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Executive Board of the United Nations  
Human Settlements Programme  
Second session of 2023  
Nairobi, 8 June 2023

## **Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its second session of 2023**

### **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. The Executive Board held its first session of 2023 in a hybrid format on 28 and 29 March 2023. At that session, in its decision 2023/3, on the methods of work of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2023, the Executive Board decided that its second session of 2023 would be held no later than Thursday, 8 June 2023 on the margins of the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat Assembly) in a manner that would not conflict with the plenary meetings and other relevant negotiations of the UN-Habitat Assembly session. The report of the Executive Board on the work of its first session of 2023 is set out in document HSP/EB.2023/6, while the decisions adopted by the Board at that session are set out in document HSP/EB.2023/7.

### **I. Opening of the session**

3. The second session of 2023 of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat was opened at 5.20 p.m. on Thursday, 8 June 2023, by the Chair, Silvio Albuquerque (Brazil), who outlined the arrangements for the session on the basis of recommendations made by the Bureau of the Executive Board.

#### **A. Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2023**

4. The Executive Board adopted the following agenda for its second session of 2023 on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2023/8), as orally amended:
  1. Opening of the session.
  2. Election of officers of the Bureau.
  3. Consideration of the dates and provisional agenda for the third session of the Executive Board of 2023.
  4. Due diligence assessment of the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation.

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\* Reissued for technical reasons on 22 November 2023.

5. Other matters.

6. Closure of the session.

5. The Executive Board agreed to follow the organization of work for the meeting as proposed by the Chair.

## **B. Attendance**

6. Participation in the second session of the Executive Board was open to all the delegates participating in the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, held from 5 to 9 June 2023, in line with the applicable rules of procedure of the Executive Board. All the 36 Members of the Executive Board participated in the second session of the Assembly.

7. The session was attended by representatives of the following 36 States members of the UN-Habitat Executive Board: Angola, Argentina, 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, Sri Lanka, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye, United States of America, Uruguay.

8. The list of participants in the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly is set out in document HSP/HA.2/INF/7.

## **II. Election of officers of the Bureau**

9. The Chair, introducing the item, noted that the UN-Habitat Assembly, at its second session, by paragraph 2 of its decision 2/3 on the term of office of the members of the Executive Board and the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly, had decided that the members of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat who were elected in 2019 were to remain in office until the closure of the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, in 2025.

10. Statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Egypt, United States.

11. The Executive Board, pursuant to decision 2/3 of the UN-Habitat Assembly, agreed to the extension of the terms of office of the current members of the Bureau of the Executive Board until the closure of the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, in 2025.

## **III. Consideration of the dates and provisional agenda for the third session of the Executive Board of 2023**

12. The Chair introduced the item.

13. Statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Egypt, Russian Federation, United States.

14. The Executive Board agreed to entrust the Bureau of the Executive Board with the preparation of the provisional agenda for the third session of 2023 of the Executive Board, taking into consideration the outcomes of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

15. The Executive Board also agreed to entrust the Bureau with determining the appropriate dates and duration within the fourth quarter of 2023 for the third session of 2023 of the Executive Board.

## **IV. Due diligence assessment of the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation**

16. Introducing the item, the Chair said that, pursuant to paragraph 7 of decision 2023/1, the report by the Executive Director on the due diligence assessment of the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation was set out in a conference room paper for the consideration of the Executive Board.

17. The Executive Director delivered a brief statement on the due diligence assessment of the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on the matter.

18. Statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Germany, Nigeria, Portugal, United States, Uruguay.

19. The Executive Board took note of the report by the Executive Director on the due diligence assessment of the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation and decided to discuss the report further at its third session of 2023.

**V. Other matters**

20. A statement was delivered by the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**VI. Closure of the session**

21. The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.10 p.m. on Thursday, 8 June 2023.

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