Agenda Item 7 - Alignment of Planning Cycles SP and QCPR - Background

General Assembly of the United Nations

Resolution A/RES/75/223 of December 2020 - QCPR for the period 2021-2024

United Nations Habitat Assembly

Paragraph 2 of Decision 1/3 on the arrangements for the transition towards the new governance structure of UN-Habitat adopted in May 2019 (A/74/8) and paragraph 6 of Resolution 1/1 on the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2023, adopted in May 2019 (HSP/HA.1/Res.1)

Executive Board

Paragraph 15 Decision 2019/1 adopted in November 2019 (HSP/EB.1/11) and paragraph 15 of Decision 2020/3 adopted in October 2020 (HSP/EB.2020/29)

Background documents

Report of the Executive Director on the alignment of the QCPR with UN-Habitat planning cycles (HSP/EB.2020/16/Add.1)

Analytical Brief on the Alignment of the QCPR and the UN-Habitat Strategic Planning Processes (HSP/EB.2021/CRP.2)

Alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the QCPR (HSP/OECPR/2021/INF.4)
Option 2
Recommends to the UN-Habitat Assembly to adopt Scenario [2] as reflected in document HSP/EB.2020/16/Add.1 in its consideration for a meaningful and cost effective alignment for the UN-Habitat planning cycles with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review which proposes that the UN-Habitat Assembly approve the alignment of future UN-Habitat strategic plans to the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review, in line with other Funds and Programmes of the United Nations, by adopting a UN-Habitat interim strategic plan for the period 2024-2025 at the Assembly’s second session in 2023, and a UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2026-2029 at the Assembly’s third session in 2025 in alignment with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review process;

Option 3
Recommends to the UN-Habitat Assembly to adopt Scenario [3] as reflected in document HSP/EB.2020/16/Add.1 in its consideration for a meaningful and cost effective alignment for the UN-Habitat planning cycles with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review which proposes that the UN-Habitat Assembly approve the alignment of future UN-Habitat strategic plans to the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review, in line with other Funds and Programmes of the United Nations, by extending the current 2020-2023 Strategic Plan by another two years to cover the period 2020-2025, and subsequently developing the next UN-Habitat Strategic Plan for the period 2026-2029 in alignment with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review process;
2021: Mid-Term Review
(CPR reviews progress on implementation of resolutions of UNHA 2019, including Strategic Plan 2020-2023, considering implications of QCPR 2021-2024 for remaining two years of the strategic plan)

2023: Second Session of United Nations Habitat Assembly
(UNHA adopts extended Strategic Plan 2020-2025 (option 2), or an interim Strategic Plan 2024-2025 (option 3)

2025: Third Session of United Nations Habitat Assembly
(UNHA adopts Strategic Plan 2026-2029, drawing upon QCPR 2025-2028, in line with other UN entities)

2027: Mid-Term Review
(CPR reviews progress on implementation of resolutions of UNHA 2025, including Strategic Plan 2026-2029)

2029: Forth Session of United Nations Habitat Assembly
(UNHA adopts Strategic Plan 2030-2033, drawing upon QCPR 2029-2032, and Post-2030 Agenda planning process)

2031: Mid-Term Review
(CPR reviews progress on implementation of resolutions of UNHA 2029, including Strategic plan)
Modifications to Third Session of Habitat Assembly 2025
--Scale-backed, in-person/virtual
--Habitat Assembly delegates Strategic Planning to Executive Board on one-time basis

Agenda of Scaled-Back Third Session of Habitat Assembly 2025
--Agenda of scaled back session and mandate of Habitat Assembly
--Challenge of six-year gap

Cost Implications of Modified Habitat Assembly
--Virtual meeting will derive savings, shorter meeting will not
--Defrayed long-term costs

Authority of Governing Bodies
--Authority of Habitat Assembly
--Rule 25 of Rules of Procedure
CONCLUDING MESSAGES: EXPECTATIONS AND PROPOSED OUTCOMES

All Member States remain committed to alignment.

Important to Identify Cost-Saving Opportunities.

Ultimate decision rests with Habitat Assembly.
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