



UN-HABITAT

Agenda item 4: Review of the status of preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly

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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 Member States of the United Nations, and for substantive representation at the session.**
- **UN-Habitat also expects participation at highest level of Government.**
- **Invitations have been sent to Ministers of Foreign Affairs and to line Ministries.**



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT ASSEMBLY

The Briefing will cover:

1. **Notification** of the Executive Director, **Provisional Agenda** and pre-session documents for the session.
2. **The theme of the second session** of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
3. Overview of the **Detailed Programme** of the Assembly including Plenary meetings, Committee of the Whole and Drafting Committee and National Statements.
4. **Draft Outcomes** of the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
5. Other **High-level sessions and events** during the session.
6. Participation of **Least Developed Countries**.
7. **Registration** in Numbers.



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ASSEMBLY

NOTIFICATION FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT ASSEMBLY

Notification for the second session of the Assembly shared on 31 December 2022 in all UN official languages

Includes the **dates - 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**.



PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT ASSEMBLY

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Report of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
4. Credentials of representatives.
5. Elections of members of the Executive Board.
6. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board.
7. Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters.
8. Review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
9. Reports on the World Urban Forum.
10. Dialogue on the special theme for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
11. Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2024–2027.
12. Adoption of the report of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
13. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the third session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
14. Election of officers.
15. Other matters.
16. Closure of the session.

PRE-SESSION DOCUMENTS FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT ASSEMBLY

Pre-session documents have been made available in the six UN Official languages on the session dedicated website at : [The second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly | UN-Habitat \(unhabitat.org\)](#).

The list of documents is contained in document HSP/HA. 2/INF/1 and can be found [here](#).

THEME OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS 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”

5 key actions areas :

1. Universal access to adequate housing	4. Localisation of the SDGs and multi-level governance
2. Urban climate action and environmental protection	5. Prosperity and finance
3. Urban crisis recovery	

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

OVERVIEW OF THE DETAILED PROGRAMME – KEY HIGHLIGHTS

1. Member States are encouraged to **participate fully in** the five-day session. Detailed discussions are expected **under each item** of the provisional Agenda.
2. **High-level segment** of the Assembly is designated for 5 and 6 June 2023.
3. The High-level segment is expected to include the presence and **participation of Heads of State on the first day**, and **First Ladies on the second day**.
4. Member States will have the opportunity to **deliver National Statements**, mostly delivered at the Ministerial level and by Heads of delegations.
5. **Dialogue on the special theme** of the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly with expected participation of Governments, Partners and Stakeholders.
6. 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.

DAY 1- 5 JUNE 2023: PLENARY MEETINGS AND HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

MORNING PLENARY

10am to 1.00pm

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Session

- **Ceremonial opening**
- **Heads of State Dialogue**

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Agenda Including :

- **Decision** to refer substantive agenda items to the Committee of the Whole and Draft resolutions to the Drafting Committee through the Committee of the Whole

AFTERNOON PLENARY

3pm to 6pm

Item 3: Report of the Chair of the CPR

Item 4: Credentials of representatives.

Item 5: Elections of members of the Executive Board.

Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Executive Board.

Item 7: Activities of the UN-Habitat, including coordination matters

Item 8: Review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda

Item 9. Reports on the World Urban Forum.

- **National Statements**

DAY 2 - 6 JUNE 2023: PLENARY MEETINGS AND HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

MORNING PLENARY

10am to 1.00pm

- **First Ladies' High-level Roundtable** on “Women shaping Cities and Communities”
- **National Statements**

AFTERNOON PLENARY

3pm to 6pm

- **Item 10.** Dialogue on the special theme for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
- **Item 11.** Strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2024–2027.
- **National Statements**

DAY 2 - 6 JUNE 2023: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Committee of the Whole

Detailed discussion on:

- Agenda Item 7: Activities of the UN-Habitat, including coordination matters
- Agenda Item 8: Review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda

Drafting Committee

Consultations on draft Resolutions, Decisions and Ministerial Declaration.

DAY 3 - 7 JUNE 2023: HIGH LEVEL INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ON THE THEME

Time	Panel	Focus
7 June 2023 Morning	<i>-Keynote Address</i> High-level Panel 1: The big challenges of our time	High-level panel with ministerial-level speakers on housing, climate and crisis. Discussion among Ministers and with the Assembly participants. Moderated Q&A
Morning	Panel 2: The Key-enablers driving the SDGs in the time of crisis	Focus on key enablers (data, financing, digital transformation and territorial approaches). Panel discussion between national governments and international institutions. Moderated Q&A
Afternoon	<i>-Keynote Address:</i> Panel 3: Multi-level Governance and SDG Localization	Focus on multilevel governance and SDG localization. Will involve national and subnational governments and stakeholders, voices from the United Nations resident coordinator system. Moderated Q&A
Afternoon	Panel 4: Closing Panel - Key Takeaways and Directions for the Summit of the Future	To synthesize the key take-away messages of the dialogue through a moderated panel discussion between the Executive Director and key influencers shaping the Summit of the Future in 2024. Moderated Q&A

DAY 3 - 7 JUNE 2023: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Committee of the Whole

Detailed discussion on:
Agenda item 9: Reports on the World Urban Forum.

Agenda item 11: Strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2024–2027.

Drafting Committee

Consultations on draft Resolutions, Decisions and Ministerial Declaration

DAY 4 - 8 JUNE 2023: PLENARY MEETINGS

MORNING PLENARY 10am to 1.00pm

2023 SECOND SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UN-HABITAT (For purposes of election of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the period 2023 to 2024)

- **National Statements** (if time allows)

AFTERNOON PLENARY 3pm to 6pm

Approval of **draft reports** on:

- Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Executive Board.
- Item 7: Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), including coordination matters.
- Item 8: Review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Item 9: Report on the World Urban Forum
- Item 11: Strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2024–2027 (with possible recommendation on extension of the current strategic plan to cover the period until 2025)
- **National Statements, Statements by Partners**

DAY 4 - 8 JUNE 2023: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Committee of the Whole	Drafting Committee
Review of Draft Resolutions from Drafting Committee	Consultations on draft Resolutions, Decisions and Ministerial Declaration.

DAY 5 - 9 JUNE 2023: PLENARY MEETINGS

MORNING PLENARY 10am to 1.00pm

Chair's summary of the high-level segment and dialogue

Draft reports of the committee of the whole

Report on draft resolutions

AFTERNOON PLENARY 3pm to 6pm

Adoption of outcomes of the session:

Item 12: Adoption of the report of the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly. Agenda item

Item 13: Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the third session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.

Item 14. Election of officers.

Item 15. Other matters.

Item 16. Closure of the session.

DAY 5 - 9 JUNE 2023: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Committee of the Whole	Drafting Committee
Review of Draft Resolutions from Drafting Committee	Consultations on draft Resolutions, Decisions and Ministerial Declaration.

DRAFT OUTCOMES OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT ASSEMBLY

- **10 substantive Draft Resolutions.**
- **The draft Ministerial Declaration.**
- **4 Draft procedural Decisions.**



OTHER 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
Monday: 5 June	1. pm – 3pm	High level session on Climate and Crisis
Tuesday: 6 June	1pm – 3pm	High level session on Housing Donor Appreciation session
Wednesday: 7 June	1pm – 3pm	Regional Ministerial Meetings: i. Africa Ministerial Meeting ii. Central American Council on Housing and Human Settlements
Thursday: 8 June	8 to 9.30am 1pm – 3pm	World Assembly Local and Regional Governments High level session on Localizing SDGs and Financing
Daily	Daily	Side Events and Exhibitions

PARTICIPATION OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

- UN-Habitat will support the participation of **one delegate each** from the 46 Least Developed Countries (LDCs)
- **Arrangements** for participation are advanced .
- The **UN-Habitat Assembly Trust** is being used for this purpose.

REGISTRATION IN NUMBERS AS AT 25 MAY 2023

- **Total number of registered participants – 4500**
- **51 Ministers and 27 Vice Ministers (Total 75).**



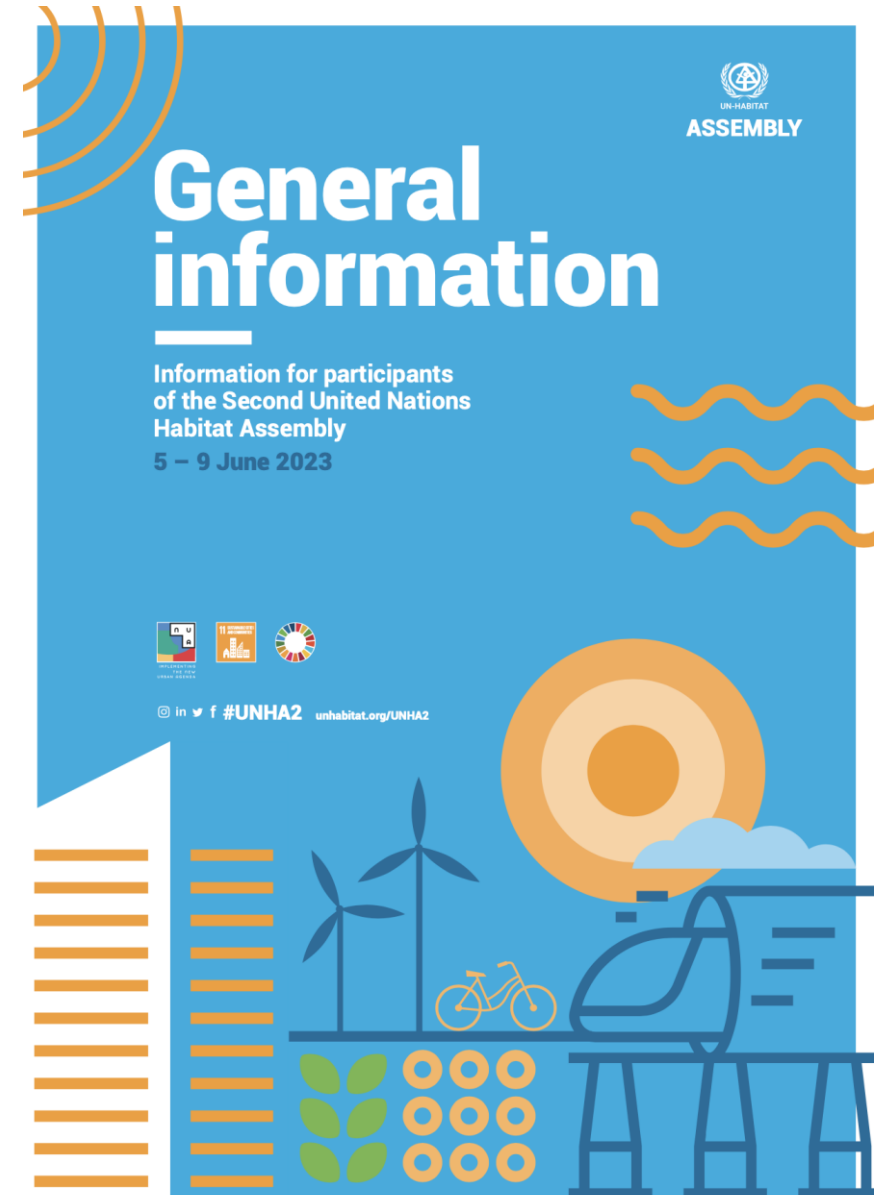
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information for Participants:

[generalinfo_participants_unha_4_00297.pdf \(unhabitat.org\)](#)

FAQs: [04_2023_unha_faqs.pdf \(unhabitat.org\)](#)

Dedicated Website: [The second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly | UN-Habitat \(unhabitat.org\)](#)



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