



UN-HABITAT

BRIEFING ON THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT ASSEMBLY

agenda item 5:

first session of the executive board for the year 2023,

Date: 28 March 2023

IMPORTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT ASSEMBLY AND HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPATION

- **The United Nations Habitat Assembly is the prime legislative platform for global urban policy making**
- **The Assembly takes place once every four years**
- **Expected high-level representation at the Ministerial level for the 193 State Members of the United Nations, and for substantive representation at the session.**
- UN-Habitat also expects **participation at highest level of Government** as has been in the past.
- **Letters inviting Ministers of Foreign Affairs have been transmitted.**
- **Letters inviting line Ministries have been transmitted.**

NOTIFICATION FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY.

- **Notification for the second session of the Assembly** was shared on 31 December 2022 in all UN official languages
- The Notification contained the **dates which are 5 to 9 June 2023** and the **provisional Agenda** for the session. It also contained the **special theme** of the session and other **preliminary information.**

THEME OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY.

The theme of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly is

“A sustainable urban future through inclusive and effective multilateralism: Achieving the SDGs in times of global crises”

The report of the Executive Director on the special theme will help to structure **the Dialogue on the special theme** during the Assembly and possibly inform **the Ministerial Declaration** as a key outcome of the Assembly at its second session.

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS TO PREPARE FOR THE OECPR AND THE SECOND SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

- ❑ 8 February 2023.
- ❑ 6 March 2023.
- ❑ 25 April 2023 (morning & afternoon).
- ❑ 17 May 2023. (morning & afternoon
- ❑ 24 May 2023 (morning & afternoon).

KEY TIMELINES IN THE ROADMAP TO THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY.

- **11 April 2023:** deadline for submission of **side events**.
- **15 April 2023:** deadline for submission of draft resolutions .
- **24 April 2023:** Transmission of **pre-session documents** for the UN-Habitat Assembly to all Member States in all languages.
- **15 May 2023:** deadline for submission of **exhibitions 2023**.
- **25 May 2023:** deadline for **online registration** for Open-ended meeting of the **CPR** to prepare for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
- **25 May 2023:** deadline for **online registration** for the second session of the UN-Habitat **Assembly**.
- **29 to 31 May and 2 June 2023 :** Open-ended meeting of the **CPR** to prepare for the second session of the **UN-Habitat Assembly**.
- **5 June 2023 before the opening plenary at 10am :** deadline for receipt of Credentials in line with the rules of procedure.

EXPECTATIONS AND IDEAS ON RESOLUTIONS SO FAR RECEIVED

- Proposed ideas for Substantive resolutions
 1. Development of international guidelines on people friendly smart cities.
 2. BiodiverseCities.
 3. Global Action Plan: Accelerating for Transforming Informal Settlements and Slums by 2030 (with possible linkages to Adequate Housing).
 4. Localizing SDGs (with possible linkages to SDG cities).
 5. Climate change and resilience.
 6. Early Warning, Rapid Response and Post Conflict and disaster Reconstruction Framework.
 7. Urban planning and Sustainable Urban Infrastructure.

EXPECTATIONS AND IDEAS ON RESOLUTIONS SO FAR RECEIVED

- Proposed ideas for procedural resolutions
 8. Decision on extension of the current Strategic Plan until 2025.
 9. Decision on the next session of the UN-Habitat Assembly aligned with the QCPR and the next Strategic Plan.
 10. Decision on the stakeholder engagement policy.
 11. Resolutions related to the report of the JIU on administrative and management review of UN-Habitat, especially as related to governance.
 12. Election of 36 new Members of the Executive Board.
 13. Election of a new President and Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
 14. Financing and monitoring mechanism for resolutions.

EXPECTED STRUCTURE OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY.

- ❑ Member States are encouraged to **participate fully in** the five-day session. Detailed discussions are expected **under each item** of the provisional Agenda
- ❑ **High-level segment** of the Assembly is designated for 5 and 6 June 2023
- ❑ The High-level segment is expected to include the presence and **participation of Heads of State**, and in addition, there is a **possibility for the First Ladies (and possibly First Gentlemen) roundtable** to take place within the days assigned for high level segment
- ❑ Member States will have the opportunity to **deliver National Statements – most likely delivered at the Ministerial level.**
- ❑ **Dialogue on the special theme** of the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly with expected participation of Governments, Partners and Stakeholders
- ❑ It is expected that various **partners and stakeholders**, notably subnational governments, parliamentarians and non-governmental organizations, will convene their own informal consultations, **events and** activities prior to and during the session
- ❑ **The Bureau is continuously firming up the detailed organisation of work of the session**

CORE MEETINGS OF THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY

Date	Plenary	Committee of the Whole	Drafting committee
Monday, 5 June 2023	High-level segment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opening of the session ○ Organizational matters ○ Heads of State Dialogue ○ Agenda items 1 to 9 ○ National Statements 		
Tuesday, 6 June 2023	High-level segment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Ladies (/Gentlemen) Dialogue ○ Agenda items 9 to 11 ○ National Statements 	Agenda item 7 Agenda item 8	Consultations on draft resolutions
Wednesday, 7 June 2023	Dialogue among Governments and other Habitat Agenda partners on Special theme	Agenda item 9 Agenda item 11	Consultations on draft resolutions
Thursday, 8 June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Morning: 2023 Second Meeting of the Executive Board ○ Approval of draft report on items 6,7,8,9 and 11 ○ National Statement (if required) 	Review of Draft Resolutions from Drafting Committee	Consultations on draft resolutions
Friday, 9 June 2023	Agenda Item 12 ,13, 14, 15 and 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair’s summary of the high-level segment and dialogue. ○ Draft reports of the Committee of the Whole ○ Report on draft resolutions ○ Adoption of outcomes, Agenda and arrangements for third session ○ Elections of Officers and Closure 	Review of Draft Resolutions from Drafting Committee	Consultations on draft resolutions (if required)

POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL SESSIONS AND OTHER EVENTS DURING THE ASSEMBLY

Day	Time (tbc)	Event
Saturday: 3 June	10am – 5pm	Global Stakeholders Forum
Sunday: 4 June	10am – 5pm 2pm – 5pm	Global Stakeholders Forum Business Roundtable One UN Roundtable
Monday: 5 June	11pm – 3pm	Heads of States Dialogue High level session on Climate and Crisis Official Opening Exhibition Side events
Tuesday: 6 June	11pm – 3pm	First Ladies/ Gentlemen dialogue High level session on Housing Side events
Wednesday: 7 June	1pm – 3pm	Regional Ministerial Sessions Side events
Thursday: 8 June	1pm – 3pm 8 to 9.30am	High level session on Localizing SDGs and Financing Local and Regional Governments event
Friday: 9 June	1pm – 3pm	Side events

Consultations by regional Groups in Nairobi

Day	Time
Sunday, 4 June	1pm to 6 pm
Monday, 5 June	8am to 9 am
Tuesday, 6 June	8am to 9 am
Wednesday, 7 June	8am to 9 am
Thursday, 8 June	8am to 9 am
Friday, 9 June	8am to 9 am

- Consultations to conclude before commencement of plenary
- BLOCK Draft Programme available on the dedicated website for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly at: [The second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly | UN-Habitat \(unhabitat.org\)](https://unhabitat.org/the-second-session-of-the-un-habitat-assembly)

Thank you!

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