2020 SECOND MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UN-HABITAT

6 March 2020
PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Briefing by the Executive Director including on the recently concluded tenth session of the World Urban Forum

3. Discussion on the preparations for the first session of the Executive Board for the year 2020 to be held from 31 March to 2 April 2020, including:
   i. Status of documentation
   ii. Briefing by the Chair of the Ad-Hoc working group on working methods on the work of the Ad-Hoc working group and discussion on the potential outcome documents of the first session of the year 2020.
   iii. Update from Bureau members on consultations on the upcoming election of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the term 2020-2021.
   iv. Date of briefing by the Executive Director to Member States on preparations for the up-coming first session of the Executive Board for the year 2020 and consideration for informal consultations by Member States during the up-coming first session of the Executive Board for the year 2020.
   v. Discussion on the alignment of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy review (QCPR) process with UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2020-2023

4. Any Other Matters.
IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE UPCOMING SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Measures put in place by the Secretary General and actions taken by partners in relation to other UN meetings

- 28 February 2020 - Letter from the UN Secretary-General to the Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women scheduled from 9 to 20 March 2020:

  Member States decide to shorten and scale down the 64 session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

  Capital-based representatives refrain from travelling to Headquarters for the session

  It would be prudent for the Secretariat and Member States to cancel all side events.

  Eventually, the sixty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women has been cancelled.
IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE UPCOMING SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday 27 February 2020: UN-Habitat Executive Director to staff:

- Only the most essential travel should be planned and implemented.
- Particularly important are travel plans to parts of the world where the outbreak is most serious.
- Staff encouraged to make travel plans after taking into consideration the risk that flights may be cancelled owing to the outbreak.

Monday 2 March 2020: UNEP Communication

- UNEP put in place measures related to the potential postponement or cancellation of meetings as well as travel to affected areas.

Tuesday, 3 March 2020: UNEP as host, postpones the joint meeting of the secretariats of the Governing Bodies previously scheduled for 25-27 March in Nairobi to October 2020
Monday 2 March 2020 – Department of Peace Operations
- Cancellation of the second High-Level Meeting on Action for Peacekeeping in Berlin, which was scheduled from 9 to 10 March 2020

Wednesday 4 March 2020 - UN Operations and Crisis Centre update
- Gabon: Requested all diplomatic missions and international organizations to postpone the return of diplomats and staff outside the country for the next 72 hours.
- Department of Safety and Security (DSS): Uganda has decided to place all arrivals from affected countries in quarantine for 14 days, with those presenting symptoms to be isolated in hospitals.
- DPO: 189 United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon personnel (mostly uniformed) are in self-quarantine due to travel history and/or illness, although none are reported to have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Department of Operational Support: published administrative guidelines to address potential issues during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Wednesday 4 March 2020 - Secretary General’s Senior Management Group
- SGs letter on CSW to be used as a basis for decision making for each Agency on meetings

Friday 6 March 2020- 39th session of the High Level Committee on Programmes
- Scheduled in Paris, will eventually be held virtually from 6 to 7 April 2020
On Monday, 2 March 2020: Email from Chair guiding the secretariat to have the Bureau discuss the response to the Corona virus, based on any UNON,UN-Habitat response to the Covid -19 during Bureau meeting, including any instructions from New York and what choices there may be.

On Tuesday 3 March 2020, Secretariat sent a proposed draft letter with options for consideration by the chair, which included postponement to April or cancellation for a robust meeting to take place in September.

On 4 March 2020, Chair reverted with an additional option be included in the letter which was to scale down the meeting to one day with Nairobi based missions only.

5 March 2020, Chair sent a final letter signed, which was transmitted to Bureau Members.

The recommendation of the Bureau, will be communication to all Member States following this meeting.
AGENDA ITEM 2: BRIEFING BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INCLUDING ON THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED TENTH SESSION OF THE WORLD URBAN FORUM
KEY EVENTS IN 2020

First meeting of the Executive Board for 2020: 31 March – 2 April 2020

Second meeting of the Executive Board for 2020: 15-17 September 2020

Third meeting of the Executive Board for 2020: 8 - 10 December 2020

Dates for second and third sessions to be confirmed by the Executive Board.
Urban October: UN-Habitat and partners hold a month of activities, events and discussions on urban sustainability.

Starts with World Habitat Day (WHD), first Monday in October & ends on World Cities Day (WCD) on 31 October.

One city hosts the Global Observance - parallel local, regional and national activities.

The WHD Global Observance 2019 was in Mexico City - in 2020 in Surabaya, Indonesia.

The WCD Global Observance 2019 in Ekaterinburg, Russia. 2020 location TBC

UN@75 on 21 September 2020 with high-level meeting of UNGA and worldwide survey

UN-Habitat closely involved in the Dubai Expo (20 Oct – 10 April) with expo, SDG Arena, and story ideas.
## WUF10 Participation

Accumulated attendance over WUF10: 30,070

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WUF10 PARTICIPATION

Total number of participants 13,333
WUF10 PARTICIPATION

Top countries in participation (organizations)

- Asia: 9359, 70.19%
- Africa: 1782, 13.44%
- Europe: 1408, 10.56%
- North America: 423, 3.17%
- Latin America / Caribbean: 274, 2.06%
- Oceania: 77, 0.58%

Total: 13333
WUF10 PARTICIPATION

Participants by Gender

- Male: 8654, 64.91%
- Female: 4679, 35.09%

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Participants by age

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DELEGATIONS

- 2 Heads of State and Government: Afghanistan and Fiji
- 74 Ministers and Deputy Ministers
- Over 70 Mayors and Governors
- 169 Countries represented
- 47 LDC countries represented with a total of 1,657 participants
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

540 events

• Assemblies: 5
• Assembly Breakout Sessions: 13
• Dialogues: 6
• Roundtables: 16
• Special sessions: 16
• Urban Talks: 3

• Networking events: 160
• Side events: 80
• Training events: 33
• Award sessions: 3
• Urban Cinema: 19
• Urban Library: 36
• One UN: 18
• SDGs in Action: 29
• Voices from Cities: 58
• Flagship programme launch: 5
• WUF Alumni: 1
• Cities Investment Platform: 3
• Caucus Meetings: 13
• Press conferences: 5
• Press room events: 21

Urban Expo features 130 exhibitors
Total speakers 513 - 51% for women; 49% for men

**Regions**

• 17% from Africa
• 13% from Arab States
• 16% from Asia-Pacific
• 25% from Europe (3% from CIS)
• 8% from Latin America and the Caribbean
• 11% from North America
• 10% from Global
• 11% LDC Countries
UN SYSTEM PARTICIPATION

- Closer integration within the UN family in support of the implementation of the NUA and SDG #11 with attendance of 4 USDGs, 5 ASGs, 10 regional representatives and specialised UN agencies particularly UNESCO, UNDP and UNEP that have direct relation with the theme: “Cities of Opportunity: Connecting Culture & Innovation”

WUF10 was the first UN conference in 2020 to commemorate UN 75th Anniversary

Fabrizio Hochschild Drummond, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on the UN’s 75th Anniversary, underlined the importance of the WUF10 theme, noting that unmanaged urbanization exacerbates violence, climate change, and polarization.
WUF10 COMMUNICATIONS

- A total media reached at 1.9 billion

- Cumulative coverage (20 January – 20 February 2020) brought online editorial reach to 8.8 billion - global brand recognition

- 72% of UN-Habitat coverage featured on online news. The highest mileage was a story on UN.org. with a reach 616.5 thousand

- #WUF10 was a trending hashtag from 8 to 10 February 2020 registering 5,309 tweets on the first day followed by 3,741 tweets carrying the hashtag #SDGs

- Reached over 100,000 followers on twitter with total tweet impressions at almost 1 million for the month

- Post reach on UN-Habitat Facebook account was 350,000 for the month. Total page followers is 93,142
WUF10 LEGACY

New Urban Agenda Online Platform
Launch of the WUF Exhibition and WUF Alumni
Cities Investment Platform
Public Art for Abu Dhabi
Living Legacy-TREE Planting
Given the Voluntary Local Review Declaration, in total **17 cities** committed and signed the Voluntary Local Reviews to be presented at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum.

- Barcelona
- Rostov-on-Don
- Betio Town
- Kuala Lumpur
- San Justo
- Tandil
- Buang
- Sipalay City
- Brussels Capital Region
- Tawau
- Esplugues de Llobregat
- Turkestan City
- Acapulco de Juarez
- Dhankuta
- Moscow
- Seberang Perai
- Asker Kommune
WUF10 DECLARED ACTIONS

- WUF10 began with a call to action and carried this call through to the Forum’s concluding the Abu Dhabi Declared Actions.

- The Abu Dhabi Declared Actions bring together voluntary actions and diverse commitments made at WUF10 by different partners and stakeholder groups in support of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- Voluntary declared actions can be registered at https://wuf.unhabitat.org/page/wuf10-declared-actions-voluntary-contributions
WUF10 DECLARED ACTIONS

Examples

International Organizations

▪ European Union & its Member states
▪ United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
▪ Resident Coordinators System
▪ UN-Habitat
▪ International Committee of the Red Cross
▪ Association of Commonwealth Universities, Commonwealth Association of Architects, Commonwealth Associations of Planners and Commonwealth Local Government Forum

Area of Commitments

▪ Implementation of Urban Agenda for the EU
▪ Global city-to-city cooperation
▪ Risk reduction in urban areas / resilient cities
▪ Pursuing the development of NUA monitoring platform
▪ Incorporating the Sustainable Urban Development into Common Country Analysis; UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
▪ Promoting the implementation of the United Nations Systemwide Strategy for Sustainable Urban Development among Resident Coordinators
▪ Disability inclusion/universal design and accessibility
▪ International humanitarian law for urban warfare
▪ Development of an inter-disciplinary, cross-sectoral collaboration, working to advance sustainable urbanisation in the Commonwealth
WUF10 DECLARED ACTIONS

Examples

National Governments

▪ Government of Fiji
▪ Government of Senegal
▪ Special Olympic Saudi Arabia

Local and Regional Governments

▪ Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments
▪ Global Compact on Inclusive and Accessible Cities
▪ Voluntary Local Reviews with 17 Cities

Area of commitments

▪ Net zero carbon emissions by 2020 (Fiji)
▪ Efforts to use Islamic Finance in the application of land-value capture (Senegal)
▪ Inclusive sports across major cities through partnerships between a minimum of one major university in each of the big cities and all facilities by 2021 (Saudi Arabia)
▪ Developing a sustainable development model anchored in culture and human rights with upholding public service provision to ensure adequate living standards for all
▪ Understanding innovation beyond technology, placing communities at the centre of the agenda, and securing a technological revolution that services the communities
▪ Submit a Voluntary Local Review to the United Nations during the United Nations High-Level Political Forum
WUF10 DECLARED ACTIONS

Private Sector
- Standard Chartered Bank
- Mastercard
- Rendeavor
- Webank
- World Enabled

Civil Society Organizations & academia
- Users and Survivors of Psychiatry
- Joint Association of Persons with Disabilities Nigeria
- OHANA Indonesia
- Grassroots communities
- Youth Associations

Area of commitments
- Financing mechanisms to achieve SDGs & increase opportunities and sustainability
- Exploring different types of financing (Islamic finance, land-based finance, land-value capture)
- Ensuring that SDG investment plans are financially sustainable
- Technology is accessible to all
- Promoting of a culture of evidence-based policies
- Community engagement and inclusion
- Training, information and awareness
- Sensitizing grassroots communities and youth groups through continuous education to partner with local government, academia, civil societies
BEIJING +25

Given that 2020 marks 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995), WUF10 contributed to bringing a wide range of diverse of and more women’s speakers.

For the first time, the Forum achieved gender parity within speakers
AGENDA ITEM 3: DISCUSSION ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2020 TO BE HELD FROM 31 MARCH TO 2 APRIL 2020

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v. Discussion on the alignment of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy review (QCPR) process with UN-Habitat strategic plan 2020-2023
1. Opening of the session.

2. Organizational matters: (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the first session of 2020; (b) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its resumed first session; (c) Reports of the ad hoc working groups of the Executive Board.

3. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters.


5. Reports on the implementation of UN-Habitat strategic plans:
   (a) Receipt of the 2019 annual report on the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019;
   (b) Update on the final report on the strategic plan for the period 2014–2019 and on the inception report on the evaluation of the strategic plan;
   (c) Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023: (i) Accountability framework; (ii) Financial plan; (iii) Results-based management policy; (iv) Results framework; (v) Partnership strategy, including UN-Habitat engagement with the private sector and with non-governmental partners; (vi) Impact communication strategy; (vii) Resource mobilization strategy and review of the investment funds.

6. Status of implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session.

7. Normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat.

8. Action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and workplace sexual harassment.

9. Action by UN-Habitat to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff.

10. Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations.

11. Election of officers of the Bureau of the Executive Board.

12. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Executive Board in 2020.

13. Other matters.

14. Closure of the session.
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AGENDA ITEM 3I: STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE 2020 FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. Provisional list of pre-session documents is available with the Bureau.

2. Documents to be availed to Member States four weeks prior to the Executive Board meeting, by 4 March 2020.

3. 24 documents out of 26 documents required in all languages in six UN Official languages are available.

4. The draft work programme and Budget 2021 is still under preparation and will be available for the meeting as a draft for further input. The English advance of this document is however available. It is to be considered by the ACABQ and ready for approval in the September regular meeting of the Executive Board.

5. Documents available in all languages and in English only are already posted online on the meeting website at: https://unhabitat.org/2020-first-session-of-the-Executive-Board-meeting
AGENDA ITEM 3:

ii. Briefing by the Chair of the Ad-Hoc working group on working methods on the work of the Ad-Hoc working group and discussion on the potential outcome documents of the first session of the year 2020.
Draft decisions may be considered prior to commencement of the 2020 first regular meeting of the Executive Board through the Ad-hoc working groups or by a parallel drafting committee during the meeting or a combination of both.

**Possible draft outcomes of the Executive Board at its 2020 first regular meeting**

2. Possible action on Working Methods of the Executive Board.
3. Possible recommendation on Finance and administrative matters including geographical and Gender balance on staffing, financial plan.
4. Possible recommendations on i. resource mobilization strategy, ii. partnership strategy, iii. capacity building strategy, iii. impact communication strategy, iv. accountability framework and vi. implementation of the UN systemwide strategy on safer cities.
5. Possible approval of the Results Framework for the Strategic Plan 2020-2023.
6. Possible recommendation on the draft work programme and budget 2021.
AGENDA ITEM 3:

iii. Update from Bureau members on consultations on the upcoming election of the bureau of the executive board for the term 2020-2021.
## ELECTIONS OF THE NEW BUREAU 2020/2021

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iv. Date of **briefing by the Executive Director** to Member States on preparations for the up-coming first session of the Executive Board for the year 2020

Set date: 16 March 2020

consideration for **informal consultations** by member states during the up-coming first session of the Executive Board for the year 2020.

AGENDA ITEM 3:

v. Discussion on the alignment of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy review (QCPR) process with UN-Habitat strategic plan 2020-2023
# CURRENT STATUS OF QCPR, STRATEGIC PLANS OF OTHER UN ENTITIES, AND UN-HABITAT STRATEGIC PLANS

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### Scenarios for the alignment of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) process with UN-Habitat strategic plan 2020-2023

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### Implications of each Scenario for alignment of the QCPR process with UN-Habitat strategic plan 2020-2023

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Briefing by the Executive Director on the informal gathering on the margins of WUF 10

Briefing by the President of the Assembly, Chair of the CPR and Vice Chair of the Executive Board and Executive Director of UN-Habitat

Key issues discussed:
1. Strengthening of UN-Habitat
2. Restructuring of UN-Habitat
3. Joint Bureaux Meeting of the Governing Bodies
4. Aligning the strategic planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR)
The Joint Inspection Unit (JIU), an independent external oversight body of the United Nations system, is scheduled to conduct an independent review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat in 2020.

The review will run from March to October 2020 and will culminate with a presentation of the final report to the Executive Board during its December 2020 meeting and to the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (fifth committee) of the General Assembly.

The scope of the review covers governance, organizational structure, the financial framework, executive management functioning, human resources management, and accountability and oversight.

The inspectors will be interviewing both internal and external stakeholders, and most importantly those involved in the oversight of UN-Habitat, including members of UN-Habitat executive.

More information on Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) can be found on its website: www.Unjiu.Org