



**Committee of Permanent Representatives to the
United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

**First open-ended meeting/
High-level midterm review**

Nairobi, 29 June–1 July 2021

Item 1 (b) of the provisional agenda*

**Opening of the meeting: adoption of the agenda and the
workplan for the first open-ended meeting of the
Committee of Permanent Representatives for a high-level
midterm review**

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. In its resolution 73/239, the General Assembly of the United Nations decided to dissolve the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) as a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and replace it with the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat Assembly). It also decided that the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly would be held in May 2019.
2. In the same resolution, the General Assembly welcomed the report of the Open-ended Working Group established by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/226, and endorsed its findings and recommendations on changing the governance structure of UN-Habitat. Those findings and recommendations, transmitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General in document A/73/726, call for the governing body of UN-Habitat to have a universal intergovernmental membership and to convene in Nairobi, for a five-day period, every four years.
3. Accordingly, the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly was held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi from 27 to 31 May 2019.
4. At that session, the UN-Habitat Assembly, in its decision 1/1, adopted its rules of procedure (HSP/HA.1/HLS.2). In line with rule 23 of the rules of procedure, the Committee of Permanent Representatives is required to convene, in an open-ended manner, twice every four years: once prior to the UN-Habitat Assembly session, in preparation for that session, and once for a high-level midterm review.
5. Pursuant to rule 18 of the rules of procedure, the five members of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives are to jointly serve as additional Vice-Presidents of the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly. Reflecting the need to make the transition to the new governance structure of UN-Habitat, the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives was elected, on an exceptional basis, to serve until the end of the high-level midterm review meeting of the Committee in 2021.

* HSP/OECPR.2021/1.

6. Noting that, pursuant to rule 29 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly are to apply, mutatis mutandis, to all intersessional organs that do not have their own rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, guided by rule 23 of the rules of procedure, recommended at its first meeting, held on 1 October 2019, that the high-level midterm review meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives should be held in June 2021.

7. Subsequently, the Bureau met on 8 December 2020 and 24 February 2021 to prepare for the high-level midterm review meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and recommended that the meeting be held from Tuesday, 29 June to Thursday, 1 July 2021, which would be approximately two years after the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, and also owing to the availability of those dates in the meetings calendar for 2021 of the Division of Conference Services of the United Nations Office at Nairobi.

8. The provisional agenda, as recommended by the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its meeting on 24 February 2021, is set out in document HSP/OECPR.2021/1.

9. Under this item, the Chair will declare the first high-level midterm review of the Committee of Permanent Representatives open and outline the protocols for the session.

10. Pursuant to rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Committee of Permanent Representatives is composed of all the permanent representatives of States Members of the United Nations and members of the United Nations specialized agencies that are accredited to UN-Habitat. The geographical distribution of officers elected to the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session can be found [here](#).

Action: Opening of the session by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

(a) Organizational matters

11. Under this sub-item, the Chair will suggest that the Committee work for approximately six hours per day from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 5 p.m. (Nairobi time (UTC + 3)), with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

Action: Briefing on organizational matters, including those related to interpretation services.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (HSP/OECPR.2021/1/Add.1)

(b) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the first open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for a high-level midterm review

12. Under this sub-item, the Committee will consider and adopt its agenda for the meeting, which is set out in document HSP/OECPR.2021/1. The Committee will also decide on the organization of its work for the meeting. The proposed organization of work and timetable are set out in the annex to the present document.

13. In addition, under this sub-item and pursuant to rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Committee may wish to consider, on the basis of consensus, the establishment of a subcommittee to implement its mandate to prepare for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, noting that such a subcommittee may be instrumental in considering the draft outcomes submitted by delegations, with a view to clarifying, reconciling or merging them prior to their consideration by the Committee before the closing plenary of the meeting.

Action: Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the first high-level midterm review of the Committee.

Action: Possible establishment of a subcommittee for efficient implementation of the mandate of the Committee.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (HSP/OECPR.2021/1)

Annotated provisional agenda (HSP/OECPR.2021/1/Add.1)

List of documents for the first open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives: high-level midterm review meeting (HSP/OECPR.2021/INF/1)

Item 2

Midterm review of the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023

14. In accordance with rule 2 (f) of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Assembly, at its first session, adopted resolution 1/1 on the UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, approving the strategic plan and aligning its cycle with the four-year cycle of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

15. Accordingly, the Committee will be briefed on the progress made in the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023 and on the documents that are of relevance to that progress. Those documents, requested by the UN-Habitat Assembly in its resolution 1/1 and approved by the Executive Board at its second session for the year 2020, held from 27 to 29 October 2020, comprise the results framework; the impact communication strategy; the partnerships strategy; the typology of human settlement demands; the accountability framework; and the resource mobilization strategy.

16. The secretariat will present to the Committee a report on the midterm review of the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 that will focus on the approach for integrated delivery of the four domains of change and on the lessons learned and knowledge gained from implementation to date. The Executive Director will also brief the Committee on the preparations planned for 2022 for the midterm evaluation report on the implementation of the strategic plan.

17. The first year of implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 ended on 31 December 2020. Accordingly, under this item the Committee will be invited to consider the annual report for the year 2020 on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 as part of its midterm review.

18. The Executive Director will also brief the Committee on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 75/233, and on the opportunities for UN-Habitat in ensuring effective implementation thereof within the current strategic plan.

Action: Update by the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, followed by discussion. The Committee may wish to take note of the update by the Executive Director, including lessons learned and knowledge gained, and of the relevant documentation, and formulate further recommendations for follow-up action for the remainder of the strategic plan period.

Action: The Committee may also wish to take note of the annual report for the year 2020 on the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023.

Documentation

Resolution 1/1 on the United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/HA.1/Res.1)

Report on the midterm review of the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/OECPR.2021/2)

Annual progress report for the year 2020 on the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023 (Summary) (HSP/OECPR.2021/INF/2)

Item 3

Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

(a) Preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

19. Under this item and pursuant to rule 2 (g) of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Executive Director will present to the Committee an interim review on the work that is under way in preparation for the second edition of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, which is to be submitted to the General Assembly in 2022. The work is being undertaken in accordance with the role of UN-Habitat as a focal

point for sustainable urbanization and human settlements, in collaboration with other entities of the United Nations system, for the implementation and monitoring of the New Urban Agenda, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 71/256.

Action: Update by the Executive Director on progress in the preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, followed by discussion. The Committee may wish to take note of the update by the Executive Director and formulate further recommendations for follow-up action.

Documentation

Report on the update on the preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (HSP/OECPR.2021/3)

(b) Implementation of the ministerial declaration adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its first session

20. Under this sub-item, following the recommendation made by the Bureau at its first meeting, held on 1 October 2019, the Executive Director will brief the Committee on the progress made by UN-Habitat and Member States on the implementation of the ministerial declaration “Innovation for better quality of life in cities and communities: accelerated implementation of the New Urban Agenda towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals”, adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session.

21. The Committee will have before it for its consideration a report by the Executive Director on the implementation of the ministerial declaration.

22. Under this sub-item, there will also be a dialogue between national Governments, subnational governments and other Habitat Agenda partners on the implementation of the ministerial declaration.

Action: Update by the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of the ministerial declaration, followed by discussion and dialogue. The Committee may wish to take note of the update by the Executive Director and from national Governments, subnational governments and other Habitat Agenda partners and formulate further recommendations for follow-up action.

Documentation

Ministerial declaration adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session (HSP/HA.1/HLS.1)

Report on the implementation of the ministerial declaration adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session (HSP/OECPR.2021/INF/3)

(c) High-level meeting to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

23. Under this sub-item, the Executive Director will brief the Committee on the status of preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, to be held during the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly in 2022. The briefing will take into account the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, to be presented to the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph 17 of General Assembly resolution 75/224 on implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations conferences on human settlements and on housing and sustainable urban development and strengthening of UN-Habitat.

Action: Update by the Executive Director on the steps taken by UN-Habitat to engage member States, the United Nations system and other stakeholders’ constituencies of the New Urban Agenda towards preparation for the high-level meeting to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

Documentation

General Assembly resolution 75/224 on implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and Strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Item 4**Progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its first session**

24. Under this item, the Executive Director will provide a briefing on the status of implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session, namely resolution 1/2 on the United Nations system-wide guidelines on safer cities and human settlements; resolution 1/3 on enhancing capacity-building for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; resolution 1/4 on achieving gender equality through the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to support inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements; resolution 1/5 on enhancing urban-rural linkages for sustainable urbanization and human settlements; and decision 1/3 on arrangements for the transition towards the new governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

Action: Briefing by the Executive Director and discussion. The Committee may wish to take note of the briefing by the Executive Director and of the relevant documentation and provide further recommendations for follow-up action.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the status of implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme at its first session (HSP/OECPR.2021/4)

Item 5**Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme coronavirus disease (COVID-19) response plan**

25. Under this item, the Executive Director will provide a briefing to the Committee on the response by UN-Habitat to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Action: Briefing by the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of the UN-Habitat response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee may wish to take note of the briefing and of the relevant documentation and formulate further recommendations for follow-up action.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme coronavirus disease (COVID-19) response plan (HSP/OECPR.2021/5)

Item 6**Preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum**

26. The Executive Director will brief the Committee on the status of preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum, to be held in Katowice, Poland, in 2022.

Action: Briefing by the Executive Director on preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum. The Committee may wish to take note of the briefing and of the relevant documentation and formulate further recommendations for follow-up action.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum (HSP/OECPR.2021/6)

Item 7**Alignment of the planning cycles of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process**

27. Under this item and in accordance with paragraph 2 of decision 1/3, adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session, the Executive Director will brief the Committee on the various time-based scenarios to achieve the alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the

quadrennial comprehensive policy review process. The Executive Director will note that the Executive Board has also begun discussions on the alignment.

Action: briefing by the Executive Director on the alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process. The Committee may wish to take note of the briefing and of the relevant documentation and formulate further recommendations for follow-up action, including providing further guidance to the UN-Habitat Assembly on the matter.

Documentation

Note by the secretariat on the report on the alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process (HSP/OECPR.2021/INF/4)

Item 8

Review of the provisional agenda for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly

28. Under this item, the Committee will review the provisional agenda for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, scheduled for 2023, as set out in paragraph 7 of decision 1/3 on the arrangements for the transition towards the new governance structure of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session.

Action: Review of the provisional agenda for the UN-Habitat Assembly at its second session.

Documentation

In-session document to be recommended by the Bureau on the basis of UN-Habitat Assembly decision 1/3 and as part of the draft outcomes of the high-level midterm review meeting of the Committee

Item 9

Dates and provisional agenda for the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

29. Under this item, in line with rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Committee will review and adopt a provisional agenda for its open-ended meeting in preparation for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, to be held in June 2023, and will decide on the dates and other arrangements for that preparatory meeting. The provisional agenda may be recommended by the Bureau as an in-session document for consideration by the Committee.

Action: Consideration and possible adoption of the provisional agenda for the open-ended meeting of the Committee in preparation for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

Documentation

In-session document to be recommended by the Bureau on the dates and provisional agenda for the open-ended meeting in preparation for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly

Item 10

Election of officers of the Bureau

30. Under this item, pursuant to rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Committee of Permanent Representatives will elect its Bureau, comprising a chair, three vice-chairs and a rapporteur, taking into consideration the need to ensure equitable geographical representation. The two-year term of office of the new Bureau will start at the end of the meeting.

31. The Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives will lead the process of electing the new Bureau for the period 2021–2023.

32. The expected composition of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for the period 2021–2023 is as follows:

Chair:	Western European and other States
Vice-Chair:	African States
Vice-Chair:	Asia-Pacific States
Vice-Chair:	Latin American and Caribbean States
Rapporteur:	Eastern European States

33. The Committee of Permanent Representatives may also wish to adopt the outcomes of the meeting.

Action: Election of officers of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (procedural action).

Action: Adoption of draft outcomes of the meeting.

Documentation

Notification by the Executive Director of the first open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: high-level midterm review

Rules of procedure of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (HSP/HA.1/HLS.2)

In-session draft recommendations to be made by the Bureau, including on the dates and provisional agenda for the open-ended meeting in preparation for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly

In-session document to be recommended by the Bureau on draft outcomes of the high-level midterm review meeting of the Committee

Item 11

Other matters

34. Under this item, the Committee of Permanent Representatives will consider any matters that, although not falling under any particular agenda item, are thought to warrant its attention.

Item 12

Closure of the meeting

35. It is expected that the Committee of Permanent Representatives will conclude the work of its high-level midterm review meeting by 5 p.m. on Thursday, 1 July 2021.

Annex

**Proposed organization of work and timetable for the high-level
midterm review meeting of the Committee of Permanent
Representatives to UN-Habitat, 29 June–1 July 2021**

<i>Day/date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
Tuesday, 29 June 2021	a.m.	1. Opening of the meeting: (a) Organizational matters (b) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the first open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for a high-level midterm review <i>Regional statements</i>
	p.m.	2. Midterm review of the implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2023 3. Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda: (a) Preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (b) Implementation of the ministerial declaration adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session (c) High-level meeting to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda <i>National statements</i>
Wednesday, 30 June 2021	a.m.	4. Progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session 5. Report of the Executive Director on implementation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme coronavirus disease (COVID-19) response plan
	p.m.	<i>Dialogue on selected topics</i> <i>Consultation on draft outcomes</i>
Thursday, 1 July 2021	a.m.	6. Preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum 7. Alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process <i>Consultation on draft outcomes</i>
	p.m.	8. Review of the provisional agenda for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly 9. Dates and provisional agenda for the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives 10. Election of officers of the Bureau <i>Adoption of outcomes</i> 11. Other matters 12. Closure of the session