

# **UN HABITAT** **FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE**

## **Report on the status of preparations for the twenty-sixth Session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat**

**Update on logistics**

**Agenda Item 4**

**64<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the CPR**

**20 March 2017**

1. Further to the Executive Director's briefing, we provide further information on the status of the logistical preparations for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council (GC26).

### **Notification of Delegation and Credentials**

2. The Secretariat wishes to thank the various Governments and Habitat Agenda Partners, all stakeholder organizations who have informed us of the composition of their delegations to the GC26. We wish to urge other Member States who have not already done so to do the same as time is fast approaching so as to facilitate early preparations, including registration. The Secretariat would also be grateful if member states would provide information on the arrival and hotel or accommodation details of the delegations, especially information on the date of arrival and place of accommodation of the Ministers to enable easy reception at the airport among-others. In that respect I wish to note that the GC26 website provides information on travel advisory details such as health, visas and hotels.

3. Distinguished delegates, as of today, the Secretariat has officially been informed of the participation of 4 Ministers and 1 Deputy Minister and 11 participants from 6 member States. It is still early and we understand that other delegates are in the course of submitting information on ministerial participants.

4. With reference to Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council, the Secretariat wishes to remind delegations that the credentials of delegations who are Members of the Governing Council shall be submitted to the Executive Director, at the latest, before the end of the first meeting of the session of the Governing Council. The first meeting starts on Monday 8 May 2017 and ends at 1 p.m. The credentials submitted under this rule shall be examined by the Bureau of the Governing Council.

### **Speakers' List**

5. The Secretariat is taking requests from member States for slots on the Speakers' List for the High-level Segment of the Plenary, scheduled to take place on the first and second days of the GC26 namely, 8 and 9 May 2017. Governments are encouraged to forward their request to the Governing Council Secretariat at the earliest opportunity.

### **Registration and Badging**

6. As you are aware, on-line registration is currently on going and can be done at the GC26 website ([www.unhabitat.org/gc26](http://www.unhabitat.org/gc26)), and I wish to inform you that on-line registration will be closed on 27 April 2017. After that, all the information will be transferred to the on-site registration desk, which will commence on Thursday, 4 May 2017 as follows:

**Thursday, 4 May**

**9.00 am – 4.30 pm**

**Friday, 5 May**

**9.00 am – 2.00 pm**

**Saturday, 6 May**

**9.00 am – 4.00 pm**

**Sunday, 7 May**

**10.00 am – 4.00 pm**

**Monday, 8 May to Thursday, 10 May**

**8.00 am – 4.00 pm**

**Friday, 12 May**

**8.00 am – 2.00 pm**

7. The on-site accreditation desk, will be located in the pavilions designated for this purpose, after entering the Visitor's Entrance to the UN Gigiri compound.

8. To avoid long queues on the day of the official opening, delegates are strongly encouraged, if possible, to pre-register online and to make use of the early start of accreditation and to collect their badges before the opening day.

9. Ministers and Heads of Delegations will be issued with non-photo badges, provided they are pre-registered online and that an official note from the Permanent Mission in that respect, stating the name of the Minister or Head of Delegation, is presented at the accreditation area for collection. Their badges will be available for collection as of Thursday, 4 May 2017.

#### **Documentation and GC26 Website**

10. Almost all pre-session documents for decision are out and available on the GC 26 website.

11. As mentioned by the Executive Director, and as has been the case during the previous Governing Councils, the Secretariat is hosting a "GC26 Paper Smart Portal". For your consideration all pre-session documents will be uploaded on the GC26 UN-Habitat website and the Portal. During the Session, in-session documents will be uploaded on the GC26 Paper Smart Portal for quick access and as soon as they become available

#### **Provisional Programme and Annotated Agenda**

12. The Secretariat has finalized Provisional Agenda for the GC26, based upon the approval from GC25 and is up-loaded on the web site as documents HSP/GC/26/1. This is in addition to the Annotated Agenda (HSP/GC/26/1/Add.1), which lists the documents corresponding to each of the agenda items of the GC25. The document is available on the GC26 website.

#### **Journal**

13. A daily journal will be published on-line during the GC26, which will contain the work of the Governing Council for the current day and summarizing the work of the previous day. It will include information on the side events and meetings of regional groups of the day, including their room numbers. Delegates wishing to place items in the next day's Journal may contact the Secretariat by, latest, 7 pm on the day before.

#### **List of Pre-session and Side Events for the GC26**

14. The Secretariat will be finalizing the list of i) pre-session events and ii) side events for the GC 26. The preliminary list will be shared with the presenters and the final list will be distributed at a later time.

#### **Composition of the Bureau of the GC26 and Meeting between the Outgoing and Incoming Bureau**

15. We would like to take this opportunity to humbly note that we are still waiting for communication from Regional Groups on the following outstanding nominations: (i) President to be nominated by the Asia Pacific Group (ii) Vice-Presidents, to be nominated by the Western European and Other States, the African Group of States; Latin America and Caribbean States: and (iii) Rapporteur, to be nominated by Eastern European States.

16. The Secretariat wishes to draw your attention to the fact that the meeting of the Bureau of the 25th Session and the Bureau of the 26th Session is scheduled to be held on Sunday May 7, 2017. The time and venue will be announced through the Provisional Programme.

### **Sponsorship of the LDCs**

17. The Secretariat wishes to inform that support for LDCs will only be given to one member per delegation from an LDC country which is a current Member of the Governing. These are Afghanistan, Angola, Benin, Chad, D.R. Congo, Madagascar, Senegal and, Somalia who are currently members of the Governing Council. Basically, the Secretariat will pay 6 days DSA from 7 May 2017.

### **Airport Reception**

18. The Secretariat would like to express its sincere gratitude to the Government of Kenya for its hospitality, cooperation and promise to ensure the smooth entry of delegations to the country to attend the GC26. We are working very closely with the relevant Ministries and Authorities of the GOK on issues including Protocol, Immigration, Customs, Health and Security. Internally, the Secretariat is on standby with airport reception teams, to provide a round-the-clock assistance at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. A welcoming desk will be set up at JKIA, which will provide assistance for arriving delegates. In this regard, the Secretariat wishes to encourage the member States once again to share information on the arrival of Ministers and Heads of Delegations.