



**Committee of Permanent Representatives
to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
Second open-ended meeting: preparations for the
second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly
Nairobi, 29–31 May and 2 June 2023**

Draft report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme Second on the work of its second open-ended meeting

I. Opening of the session

1. The Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), guided by rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (UN-Habitat Assembly) and recommendation 2021/4 of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its first open-ended meeting,¹ recommended at its meeting on 1 December 2022 that the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives be held from 29 to 31 May 2023 and on 2 June 2023, in Nairobi, to prepare for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
2. Accordingly, the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat was opened at 9.20 a.m. on Monday, 29 May 2023 by the Chair of the Committee, Saqlain Syedah, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to UN-Habitat, who delivered an opening statement.
3. An opening statement was delivered by Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat.

A. Organizational matters

4. The Chair presented a summary of the organizational arrangements for the meeting.

B. Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

5. The Committee of Permanent Representatives adopted the agenda for its second open-ended meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/OECPR.2023/1) and the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/OECPR.2023/1/Add.1), as follows:
 1. Opening of the meeting:
 - (a) Organizational matters;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan of the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

¹ See HSP/OECPR.2021/8.

2. Adoption of the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the work of its first open-ended meeting.
3. Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme:
 - (a) Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023;
 - (b) Status of preparation of the strategic plan for the next period by the Executive Board;
 - (c) Alignment of the planning cycles of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process.
4. Review of the status of preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
5. Preparation of draft resolutions, declarations and decisions of the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, including on the dates and provisional agenda of the third session.
6. Election of the officers of the Bureau.
7. Consideration of the Chair’s draft summary of the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
8. Other matters.
9. Closure of the meeting.

6. A representative of the secretariat summarized the proposed organization of work for the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, as set out in annex II to the notification by the Executive Director of 10 March 2023 and as recommended by the Bureau at its meeting on 26 May 2023, including the recommendation that under agenda item 5 the draft resolutions, draft decisions and draft ministerial declaration be grouped into clusters and considered in two working groups meeting in parallel.

7. Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, the Russian Federation, Sweden and the United States of America.

8. The Committee of Permanent Representatives agreed to the organization of work for the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

II. Adoption of the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the work of its first open-ended meeting

9. The Committee of Permanent Representatives adopted the report of the first open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (HSP/OECPR.2021/7).

10. Following the adoption of the report, regional statements were made by the representatives of the State of Palestine, speaking on behalf of the group of Asia-Pacific States; and Sweden, speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States.

III. Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

11. Introducing the item, the Chair drew the attention of the Committee to the draft strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/HA.1/7); resolution 1/1 of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020–2023; the report of the Executive Director on the proposed extension of the current strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2023 to cover the period 2024–2025, including alignment of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process with UN-Habitat planning cycles (HSP/HA.2/8); and the note by the secretariat on the midterm evaluation of the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 (HSP/HA.2/9).

A. Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023

12. The Executive Director and a representative of the secretariat provided briefings on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023.

13. The Committee of Permanent Representatives took note of the briefings provided by the Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat.

B. Status of preparation of the strategic plan for the next period by the Executive Board

14. The Executive Director and a representative of the secretariat provided briefings on the status of preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 by the Executive Board of UN-Habitat and the request on the extension of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 to 2025.

15. The Committee of Permanent Representatives took note of the briefings provided by the Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat.

C. Alignment of the planning cycles of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process

16. The Executive Director provided a briefing on the alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process.

17. Following the briefing, statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, Morocco, South Africa and the United States.

18. The Committee of Permanent Representatives took note of the briefing provided by the Executive Director.

IV. Review of the status of preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly

19. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the note by the secretariat on the status of preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (HSP/OECPR.2023/INF/2).

20. The Executive Director provided a briefing on the item, and the Deputy Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Michal Mlynár, gave a presentation on the status of preparations for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

21. Following the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, the Russian Federation, Sweden and the United States.

22. The Deputy Executive Director, the Legal Advisor and a representative of the secretariat responded to the statements and questions of the Member States.

V. Preparation of draft resolutions, declarations and decisions of the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, including on the dates and provisional agenda of the third session

23. Introducing the item, the Chair drew the attention of the Committee to four draft resolutions submitted on 24 May 2023 by the group of African States, as set out in a conference room paper, and to the related technical notes prepared by the secretariat and circulated to Member States on 5 May 2023 to support discussions on each draft resolution.

24. A representative of the secretariat gave a briefing on the four draft resolutions and the related technical notes.

25. The representative of Nigeria, speaking on behalf of the group of African States, introduced a draft resolution on urban planning and sustainable infrastructure.

26. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the European Union and the United States. The representative of Nigeria responded to the issues raised.

27. The representative of Morocco, speaking on behalf of the group of African States, presented a draft resolution on the creation of a human settlements resilience framework.

28. The representative of Kenya, speaking on behalf of the group of African States, presented a draft resolution on equitable financing and effective monitoring of the implementation of resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly.
29. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of France, Portugal, Switzerland and the United States. The Executive Director and a representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised. The representative of Kenya, speaking on behalf of the group of African States, also responded to the issues raised.
30. The representative of Egypt, speaking on behalf of the group of African States, presented the draft resolution on enhancing the linkage between urbanization and climate change, as set out in a conference room paper.
31. The Chair drew attention to the draft ministerial declaration as set out in a conference room paper. Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Egypt, the European Union, Ghana, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, the Philippines, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Somalia, Sweden, Thailand, Türkiye, the United States and Uruguay.
32. As outlined in the organization of work, the issues for discussion under agenda item 5 were grouped into four clusters to be considered in working groups meeting in parallel outside plenary sessions, as follows: cluster 1, focusing on reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities; cluster 2, on enhanced shared prosperity of cities and regions; cluster 3, on strengthened climate action and improved urban environment; and cluster 4, on effective urban crisis prevention and response. Following their discussions, the co-facilitators for each cluster provided briefings on the work undertaken for each cluster in a plenary session.
33. The Chair introduced a draft decision on the extension of the UN-Habitat 2020–2023 strategic plan until the year 2025, as set out in a conference room paper, for consideration. The representatives of Argentina, Portugal, the European Union and the United States made statements.
34. The Chair introduced the draft decision on the date of the [next] [resumed second] session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, as set out in a conference room paper, and proposed amendments. The representatives of Morocco, the Philippines, the European Union and the United States made statements. A representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
35. The Chair introduced a draft decision on the terms of office of the members of the Executive Board and the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly, as set out in a conference room paper, and indicated that it would be discussed after a meeting had been held between the Chair of the Committee and the chairs of the regional groups. A representative of the secretariat provided clarification regarding extensions of the terms of office of members of the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly, members of the Executive Board and members of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
36. The Chair introduced a draft decision on the stakeholder engagement policy of UN-Habitat, as set out in a conference room paper. The representatives of Brazil, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, the European Union and the United States made statements. A representative of the secretariat provided clarifications on the issues raised.
37. The Chair introduced a draft decision on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat, as set out in a conference room paper. The representatives of Brazil, Egypt, Morocco, the European Union and the United States made statements.
38. The Chair introduced a draft resolution on equitable financing and effective monitoring of the implementation of resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly, as set out in a conference room paper. A representative of the secretariat provided a briefing on the technical note, including the programme budget and funding sources of UN-Habitat. The representatives of Brazil, Egypt, the European Union, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Sweden and the United States made statements. The representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

VI. Election of the officers of the Bureau

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VII. Consideration of the Chair’s draft summary of the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

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VIII. Other matters

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IX. Closure of the meeting

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