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1. Programme of core meetings of the Governing Council

Thursday, 11 May

8.30–9.20 a.m.	**Fourth Bureau meeting** (CE 110-112)
	Chaired by the President of the Council
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	**DRAFTING COMMITTEE** (conference room 4)
	Document: HSP/GC/26/3/Add.1
1–3 p.m.	**Lunch break**
3–6 p.m.	**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** (conference room 1)
	Agenda item 8. Work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2018–2019.
	Agenda item 9. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council
	Documents: HSP/GC/26/6, HSP/GC/26/6/Add.1, HSP/GC/26/6/Add.2, HSP/GC/26/6/Add.3, HSP/GC/26/INF/6, HSP/GC/26/INF/7, HSP/GC/26/INF/8
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

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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

Monday, 8 May to Friday, 12 May

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

4. Side events

Thursday, 11 May

1–1.45 p.m.	**The Sustainable Urban Development Programme in Uganda: Towards Achieving Sustainable Development Goal 11 in Uganda** (conference room 9) Organized by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Uganda
	Two years of International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning: Tracking Urban and Territorial Planning (conference room 10) Organized by the UN-Habitat Urban Planning and Design Branch
	Pathways for Urban Mobility (conference room 11) Organized by the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy, Germany
2–2.45 p.m.	**Shelter Afrique of the Future: Providing a Road Map to Affordable Housing on the African Continent** (conference room 9) Organized by Shelter Afrique
	GAP 2.0 (conference room 10) Organized by the University of Pennsylvania, United States
	Together for Urban Water and Sanitation (conference room 11) Organized by Global Water Partnership
	Monitoring the Urban Sustainable Development Goal and New Urban Agenda Indicators: Existing Opportunities and Challenges for Timely Implementation (conference room 14) Organized by UN-Habitat
6–7.30 p.m.	**The Network of Urban Planning and Design LABs** (conference room 9) Organized by the Urban Planning and Design LAB (UN-Habitat Urban Planning and Design Branch – City Planning, Extension and Design Unit)
	How (National) Urban Policies Can Strengthen Urban-Rural Linkages for Poverty Reduction (conference room 10) Organized by the UN-Habitat External Relations Division and Regional and Metropolitan Planning Unit
	Action Plan for the Greener Cities Partnership: Inter-Agency Collaboration to Help Deliver the New Urban Agenda (conference room 11) Organized by UN-Habitat and UN Environment
	Making Human Rights in Cities a Reality: Tools and Practical Examples (conference room 14) Organized by the UN-Habitat Housing Unit

The Role of the Real Estate Sector in Planning for Sustainable Urbanization: City Prosperity Initiative to Guide Urban Growth

A representative of the International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI) announced that the organization had signed a letter of intent with UN-Habitat and would support the implementation of enhancements to the Programme's City Prosperity Initiative (CPI) with software developed by FIABCI. The NGO is a partner of the World Urban Campaign and a member of the General Assembly of Partners, holds consultative status with ECOSOC and has participated in various events linked to the Habitat III process.

A representative of UN-Habitat noted that the CPI could help cities guide development in a more balanced, sustainable and prosperous manner. The CPI could help not only decision-makers and city authorities but also the other stakeholders involved in city planning. That was why UN-Habitat wanted to engage civil-society partners.

A representative of the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) expressed support for the CPI, noting that urban monitoring was essential for implementing the New Urban Agenda, and that the CPI offered a reliable urban monitoring framework integrated with a
capacity-building tool.

A representative of the World Urban Campaign highlighted the relevance of public-private partnerships for effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda and achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 11.

Key messages of the side event were that, first, there was a need to diversify the CPI and make it available for use with all national urban policies, in line with national regulations, and, second, that the CPI would benefit from the integration of quality indicators and capacity-building of city planners.

A Hub for Housing: Leveraging Multi-Sector Partnerships for Knowledge Exchange

The side event showcased progress in establishing the Urban Housing Practitioners' Hub, a new knowledge management network that had emerged from Habitat III. The Hub is designed to enhance the expertise and increase the number of practitioners in the Latin American and Caribbean region seeking to improve housing conditions for the urban poor. Approximately 45 people attended the event, which focused on:
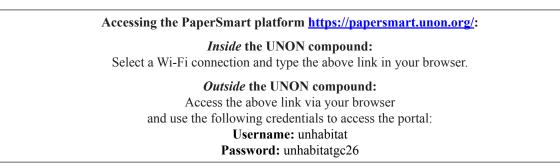

- Illustrating the "network of networks" approach to creating the Hub, involving more than 60 organizations;

- Presenting the Hub's preliminary scope of work, consisting of five key modules (peer-to-peer exchanges; data analysis and research; conventions and conferences; collection and dissemination of regional and global best practices; and "Habitat Labs" for creating diverse teams of experts to respond to specific challenges and opportunities);

- Endorsement of the Hub approach by partners in Argentina, Colombia, the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and UN-Habitat.

The discussion segment included expressions of support from colleagues in other regions and from organizations representing networks in the region. There was consensus that the "network of networks" approach would generate partnerships dedicated to achieving the goals of the New Urban Agenda.

Next steps for the Hub include choosing a technology platform; continuing to promote the Hub and widen its reach; securing more resources for expanding its activity; planning a regional housing forum in mid-2018; and following up with attendees who expressed their interest in learning more about the Hub.

6. 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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- Information on the venues of contact group meetings, side and parallel events;
- Administrative announcements.

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

Participants are strongly encouraged to bring their personal laptops and ensure that their antivirus software is up-to-date.