New Urban Agenda. The drafting committee will reconvene on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

SIDE EVENTS

A new dimension to urban mobility

Doppelmayr Cable Car, a mobility partner of UN-Habitat and sponsor of the World Urban Campaign, hosted the side event "A new dimension to urban mobility", about how urban cable car solutions can contribute to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

Doppelmayr, as one of "Austria's hidden champions in the private sector" – in the words of Harald Guenther, Austrian Ambassador to Kenya – has a valuable contribution to make: cable cars are affordable, safe, environmentally friendly, clean, space-saving and pocket-friendly (for municipalities and users alike!), and can connect different parts of a city, allowing inhabitants to reach their destinations faster. Doppelmayr, known for its ski lifts, has recently become a major player in the urban sector. Marc Funda, transport planner at Doppelmayr, gave a comprehensive presentation on the company's history and described the various existing and planned installations, including the Doppelmayr line in La Paz, Bolivia, and a possible line in Likoni (Mombasa), Kenya. Christine Auclair, World Urban Campaign project leader and UN-Habitat private-sector focal point, highlighted the importance of the partnership between Doppelmayr and UN-Habitat given that the New Urban Agenda can be implemented only with the collaboration of the private sector and other non-governmental partners. Stefanie Holzwarth of UN-Habitat's Mobility Unit spoke about the recent Academy on Sustainable Urban Mobility (AoSUM), a good example of the practical collaboration between UN-Habitat and Doppelmayr. Held from 25 to 29 April in Vienna, AoSUM had offered

participants a combination of classroom and web-based training on sustainable urban mobility, along with targeted study tours to Vienna and the German city of Koblenz.

7. Announcements

Wednesday, 10 May

2–6 p.m. **Housing affordability special sessions** (media centre)

8. Information for delegates on the GC26 PaperSmart Initiative

In line with the United Nations PaperSmart model, documentation for the meeting will be made available via the web-based PaperSmart platform. Use of the platform requires a laptop with Wi-Fi capability and a web browser (e.g., Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome or Safari).

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- Access to drafting committee documents and information documents;
- Access to all in-session documents, including L documents, conference room papers, statements, publications and the daily Journal;
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- Administrative announcements.

All official Governing Council documents will be also available on the Governing Council website www.unhabitat.org/gc26.

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