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**Twenty-sixth session**

Nairobi, 8–12 May 2017

Items 2 and 4 of the provisional agenda\*

**Election of officers**

**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

**Annotations to the provisional agenda**

**Note by the secretariat**

**Item 1**

**Opening of the session**

1. The twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 8 May 2017, by the President of the Governing Council at its twenty-fifth session or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Governing Council at its twenty-fifth session. The list of current members of the Governing Council is set out in annex I to the present note.

**Item 2**

**Election of officers**

2. In accordance with rule 17 of its rules of procedure, the Governing Council will elect a president, three vice-presidents and a rapporteur. The geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions of the Governing Council is set out in annex II to the present note.

*Documentation*

Annotations to the provisional agenda (HSP/GC/26/1/Add.1: paras. 2 and 3 of annex III) (for decision)

**Item 3**

**Credentials**

3. Under rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the credentials of representatives of members of the Governing Council must be submitted to the Executive Director at the latest before the end of the first meeting of a session of the Governing Council. The Bureau must then examine such credentials and report on them without delay to the Governing Council.

**Item 4**

**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

4. Under agenda item 4, the Governing Council will adopt its agenda for the twenty-sixth session and thereafter decide on the organization of work for the session. The provisional agenda was approved by the Governing Council at its twenty-fifth session, held in Nairobi from 17 to 23 April 2015. A note by the Executive Director proposing organizational arrangements for the twenty-sixth

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\* HSP/GC/26/1.

session is set out in annex III to the present note, while the proposed organization of work and timetable for the session is set out in annex IV.

**Documentation**

Provisional agenda (HSP/GC/26/1) (for decision)

Annotations to the provisional agenda (HSP/GC/26/1/Add.1)

List of documents before the Governing Council (HSP/GC/26/INF/1) (for information)

**Item 5**

**Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters**

5. Under agenda item 5, the Executive Director will report to the Governing Council on, among other things, the implementation of the mandate and work programme of UN-Habitat and on the implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its previous sessions.

**Documentation**

Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/26/2)

Report of the working group on programme and budget: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/26/2/Add.1)

Report on the future sessions of the World Urban Forum: addendum to the report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/26/2/Add.2)

Joint activities in the urban environment: joint progress report of the executive directors of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (HSP/GC/26/2/Add.3)

Cooperation with agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and other UN-Habitat partners in the implementation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for 2014–2019: addendum to the report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/26/2/Add.4)

**Item 6**

**Review of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)**

6. The United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) was held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016. The outcome of the Conference, entitled “New Urban Agenda”, recognizes the role of UN-Habitat in its implementation. In addition, in its resolution 25/5 of 23 April 2015 on support by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and the role of national Habitat committees in its preparation and implementation, the Governing Council requested the Executive Director to submit to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session a report on the implementation of the resolution and on the outcomes of Habitat III. Accordingly, the Governing Council will have before it for its consideration a report by the Executive Director on UN-Habitat support to the Habitat III process and the outcome of the conference.

**Documentation**

Review of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) (HSP/GC/26/4)

Report of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) (HSP/GC/26/INF/5)

**Item 7**

**Dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council**

7. Pursuant to Governing Council resolution 20/21 of 8 April 2005, the Bureau of the Governing Council selects the special theme for sessions of the Council on the basis of advice from the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives. Accordingly, the

Governing Council will have before it for its consideration a report by the Executive Director on the special theme for the twenty-sixth session.

**Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on the dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council (HSP/GC/26/5)

**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**

8. The work programme of UN-Habitat is synchronized with the budgetary cycle of the United Nations as a whole. Consequently, the 2016–2017 work programme will end on 31 December 2017. Accordingly, the Executive Director will submit a proposed work programme and budget for the biennium 2018–2019 to the Governing Council for its consideration at its twenty-sixth session.

**Documentation**

Proposed work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the proposed budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2018–2019: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/26/6) (for decision)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/26/6/Add.1) (for decision)

Revised strategic framework for the period 2018–2019: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/26/6/Add.2) (for decision)

Draft revised strategic plan for the period 2014–2019: report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/26/6/Add.3) (for decision)

Status of voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation as at 1 March 2017: note by the secretariat (HSP/GC/26/INF/6) (for information)

Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019: interim report of the Executive Director (HSP/GC/26/INF/7) (for information)

**Item 9**

**Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council**

9. Under agenda item 9, the Governing Council will adopt a provisional agenda for its twenty-seventh session and decide on the date and other arrangements for that session.

**Documentation**

Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council (HSP/GC/26/7) (for decision)

**Item 10**

**Other matters**

10. Under agenda item 10, the Governing Council will consider matters which, although not covered under any particular agenda item, are believed to merit its attention.

**Item 11**

**Adoption of the report of the session**

11. In accordance with paragraph 7 of section I.A of General Assembly resolution 56/206, the Governing Council will adopt the report on the work of its twenty-sixth session for submission to the Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

**Item 12**

**Closure of the session**

12. It is expected that the Governing Council will conclude its work by 2 p.m. on Friday, 12 May 2017.

## Annex I

### Membership of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as from 1 January 2017 (58 members)<sup>a</sup>

<p><b>African States (16)</b>            Angola (2019)            Benin (2020)            Chad (2019)            Democratic Republic of the Congo (2018)            Egypt (2018)            Gabon (2018)            Ghana (2018)            Kenya (2019)            Libya (2020)            Madagascar (2020)            Mauritius (2020)            Nigeria (2019)            Senegal (2018)            Somalia (2020)            South Africa (2019)            Zimbabwe (2018)</p> <p><i>No vacant seat</i></p>	<p><b>Western European and other States (13)</b>            Finland (2018)            France (2020)            Germany (2019)            Israel (2019)            Norway (2020)            Sweden (2019)            United States of America (2018)</p> <p><i>Six vacant seats</i></p>
<p><b>Latin American and Caribbean States (10)</b>            Argentina (2018)            Brazil (2019)            Chile (2019)            Colombia (2020)            Ecuador (2018)            Guatemala (2018)            Mexico (2019)            Paraguay (2020)            Uruguay (2018)</p> <p><i>One vacant seat</i></p>	<p><b>Asia-Pacific States (13)</b>            Bahrain (2019)            China (2020)            India (2019)            Indonesia (2018)            Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2018)            Iraq (2018)            Japan (2018)            Malaysia (2019)            Republic of Korea (2020)            Saudi Arabia (2019)            Sri Lanka (2020)            Turkmenistan (2019)</p> <p><i>One vacant seat</i></p>
<p><b>Eastern European States (6)</b>            Croatia (2020)            Czechia (2020)            Georgia (2019)            Russian Federation (2018)            Serbia (2019)            Slovakia (2018)</p> <p><i>No vacant seat pending</i></p>	

<sup>a</sup> Terms of office expire on 31 December of the years indicated. The information contained in the table was provided by the Economic and Social Council.

## Annex II

### Geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat

<i>Year</i>	<i>Session of the Governing Council</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
1978	First	Western European and other States (Sweden)	African States (Malawi) Eastern European States (Poland) Latin American States (Mexico)	Asian States (Philippines)
1979	Second	African States (Kenya)	Asian States (Pakistan) Latin American States (Mexico) Western European and other States (Sweden)	Eastern European States (Poland)
1980	Third	Latin American States (Mexico)	African States (Nigeria) Asian States (Iraq) Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	Western European and other States (Netherlands)
1981	Fourth	Asian States (Philippines)	African States (Lesotho) Eastern European States (Hungary) Western European and other States (Federal Republic of Germany)	Latin American States (Jamaica)
1982	Fifth	Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	Asian States (Sri Lanka) Latin American States (Jamaica) Western European and other States (Canada)	African States (Egypt)
1983	Sixth	Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Zambia) Eastern European States (Bulgaria) Latin American States (Argentina)	Asian States (Bangladesh)
1984	Seventh	African States (Gabon)	Asian States (India) Latin American States (Chile) Western European and other States (United States of America)	Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
1985	Eighth	Latin American States (Jamaica)	African States (Tunisia) Asian States (Sri Lanka) Eastern European States (Hungary)	Western European and other States (Greece)
1986	Ninth	Western European and other States (Turkey)	African States (Kenya) Asian States (Bangladesh) Eastern European States (Poland)	Latin American States (Chile)
1987	Tenth	Eastern European States (Bulgaria)	Asian States (Indonesia) Latin American States (Colombia) Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Kenya)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Session of the Governing Council</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
1988	Eleventh	Asian States (India)	African States (Botswana) Latin American States (Brazil) Western European and other States (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	Eastern European States (Poland)
1989	Twelfth	Latin American States (Colombia)	African States (Gabon) Eastern European States (Hungary) Western European and other States (United States of America)	Asian States (Sri Lanka)
1991	Thirteenth	African States (Zimbabwe)	Asian States (Sri Lanka) Eastern European States (Soviet Union) Latin American States (Brazil)	Western European and other States (Netherlands)
1993	Fourteenth	Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Uganda) Asian States (Philippines) Eastern European States (Romania)	Latin American States (Chile)
1995	Fifteenth	Eastern European States (Russian Federation)	Asian States (Indonesia) Latin American States (Venezuela) Western European and other States (United Kingdom)	African States (Cameroon)
1997	Sixteenth	Asian States (Bangladesh)	African States (Kenya) Latin American States (Mexico) Western European and other States (Norway)	Eastern European States (Romania)
1999	Seventeenth	Latin American States (Colombia)	African States (Senegal) Eastern European States (Bulgaria) Western European and other States (Sweden)	Asian States (Iran (Islamic Republic of))
2001	Eighteenth	African States (Algeria)	Asian States (Bangladesh) Eastern European States (Russian Federation) Latin American States (Argentina)	Western European and other States (Turkey)
2003	Nineteenth	Western European and other States (Sweden)	African States (Malawi) Asian States (Sri Lanka) Eastern European States (Poland)	Latin American States (Chile)
2005	Twentieth	Eastern European States (Czech Republic)	Asian States (Philippines) Latin American States (Argentina) Western European and other States (Germany)	African States (Nigeria)
2007	Twenty-first	Asian States (India)	African States (Uganda) Latin American States (Argentina) Western European and other States (Canada)	Eastern European States (Russian Federation)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Session of the Governing Council</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
2009	Twenty-second	Latin American States (Jamaica)	African States (Zambia) Eastern European States (Czech Republic) Western European and other States (Germany)	Asian States (Pakistan)
2011	Twenty-third	African States (Rwanda)	Asian States (China) Eastern European States (Russian Federation) Latin American States (Chile)	Western European and other States (Finland)
2013	Twenty-fourth	African States (Nigeria)	Eastern European States (Russian Federation) Latin American States (Argentina) Asia-Pacific States (Bangladesh)	Western European and other States (Germany)
2015	Twenty-fifth	Eastern European States (Slovakia)	African States (Ghana) Western European and other States (Germany) Asia-Pacific States (India)	Latin American States (Uruguay)

Under the principle of geographical rotation provided for in paragraph 2 of rule 17 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the following regional groups should provide candidates for the offices in question for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Session of the Governing Council</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
2017	Twenty-sixth	Asia-Pacific States	African States Western European and other States Latin American States	Eastern European States



## Annex III

### Proposed organizational arrangements for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat

#### Note by the Executive Director

1. The Executive Director proposes for consideration by the Governing Council, for the efficient conduct of its work during its twenty-sixth session, the organizational arrangements set out herein. This proposal has been prepared in line with the recommendations of resolution 20/21, on the organization and themes for future sessions of the Governing Council, by which the Council called upon the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat, acting as the intersessional subsidiary body of the Council, to recommend to the Council further proposals for improving the structure and organization of the twenty-first and future sessions of the Council. At its twenty-third meeting, on 7 December 2006, the Committee approved a set of such proposals for the twenty-first session and all future sessions that is reflected in the present note, in particular with regard to the high-level segment, the dialogue and the theme.

#### A. Bureau

2. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau should comprise the president, the three vice-presidents and the rapporteur of the Governing Council, elected with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution by rotation among the regional groups of States. Annex II to the present note shows the geographical distribution of Bureau members at previous Governing Council sessions.

3. As provided for in rule 18, one vice-president should be designated to chair the sessional committee of the whole referred to in paragraph 17 below. The remaining two vice-presidents would assist the president directly in his or her duties in the plenary meetings and in the chairing of the ad hoc drafting committee referred to in paragraph 18 below.

#### B. Plenary

4. Following consultations with the Bureau, it is recommended that work in the plenary meetings should be divided into two segments: first, a high-level segment, with interventions primarily by ministers and other heads of delegation, which would be held on the first and second days; and, second, a dialogue of Governments with local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners, to be held on the third day. It should be noted that part of the morning meeting on the first day will be devoted to organizational matters.

#### C. High-level segment

5. It is suggested that the high-level segment focus its discussions on the theme and the theme paper for the session, along with aspects related to item 5 of the provisional agenda, on activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters, and item 8, on the 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.

6. It may be recalled that, by its resolution 20/21, the Governing Council decided that the theme of the dialogue should establish a link between the high-level segment and the dialogue of Governments with local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners and provide for cohesion in the policy discussions in plenary meetings.

7. To accommodate the 60 to 80 delegations that normally attend the Governing Council sessions, it is recommended that, during the high-level segment, each delegation be allowed a maximum of five minutes of speaking time and that this limit be strictly adhered to.

8. In establishing the list of speakers for the high-level segment, precedence will be given to ministers and deputy ministers. They will be followed by other heads of governmental delegations, then by a limited number of representatives of local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners, in accordance with rules 64 and 65 of the rules of procedure.

#### D. Dialogue with local authorities and other partners

9. It should be recalled that, in paragraph 2 of its resolution 16/12, the Governing Council decided to provide, at future sessions, opportunities for partners to engage in a dialogue among

themselves and with Governments. Such dialogues may, as appropriate, serve as an input to the deliberations of the Governing Council.

10. In line with the relevant paragraphs of resolution 20/21, the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, advised the Bureau of the Governing Council that the theme for the twenty-sixth session should be chosen after the closure of Habitat III.

11. In pursuance of the above-mentioned resolutions, and with a view to increasing the participation in and contribution of local authorities and other partners to the work of the Governing Council and towards the attainment of common goals to achieve the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, the relevant Millennium Development Goals and the aims outlined in the 2005 World Summit Outcome, arrangements have been made for a dialogue with local authorities and other partners to be held during the plenary meeting on the third day (see annex IV). That dialogue will be based on the format followed by Committee II at the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held in Istanbul from 3 to 14 June 1996, whereby representatives of partner groups will be given an opportunity to make a substantive presentation, followed by a dialogue or discussion between Governments and partners on those presentations.

12. To that end, local authorities and other partners are encouraged to submit, in advance, a written summary of their presentation to the secretariat for distribution to all participants ahead of the meeting.

13. It is expected that the presentations to be made by representatives of local authorities and other partners will be the outcome of consultations by those groups with non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians, the private sector, professionals, researchers and labour unions. Arrangements will be made for local authorities and each group of partners, should they so wish, to hold consultations in Nairobi immediately prior to the session, or at a time and venue of their choice.

14. Detailed information on the organization of the dialogue will be provided at a later date.

#### **E. Summary by the president**

15. At the end of the high-level segment and the dialogue, the president, drawing on the deliberations of those two plenary meetings, will prepare a summary of the main issues raised in the high-level segment and the conclusions reached or recommendations made during the dialogue. That summary will reflect the main thrust of the discussions and key positions set out during the two segments and will be submitted for endorsement in plenary meeting. Any draft resolution that may emerge out of the discussions at those plenary meetings will be referred to the drafting committee for action.

16. Once endorsed by the Governing Council as an accurate reflection of discussions during the high-level segment and the dialogue, and subsequent to the required legislative process, the conclusions and recommendations of the president will serve as guidelines for follow-up action by Governments, local authorities, other partners and the secretariat, specifically in support of the current focus areas of the UN-Habitat work programme.

#### **F. Sessional committee of the whole**

17. Bearing in mind the organization of work for previous sessions of the Governing Council and the above recommendations on the work in plenary meetings, the Governing Council may wish to establish a sessional committee of the whole that would be accorded responsibility for the detailed consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 8.

#### **G. Drafting committee**

18. At its nineteenth session, on an informal basis, the Governing Council established an ad hoc open-ended drafting committee, chaired by one of the vice-presidents, to pre-screen draft resolutions submitted by delegations with a view to merging, reconciling or clarifying them, as necessary, prior to their consideration by the Governing Council in a plenary meeting. The Governing Council may wish to continue this practice, which was widely considered to have enhanced the efficiency of its work, with the report of the drafting committee first passing through the committee of the whole for endorsement prior to final adoption by the Governing Council.

#### **H. Proposed timetable and agenda items**

19. A proposed organization of work and timetable for the session is provided in annex IV, and a list of the documents for the session and corresponding agenda items is provided in annex VI.

## Annex IV

**Proposed organization of work and timetable for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat, Nairobi, 8–12 May 2017**

<i>Day/date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the whole</i>	<i>Drafting committee</i>
Monday, 8 May	a.m.	<i>Opening of the session</i> Organizational matters: high-level segment	-	-
	p.m.	Agenda items 1, 2, 3 and 4 <i>High-level segment</i> Agenda items 5, 6, 7 and 8	Agenda item 5	Consultations on draft resolutions
Tuesday, 9 May	a.m.	<i>High-level segment</i> Agenda items 5, 6, 7 and 8	Agenda item 5 Agenda item 6	Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.	<i>High-level segment</i> Agenda items 5, 6, 7 and 8	Agenda item 8	
Wednesday, 10 May	a.m./p.m.	<i>Dialogue between Governments and other Habitat Agenda partners</i> <i>Special theme, agenda item 7 (full day)</i>	Agenda item 8	Consultations on draft resolutions
Thursday, 11 May	a.m.	Plenary:	Agenda item 8 Agenda item 9	Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.	Approval of draft reports on items 5, 6, 7 and 8 and report on draft decision on item 9	Review of draft resolutions from drafting committee	
Friday, 12 May	a.m.	Plenary:  Chair's summary of high-level segment and dialogue Draft reports of the plenary on items 1, 2, 3 and 4	Review of draft resolutions from drafting committee	
	p.m.	Draft reports of the Committee of the Whole Report on draft resolutions and agenda items 9, 10, 11 and 12		