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Human Settlements Programme  
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## **Draft report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its first session of 2022**

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### **I. Introduction**

1. The Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) was established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/239 of 20 December 2018, on the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of UN-Habitat.
2. Owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the second session of 2021 of the Executive Board was held in a hybrid format on 15 and 16 November 2021. At that session, in its decision 2021/8, on the methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2022, the Executive Board agreed that its first session of 2022 would be held for a duration of three days from 29 to 31 March 2022. Given the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the Bureau of the Executive Board decided that the first session of 2022 of the Executive Board would be held in a hybrid format, enabling both online and in-person participation.

### **II. Opening of the session**

3. The first session of 2022 of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat was opened at 9.20 a.m. on Tuesday, 29 March 2022, by the Chair, Mr. Marek Rohr-Garztecki (Poland). The Chair outlined the arrangements for the session on the basis of recommendations made by the Bureau of the Executive Board. He explained that simultaneous interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations would be available for six hours daily during the session. He also summarized the work of the Bureau during its meetings of 9 December 2021, 10 February 2022 and 28 March 2022.
4. Opening statements were delivered by Ms. Zainab Hawa Bangura, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi; Mr. Hugo Isaak Zepeda, General Urban International Coordinator of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico, speaking on behalf of Ms. Martha Delgado Peralta, President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (UN-Habitat Assembly); Mr. Charles Hinga Mwaura, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Housing and Urban Development of Kenya; and Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat. The Executive Director took note of the pledge by Mexico for a non-earmarked contribution of \$3 million.

### **III. Organizational matters**

#### **A. Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the first session of 2022**

5. The Executive Board adopted the agenda for its first session of 2022 on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2022/1) and the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2022/1/Add.1), as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the first session of 2022;
  - (b) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its second session of 2021.
3. Reports by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 and action by UN-Habitat to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff.
5. Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions relevant to the work and activities of UN-Habitat issued since the previous session of the Executive Board.
6. Status of and discussion on the draft annual work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023.
7. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2021 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities.
8. Preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
9. Preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum.
10. 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.
11. Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations.
12. Action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace.
13. Annual report on action by the Executive Director to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat.
14. Progress made in the implementation of the working methods of the Executive Board pursuant to its decision 2020/6 and on the basis of a survey conducted by the secretariat following the request by the Executive Board at its second session of 2021 to evaluate the effectiveness of that session so as to improve the process and outcome of future sessions, including discussions on the schedule of future sessions of the Board.
15. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the second session of 2022.
16. Election of officers of the Bureau.
17. Other matters.
18. Closure of the session.

6. The Executive Board agreed to follow the proposed organization of work and timetable for the first session of 2022 of the Executive Board, as set out in annex I to the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2022/1/Add.1). Draft decisions for consideration by the Executive Board, as forwarded to the Chair of the Board by the chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, which had been tasked by the Bureau with leading the open-ended consultations on the draft decisions for consideration at the present session, were circulated in a conference room paper and presented by the Chair of the Board. The Executive Board agreed that informal consultations on the draft decisions would be held at agreed times in preparation for their possible adoption by the Executive Board during the last plenary meeting of the first session, on 31 March. The Executive Board agreed that the representatives of the Vice-Chairs of the Bureau, Egypt and Pakistan, would chair the informal consultations.

## **B. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its second session of 2021**

7. The Executive Board adopted the report on the work of its second session of 2021, held on 15 and 16 November 2021 (HSP/EB.2021/21).

## **C. Attendance**

8. The session was attended by representatives of the following Member States of the UN-Habitat Executive Board: Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Turkey, United States of America and Uruguay.

9. The session was also attended by the following observers that are States Members of the United Nations: Algeria, Armenia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechia, Djibouti, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Finland, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Iraq, Italy, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libya, Malaysia, Montenegro, Myanmar, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

10. The session was also attended by the following observers that are members of specialized agencies of the United Nations: European Union and State of Palestine.

11. The session was also attended by the following observers: Holy See and League of Arab States.

## **IV. Reports by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board**

12. Introducing the item, the Chair recalled that, during the resumed session of the Executive Board held in November 2019, three ad hoc working groups had been established to assist and advise the Executive Board in the conduct of its work: an ad hoc working group on working methods; an ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters; and an ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy. The mandate of the ad hoc working group on working methods had concluded at the end of the second session of 2020 of the Executive Board.

13. The chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, Ms. Saqlain Syedah (Pakistan), provided a briefing on the work of that group.

14. The chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy, Mr. Patrick Egloff (Switzerland), provided a briefing on the work of that group.

15. Following the presentation by Mr. Egloff, the Chair of the Executive Board reiterated the call made by the Executive Board at its second session of 2021 for nominations for the position of co-chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy.

16. The Executive Board took note of the information provided by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on reports of the Executive Board and its ad hoc working groups, of decision 2022/3, on the methods of work of the Executive Board and workplan of the Executive Board for the year 2022. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.

## **V. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 and action by UN-Habitat to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff**

17. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the reports of the Executive Director on the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 31 December 2021 (HSP/EB.2022/2); on the staffing of UN-Habitat as at 31 December 2021 (HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.1); on the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.2); on recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity (HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.3); and on the ongoing restructuring of UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.4). A report by the Executive Director on the interim financial status of UN-Habitat as at 28 February 2022 was also available in the form of a conference room paper.

18. The Executive Director delivered a statement on financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 and action by UN-Habitat to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff. Representatives of the secretariat gave presentations providing further detail, including on the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 31 December 2021 and as at 28 February 2022; on the staffing status as at 31 December, including the gender and geographical distribution; on the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy; and on the ongoing restructuring of UN-Habitat.

19. Following the statement and presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Angola, Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Germany, Morocco, Russian Federation, Sweden and United States. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Indonesia, Malaysia, South Sudan speaking on behalf of the group of African States, Ukraine and the United Republic of Tanzania. The representative of the European Union, speaking on behalf of the Union and its member States and Switzerland, also made a statement. The representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board aligned themselves with the statement by the European Union: Canada, Chile, Japan, Serbia, Turkey and United States. The representatives of Australia, Colombia, Israel, Montenegro, Norway, Ukraine and the United Kingdom also aligned themselves with the same statement. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

20. The Executive Board took note of the reports of the Executive Director on financial, budgetary and administrative matters and the briefings thereon, including related updates. The Executive Board adopted paragraphs 7 and 8, under part (b), on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy and geographical and gender balance, of decision 2022/1, on the status of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023, and financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The decisions are set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.

## **VI. Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions relevant to the work and activities of UN-Habitat issued since the previous session of the Executive Board**

21. Introducing the item, the Executive Director noted that no reports relevant to the work of UN-Habitat had been issued by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions since the previous session of the Executive Board.

22. The Executive Board took note of the information provided.

## **VII. Status of and discussion on the draft annual work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023**

23. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the draft work programme and budget for 2023 (HSP/EB.2022/4) and a paper on the priorities for the work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for 2023 in line with the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/EB.2022/3).
24. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the status of the draft work programme and the draft budget for 2023. In her statement, the Executive Director recommended that the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked budget for 2023 be set at a baseline of \$3 million as a reflection of liquidity constraints. Representatives of the secretariat made presentations providing further detail.
25. Following the statement and presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Brazil, Egypt, France, Japan, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Serbia, Sweden and United States of America. A statement was also delivered by the representative of Switzerland. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
26. The Executive Board took note of the report of the Executive Director on the draft annual work programme and budget for 2023, the paper on the priorities for the work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for 2023 in line with the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 and the related briefings thereon. Subsequent to the informal consultations on the matter that took place during the session, the Executive Board recommended that the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked budget for 2023 be set at a baseline of \$3 million, which would be scaled up to a level of \$12 million should adequate funds be received. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on the status of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023, of decision 2022/1 on the status of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023 and financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.

## **VIII. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2021 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities**

27. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, focusing on the People's Process in Afghanistan, the global urban monitoring framework and work on climate change (HSP/EB.2022/5).
28. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the report. Representatives of the secretariat gave presentations providing further detail on the three focal areas of the report.
29. Following the statement and presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Brazil, China, Egypt, France, Kenya, Morocco, Poland and United States. A statement was also delivered by the representative of Switzerland. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
30. The Executive Board took note of the report of the Executive Director on the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, focusing on the People's Process in Afghanistan, the global urban monitoring framework and work on climate change, and of the related briefings.
31. The Chair of the Executive Board established a group of friends of the Chair, open to any interested party, to consider the draft decisions related to the present item and to make proposals in that regard for further consideration during the open-ended consultations on the draft decisions for consideration at the present session.

32. Subsequently, the Executive Board adopted the relevant section of paragraph 1 and paragraphs 2–8, under part (a), on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, of decision 2022/2, on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.

## **IX. Preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda**

33. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to resolution 75/224 on the 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, adopted by the General Assembly on 21 December 2020 at its seventy-fifth session.

34. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the series of preparatory meetings that had taken place. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the matter, including an overview of the high-level meeting process, progress in preparations for the meeting and expected outcomes.

35. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, France, Germany, Kenya, Morocco, Poland and Serbia. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Armenia, Finland, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) as well as the State of Palestine and the League of Arab States. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

36. The Executive Board took note of the update provided by the Executive Director on the preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The Executive Board adopted part (c), on the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, of decision 2022/2, on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.

## **X. Preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum**

37. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report by the Executive Director on preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum, to be held in Katowice, Poland, from 26 to 30 June 2022 (HSP/EB.2022/6).

38. The Executive Director delivered a statement summarizing preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum. A statement was made via video link by Ms. Małgorzata Jarosińska-Jedynak, Secretary of State, Polish Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, and the Government plenipotentiary for the organization of the World Urban Forum in Katowice in 2022. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further information on the matter.

39. Following the statements and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Angola, Cameroon, Egypt, France, Kenya, Morocco, Poland and United States. A statement was also delivered by the representative of Malaysia. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

40. The Executive Board took note of the report on preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum and the briefings thereon, including related updates. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on preparations for and follow-up to the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum, of decision 2022/2, on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.

## **XI. 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**

41. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the 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/EB.2022/8), namely resolution 1/1 on the United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, 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. He also drew attention to the note by the secretariat on highlights of the outcomes of the implementation of the UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 for the year 2021 (HSP/EB.2022/7).

42. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the resolutions and decisions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session that included highlights of the outcomes of the second year of implementation of the current strategic plan in advance of the publication of the full annual report for 2021. Representatives of the secretariat made presentations providing further detail.

43. Following the statement and presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Cameroon, Kenya and Morocco. The Executive Director and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

44. The Executive Board took note of the 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, the note by the secretariat on highlights of the outcomes of the implementation of the UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 for the year 2021 and the related briefings. The Executive Board adopted the relevant section of paragraph 1, under part (a), on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, of decision 2022/2, on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.

## **XII. Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and of the management of the United Nations**

45. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the implementation by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of the reform of the development system and of the management of the United Nations (HSP/EB.2022/9).

46. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and of the management of the United Nations. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further information on the matter.

47. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Poland and United States. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

48. The Executive Board took note of the report by the Executive Director on the implementation by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of the reform of the development system and of the management of the United Nations, and the briefing thereon, including the related update. The Executive Board adopted part (d), on the implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the United Nations development system and of the management of the United Nations, of decision 2022/2, on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.

### **XIII. Action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace**

49. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace (HSP/EB.2022/10).

50. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the report.

51. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail, including on the four areas of the UN-Habitat Action Plan to strengthen protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace and the specific actions of the Executive Director and the management in that regard.

52. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Poland, Sweden and United States. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

53. The Executive Board took note of the report of the Executive Director on action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace and the briefing thereon. The Executive Board adopted paragraphs 10–13, under part (b), on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy and geographical and gender balance, of decision 2022/1, on the status of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023, and financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.

### **XIV. Annual report on action by the Executive Director to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat**

54. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to a report by the secretariat on actions to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (HSP/EB.2022/11).

55. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the matter. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the reforms instituted by the Executive Director in the previous four years to stabilize, reposition and improve the effectiveness of UN-Habitat.

56. Following the statement and presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Angola, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Kenya and United States. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of South Sudan, speaking on behalf of the group of African States, and Yemen. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

57. The Executive Board took note of the report by the secretariat on actions to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the related briefing. The Executive Board adopted paragraph 9, under part (b), on the financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy and geographical and gender balance, of decision 2022/1, on the status of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023 and financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.



## **XV. Progress made in the implementation of the working methods of the Executive Board pursuant to its decision 2020/6 and on the basis of a survey conducted by the secretariat following the request by the Executive Board at its second session of 2021 to evaluate the effectiveness of that session so as to improve the process and outcome of future sessions, including discussions on the schedule of future sessions of the Board**

58. Introducing the item, the Chair recalled that, in paragraph 9 of decision 2021/8, adopted at its second session of 2021, the Executive Board had requested the secretariat to conduct a survey following the second session of 2021 of the Executive Board to evaluate the effectiveness of that session so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions. The Executive Board had further requested that the outcomes of the survey be shared for the consideration by the Executive Board at the present session. The Chair drew attention to a note by the secretariat on the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the second session of 2021 of the Executive Board to evaluate the effectiveness of that session so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions (HSP/EB.2022/INF/2).

59. Representatives of the secretariat gave presentations on the conduct and key findings of the survey. In addition, as recommended by the Bureau at its meeting of 9 December 2021, they gave a briefing on the cycle of preparation of the annual draft programme and budget to guide discussions on the schedule of future sessions of the Executive Board to ensure alignment with the cycle of preparations of the annual draft work programme and the draft budget of UN-Habitat.

60. Following the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Poland and United States. The representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

61. The Executive Board took note of the information provided on the results of the survey conducted following the second session of 2021 of the Executive Board to evaluate the effectiveness of that session and on the cycle of preparation of the annual draft programme and budget. The Executive Board adopted paragraphs 4 and 6 of decision 2022/3 on the methods of work of the Executive Board and workplan of the Executive Board for the year 2022. Specifically, under sub-item 13 of paragraph 6, the Executive Board included an item on the provisional agenda of its second session of 2022 on “Working methods of the Executive Board, including a review of the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the first Executive Board session of 2022”. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.

## **XVI. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the second session of 2022**

### **A. Outcomes of the session**

62. At its first session of 2022, the Executive Board adopted the following decisions, which are set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.

(a) Decision 2022/1: Status of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023 and financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Status of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023;
- (ii) Part (b): Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy and geographical and gender balance;

(b) Decision 2022/2: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including resolutions and

decisions of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

- (ii) Part (b): Preparations for and follow-up to the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum;
  - (iii) Part (c): High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;
  - (iv) Part (d): Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the United Nations development system and of the management of the United Nations;
- (c) Decision 2022/3: Methods of work of the Executive Board and workplan of the Executive Board for the year 2022, comprising:
- (i) Part (a): Reports of the Executive Board and its ad hoc working groups;
  - (ii) Part (b): Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the meetings of the Board;
  - (iii) Part (c): Dates and provisional agenda for the second session of 2022 of the Executive Board;
- (d) Decision 2022/4: Election of officers of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the term 2022–2023.

## **B. Dates and provisional agenda for the next session of the Executive Board**

63. The Executive Board adopted part (c), on the dates and provisional agenda for the second session of 2022 of the Executive Board, of decision 2022/3, on the methods of work of the Executive Board and workplan of the Executive Board for the year 2022. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.

## **XVII. Election of officers**

64. In accordance with rule 9 of its rules of procedure, the Executive Board elected the officers of the Bureau of the Executive Board to serve, as of the closure of the first session of 2022, for the period 2022–2023, as follows:

Chair: Brazil  
Vice-Chairs: Kenya  
Pakistan  
Poland  
Rapporteur: France

65. The Board adopted decision 2022/4, on the election of officers of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the term 2022–2023. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2022/13.

## **XVIII. Other matters**

66. Under the present agenda item, statements were delivered by the representatives of the following Member States of the Executive Board: Angola and Turkey.

67. The following representatives of non-governmental organizations delivered statements: Mr. Mohamed Siraj Sait, Stakeholder Advisory Group Enterprise; Ms. Inés Sánchez de Madariaga, Advisory Group on Gender Issues; Ms. Violet Shivutse, Huairou Commission; and Ms. Mona Rady, Habitat Professional Forum.

## **XIX. Closure of the session**

68. The Executive Director of UN-Habitat delivered a closing statement.

69. Following his closing remarks, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 31 March 2022.

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