

Preparations for the Second Session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly 5 to 9 June 2023

THEMES OF PAST SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSIONS AND THE FIRST SESSION OF THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY

1st session: 3-7 April 1978

No themes

2nd session: 26 March – 6 April 1979

No themes

3rd session: 6-15 May 1980

- Human Settlements Finance and Management;
- Energy requirements and conservation in human settlements;
- Development of rural settlements and growth centres; and
- Upgrading of slum and squatter settlements.

4th session: 27 April – 6 May 1981

- Role and contribution of the construction industry in human settlements programmes and national economic and social developments; and
- Provision of infrastructure in slums and squatter areas and in rural settlements.

5th session: 26 April - 7 May 1982

- Planning for Human Settlements in Disaster prone areas;
- Transportation for Urban and Rural areas with emphasis on groups with limited resources; and
- International Year for the Homeless.

6th session: 25 April – 6 May 1983

- Land for the Human Settlements; and
- International Year for the Homeless.

7th session: 30 April – 11 May 1984

- A systematic and comprehensive approach to training for human settlements;

- A systematic and comprehensive approach to information for human settlements; and
- International Year for the Homeless.

8th session: 29 April – 10 May 1985

- Planning and management of human settlements, with emphasis on small and intermediate towns and local growth points; and
- International year of Shelter for the Homeless

9th session: 5 – 16 May 1986

- The role of community participation in human settlements work;
- The small-scale production of building materials; and
- International year of Shelter for the Homeless

10th session: 6 – 16 April 1987

- A new agenda for human settlements; and
- International year of Shelter for the Homeless.

11th session: 6 – 12 April 1988

- Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000.

12th session: 24 April – 3 May 1989

- The roles, responsibilities and capabilities of different levels and organizations in the government and non-governmental sectors, and opportunities for co-operation and partnership among them at both the national and international levels in the field of human settlements; and
- Maintenance of buildings and infrastructure and its financing and cost-recovery.

13th session of the Commission for Human Settlements: 29 April – 8 May 1991

- Use of energy by households and in construction and in production of building materials, with emphasis on the use of energy sources which are new and renewable and which minimize pollution problems.

14th session: 26 April – 5 May 1993

- Improvement of municipal management; and
- Appropriate, intermediate, cost-effective building material, technologies and transfer mechanisms for housing delivery.

15th session: 25 April – 1 May 1995

- Review of national action to provide housing for all since Habitat I: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, held at Vancouver, Canada, in 1976; and
- Sustainable human settlements in an urbanizing world, including issues related to land policies and mitigation of natural disasters in human settlements

16th session: 28 April – 7 May 1997

- Contribution of the private and non-governmental sectors to shelter delivery to low income groups; and
- Management of natural resources in the context of sustainable human settlements.

17th session: 5 – 14 May 1999

- Local implementation of the Habitat Agenda, with particular attention to local Agenda 21s; and
- International cooperation for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

18th session: 12 – 16 February 2001

- Security of tenure and urban governance.

19th Session: 5 – 9 May 2003

- Urban development strategies and shelter strategies favoring the poor; and
- The rural dimension of sustainable urban development.

20th Session: 4 – 8 April 2005

- Involvement of civil society in improving local governance; and
- Post-conflict, natural and human-made disasters assessment and reconstruction.

21st Session: 16-20 April 2007

- Sustainable urbanization: local action for urban poverty reduction with an emphasis on finance and planning.

22nd Session: 30 March – 3 April 2009

- Promoting affordable housing finance systems in an urbanizing world in the face of the global financial crisis and climate change.

23rd Session: 11 – 15 April 2011

- Sustainable Urban Development through Expanding Equitable Access to Land, Housing, Basic Services and Infrastructure.

24th Session: 14-19 April 2013

- Sustainable Urban Development: the role of cities in creating improved economic opportunities for all, with special reference to youth and gender.

25th Session: 17-23 April 2015

- UN-Habitat's Contribution to the Post-2015 Development Agenda in order to Promote Sustainable Urban Development and Human Settlements

26th Session: 8-12 May 2017

- **'Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda':**
Subthemes: i) Sub-theme 1: 'Towards inclusive, sustainable and adequate housing for a better future'; ii) Sub-theme 2: 'Synergies and financing for sustainable urbanization', iii) Sub-theme 3: 'Integrated human settlements planning for sustainable urbanization'

First session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly: 27-31 May 2019

- **Theme: "Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities".**
Sub-theme: "Accelerated implementation of the New Urban Agenda towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals"