



Executive Board of the United Nations
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Draft decisions for consideration by the Executive Board at its second session of 2022

Draft decision 2022/[A] : Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023, financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat and draft work programme and budget for 2023

(a) **Implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023**

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the report of the Executive Director on the *Annual Report 2021* on the implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2023 and the summary thereof; [Ad Ref 21 November 2022 17.20](#)

2. *Requests* the Executive Director to report back to the Executive Board at its first session of 2023 on the mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 to assess progress towards the strategic result of the strategic plan; [Ad Ref 21 November 022 17.22](#)

(b) **Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

3. *Takes note of* the report and update of the Executive Director on:

- The financial status as at 30 June 2022,
- The interim financial status as at 31 October 2022,
- The staffing of UN-Habitat as at 30 June 2022,
- The recruitment, including on equitable geographical distribution and gender parity,
- The implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in line with the strategic plan,
- The ongoing restructuring of UN-Habitat,
- The UN-Habitat financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021,
- The report of the Board of Auditors.
- Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace [Ad Ref Monday 21 November 2022 17.27](#)

4. *Decides* to include an agenda item on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors at the second session of each year; [Ad Ref Monday 21 November 2022 17.28](#)

(c) **Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat, the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the report of the Ethics Office**

5. *Takes note of* the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat¹ and *requests* the Executive Director to report [\[periodically\] {DEU+, BRA+}](#) ~~to~~ the Executive Board [\[at its second session each year\] {MAR+, CMR+, RUS+}](#) on progress in the implementation of those recommendations beginning at its first session of 2023;

6. *Recalling* General Assembly Resolution 73/239 adopted on 20 December 2018, in particular paragraph 2, and Decisions 1/1 and 1/2 of the United Nations Habitat Assembly on 31 May 2019; [Ad Ref Monday 21 November 2022 17.43](#)

7. *Notes* that the current governance structure of UN-Habitat was established only in 2019 and that adequate time is required for the structure to function before any effective assessment could be conducted; [Ad Ref Monday 21 November 2022 21.05](#)

8. *Takes note of* the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, *welcomes* the related update by the Executive Director and *calls upon* the Executive Director to further implement the recommendations contained in the report; [Ad Ref Monday 21 November 2022 17.55](#)

9. *Welcomes* the report of the Ethics Office and *takes note of* the related update by the Executive Director; [Ad Ref Monday 21 November 2022 17.55](#)

(d) **Work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023**

10. *Recalling* its [decision 2022/1, in particular paragraph 4](#), *approves* the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the non-earmarked budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023 of \$3 million, as reflected in the report of the Executive Director on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Foundation for 2023 set out in document HSP/EB.2022/4/Rev.1; [Ad Ref 21 November 2022 17.56](#)

11. *Recalls* Decision 2020/4 on the level of the financial reserve in the non-earmarked Foundation and, *decides* to set the minimum level of the reserve at \$3 million or 20 per cent of the approved budget for the following financial period, whichever is higher ; [Ad Ref 21 November 2022 19.02](#)

12. *Decides* that the Executive Director is authorized to enter into planned commitments from available balance of the financial reserve to compensate for short term requirements and liquidity due to uneven cashflows in accordance with approved work programme and budget and requests that such commitments be reported to the Executive Board [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 21:00](#)

13. Further requests the Executive Director in consultation with Member State to prepare guidelines on the use of the financial reserve for consideration of the Executive Board at the second session of 2023 including, on unforeseen requirements, long term investment and long term liabilities. [Ad Ref 2 November 2022 21:00](#)

14. *Welcomes* the report on the scalability model for the non-earmarked Foundation budget and recalls in that regard, the mandate of the Executive Board specified in Rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the EB adopted in 2019 and pursuant to rules 10.4 (g) , rule 24.3 and rule 25 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, and requests the Executive Director to present an updated model for the non-earmarked Foundation budget, subject to various funding levels up to \$ 12 million; [Ad Ref Monday 21 November 2022 18.49](#)

¹ JIU/REP/2022/1

(e) **Preparation of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024**

15. *Takes note* of the need to align the sessions of the Executive Board in 2023 with the preparatory and approval process for the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024; [Ad Ref Monday 21 November 2022 18.49](#)

16. *Requests* the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters of the Executive Board to discuss a draft work programme and draft budget of UN-Habitat for 2024 in line with the Executive Director's recommended budget for the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation; [Ad Ref Monday 21 November 2022 18.50](#)

17. *Requests* Executive Director to update the Executive Board at its first session of 2023 on the status of the draft work programme and draft budget for 2024, taking into account the recommendations of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters; [Ad Ref Monday 21 November 2022 18.51](#)

18. Welcomes- UN-Habitat's proposed regular budget allocation for 2023, and UN-Habitat's exploration of innovative sources of financing; [Ad Ref Monday 21 November 2022 19:00](#)

[\[18 bis. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation \(SHSF\).](#)

[18 Ter. Notes with concern the possibility of reputational risk resulting from investments by private sector entities such as the SHSF.](#)

[18 Auater Requests the Executive Director to obtain an analysis by the United Nations of the reputational risk associated with potential investments of SHSF and to present a report detailing the findings of the analysis of the risk to the Executive Board at its first session in 2023.](#)

[18 Quinquies. and further requests the Executive Director to obtain the prior consent of the Executive Board before entering into private sector agreements, including the SHSF, on behalf of UN-Habitat\] {USA+, PRT+, RUS-}](#)

Draft decision 2022/[B]: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2022, implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities

(a) **Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the update and report by the Executive Director on the contribution, experiences and added value of UN-Habitat in urban crisis situations; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 18.00](#)

2. *Encourages* the Executive Director, recalling its Decision 2022/2 paragraph 9, within the limits of available resources, to continue the analysis of its operational and normative work in support of urban crisis prevention and response, to identify regional trends and solutions, and address possible gaps in tools and services provided by UN-Habitat globally; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 18.01](#)

3. *Requests* the Executive Director to help ensure that the science and the data on the wide range of crises occurring in urban areas is made accessible to local governments and local actors; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 18.01](#)

4. *Encourages* the Executive Director to further explore the contribution of urban crisis prevention and response, to climate action, durable solutions for the displaced, sustaining peace and acceleration of the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and to continue the extraordinary dialogue that was held on the matter at the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum and to consider a follow-up dialogue at the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly in 2023; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 18.02](#)

5. *Encourages* the Executive Director to mobilize further extra-budgetary resources or voluntary contributions for UN-Habitat to take up its role of supporting United Nations country teams in managing acute urban displacement and finding durable solutions, in response to the Secretary-General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 18.03](#)

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to intensify programme development related to urban crisis prevention and response in close consultation with strategic partners inter-alia the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme and the International Organization for Migration; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 18.03](#)

7. *Also takes note of* the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of flagship programmes; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 18.04](#)

8. *Requests* the Executive Director to mobilize additional capacities and expertise as well as joint secretariat support for the flagship programmes as key instruments for the integration of the normative and operational work of UN-Habitat towards enhancing strategic partnerships across the flagship programmes and integrated work in priority locations, including at the subregional level; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 18.04](#)

9. *Encourages* the Executive Director to seek further convergence between UN-Habitat global programmes and flagship programmes to deliver more integrated and tailored solutions related to climate change, migration, smart cities, and urban regeneration and resilience; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 18.05](#)

10. *Encourages* the Executive Director to further highlight the importance of urban regeneration for the localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals, showcasing the linkages between the housing, climate change and the priorities of the Sustainable Development Goals; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 18.06](#)

11. *Requests* the Executive Director to explore in a consultative manner the development of international guidelines on people-centred smart cities to scale up good practice; [Ad Ref 11 November 2022 18.09](#)

12. Further requests the Executive Director to develop strategic partnerships for resilient settlements for the urban poor by analysing existing expertise, experience, best practices and lessons learned, and to expand resource mobilization, including by disseminating success stories to relevant stakeholders; [Ad Ref 11 November 2022 18.13](#)

13. *Encourages* the Executive Director to identify geographical areas where there is the greatest need and opportunity for UN-Habitat to add value to wider United Nations efforts in addressing urban migration and displacement challenges across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 18.13](#)

14. Requests the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board on the need and the possible benefits of the development of the model of SDGs cities certification at the next session of the Executive Board; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 18.46](#)

14 bis. [*Welcomes* the [\[continued\]](#) {USA+} support provided by UN-Habitat to the reconstruction of the human settlements in [\[Ukraine, as well as in other\]](#) {RUS+, CMR+ UKR-, USA-, FIN-, } countries, territories and areas affected by conflicts and disasters and *requests* the Executive Director, in line with the mandate of the Programme, paragraph 98 of Decision 2022/2 of the outcomes adopted by the Executive Board at its first session of 2022 and subject to the availability of funding [\[provided that the voluntary contributions for the relevant activities of UN-Habitat are not earmarked for concrete countries, territories or areas affected by conflict or disaster\]](#) {RUS+, COD+, UKR-, USA-, FRA-, EUN-FIN-, CMR-} [*to continue to provide support to Ukraine as well as countries, territories and areas affected by conflicts and disasters, in particular in urban profiling to assess the needs, vulnerabilities and capacities of urban areas and establishment of urban recovery frameworks when relevant.*] {RUS+, UKR-} {CHN-, RUS-}

(b) High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

15. *Welcomes* the update by the Executive Director on the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, held on 28 April 2022, and *takes note of* the Summary by the President of the General Assembly of the high-level meeting on the review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including the annex of actions on housing, climate action, localization, and urban crisis recovery to accelerate the implementation of the New Urban Agenda; Ad Ref 22 November 2022 18.51

16. Requests the Executive Director to provide an update on programmes and initiatives on the implementation of the NUA including updates on submission of national reports at each session of the Executive Board; [Ad Ref 21 November 2022 19.01](#)

(c) Eleventh session of the World Urban Forum

17. *Takes note of* the update and the report by the Executive Director on the summary of the outcomes of the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum and *encourages* Member States to organize regular national urban forums to monitor the implementation of the New Urban Agenda at the national and local levels; *urges* the Executive Director to incorporate discussions at sessions of the World Urban Forum as input to the themes of the sessions of the United Nations Habitat Assembly; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 19.03](#)

(d) Preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly

18. *Welcomes* the update by the Executive Director on the preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly scheduled to be held from 5 to 9 June 2023 and *recommends* that Member States prioritise adequate housing, cities and climate change, localization of the Sustainable Development Goals and response to urban crises when formulating resolutions; and recommends Member States to provide adequate voluntary-funding, according to their respective capabilities, to implement all resolutions and further recommends that Member States with the support of the secretariat collectively lead orderly, transparent processes for adopting resolutions that avoid the likelihood of parallel negotiations and promote adequate resources to implement all resolutions; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 19.18](#)

19. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of decision 2021/6, in which it is recommended that the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its second session, in 2023, consider approving the extension of the current strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 until 2025 to cover the period 2020–2025; [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 19.19](#)

Draft decision 2022/[C] : Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2022

The Executive Board

(a) Reports of the Executive Board and its working groups

1. *Adopts* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its first session of 2022; [Ad Ref 21 November 2022 20.09](#)

2. *Takes note of* the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters on the group's work; [Ad Ref 21 November 2022 20.09](#)

3. *Also takes note of* the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy on the group's work; [Ad Ref 21 November 2022 20.09](#)

(b) Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings of the Board

4. *Takes note of the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the first session of the Executive Board of 2022 to evaluate the effectiveness of that session so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions;* [Ad Ref 22 November 2022 20.10](#)

(c) Date and agenda for the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2023

[5. Decides that the 2023 sessions of the Executive Board will be held as follows: the first session of 2023 will be held from [\[22 to 24 February 2023\]](#) [\[USA+, CHN-\]](#) [\[\]](#) to [\[\]](#) 2023 ~~and the second session will be held from [\[\]](#) to [\[\]](#) 2023~~ [\[RUS+, USA-, UKR-, PRT-, CHN-\]](#); ~~and the second session will be held from 6 to 8 December 2023~~ [\[USA+\]](#)]

[6. Also decides that the provisional agenda for the first session of 2023 shall be as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2022;
 - (b) Adoption of the report on the second session of 2022.
3. Reports 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 and UN-Habitat actions to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff.
5. Mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023.
6. Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions relevant to the work and activities of UN-Habitat.
7. Annual work programme of UN-Habitat and budget of the Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024.
8. Briefing by the Executive Director on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2022 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities.
9. Preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
10. Implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
11. Briefing by the Executive Director on progress made in the implementation of the reform of the United Nations development system.
12. Annual report on action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment and any other type of exploitation or abuse 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. Election of officers of the Bureau.
15. Other matters.
16. Closure of the meeting.]