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**Draft Outcomes to be considered by the Executive Board at its
third session of 2023.**

**Draft Decision 2023/A: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of
the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat);
Implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based
on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-
Habitat; and draft work programme and budget for 2024**

The Executive Board

(a) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat

1. *[Takes note of]* the reports and updates of the Executive Director on:
 - (a) The financial status of UN-Habitat as at 30 June 2023¹;
 - (b) The interim financial status of UN-Habitat as at 30 September 2023;
 - (c) Action by the Executive Director on recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity²;
 - (d) The UN-Habitat financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the report of the Board of Auditors³ and request the Executive Director to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditor and to report to the Executive Board in its second session in 2024;Ad ref 27 November 2023
2. *Endorses* the fully costed scalability model for the non-earmarked Foundation budget for future guidance on related budgetary decisions, until the end of the period covered by the current strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements programme keeping in mind the view of the ACABQ that the model needs further refinement Ad ref 27 NOV 2023

¹ HSP/EB.2023/11.

² HSP/EB.2022/11/Add.2.

³ A/78/5/Add.9.

(b) 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

3. *[Recalls]* Decision 2/5 of the United Nations Habitat Assembly adopted on 9 June 2023 and Decision 2022/5 of the Executive Board in particular paragraph 6 thereof; Ad ref 27Nov2023

4. *[Takes note of]* the Report of the Executive Director on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the 2022 report of the Joint Inspection Unit⁴ on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat and *[welcomes]* the update by the Executive Director; Ad ref 27 Nov2023

5. *[Takes note of]* the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Office for the period 1 July 2022–30 June 2023,⁵ welcomes the related update by the Executive Director and requests the Executive Director to further implement the recommendations contained in the report;

6. *[Takes note of]* the report of the Ethics Office for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022⁶ and of the related update by the Executive Director; Ad ref 27 NOV2023

(c) Work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024

7. *[Recalls]* decision 2023/1 of the Executive Board in particular paragraph 9, and approves the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the non-earmarked budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024 of \$ four 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 Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2024⁷; Ad ref 27Nov 2023

(d) Preparation of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025

8. *[Requests]* the Executive Director to update the Executive Board at its first session of 2024, on the status of the draft work programme and the draft budget for 2025, taking into account the recommendations of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters; Ad ref 27Nov2023

(e) Due diligence assessment of the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation

9. *[Recalls]* Decision 2023/1 [of the Executive Board] {ARG+} in particular paragraph 7 and *[Takes note]* of the report of the Executive Director on the due diligence assessment⁸;

10. *[[Decides]* to authorise the Executive Director to enter into a contribution agreement with the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation, [with an initial duration of one year subject to approval of an extension by the Executive Board,]{USA+, NLD+, MAR+, CMR- }
[]]{MAR+}{reserve USA}

(f) Checklist on the Implementation of the Reform of the UN development system

⁴ HSP/EB.2023/21

⁵ A/78/301 (Part 1), and A/78/301 (Part I/Add.1))

⁶ A/78/91

⁷ HSP/EB.2023/12

⁸ HSP/EB.2023/13 and HSP/EB.2023/INF.7

11. [Takes note of] the update by the Executive Director and the Checklist on the Implementation of the Reform of the UN development system by UN-Habitat⁹. Ad ref 27 Nov 2023

Decision 2023/B: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat; reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2022; implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities

The Executive Board

(a) Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat

1. [Takes note of] the update and report by the Executive Director on the Normative and Operational Activities of UN-Habitat including, updates on the SDG Cities flagship initiative, the Sustainable Urban Resilience for the next Generation (SURGe) and highlights of activities for the period of January to June 2023)¹⁰;
2. [Welcomes] the ongoing work on the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals in line with resolution 2/6, including the recent achievements of the SDG Cities flagship initiative; ad ref 27Nov2023
3. [[][EGY+][Takes note of] {EGY+, MAR+} the ongoing work on the work packages of SURGe;] { delete ARG }
4. [[Recalls resolution 2/5 of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly and Also requests] the Executive Director to further develop the options and recommendations for the operationalization the SURGe initiative and present these options for consideration at the first session of the Executive Board of 2024; ad ref 27Nov 2023
5. [Request the Executive Director, in line with the mandate of the Programme, as well as in accordance with relevant decisions of the Executive Board, including paragraph 9 of decision 2022/2, paragraph 3 of decision 2022/6, and paragraph 4 of decision 2023/2 on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat; to support the efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in urban crisis situations, particularly in the Gaza Strip of the State of Palestine, [and the rural and urban human settlements in Israel affected by the terrorist attack by Hamas on 7nd October 2023,] {ISR+, reserve PSE, reserve EGY} through a comprehensive system-wide response, and to use all relevant tools at her disposal, in particular using urban profiling to assess the needs, vulnerabilities and capacities of urban areas and the establishment of urban recovery frameworks, and requests the Executive Director to provide to the Executive Board at its first session of 2024 a comprehensive and up-to-date report on the status of the development of the efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in the State of Palestine, particularly in the Gaza Strip] {Arab Group+, CHE+, TUR+, MAR+, RUS+, BRA+ COL+ CUB+ USA reserve, UKR reserve}

(b) Analysis of the principal obstacles to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

6. Welcomes the update and report of the Executive Director on the analysis of the principal obstacles to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda by Member States; which highlights challenges related to 3 key elements of implementation, namely mainstreaming, achieving transformative change, and monitoring and reporting, [] {USA+ KEN reserve BRA reserve};
7. [Requests] the Executive Director to continue supporting NUA mainstreaming, operationalization and monitoring reporting through its current strategic work plan, with particular

⁹ HSP/EB.2023/19 and HSP/EB.2023/INF.9

¹⁰ HSP/EB.2023/17 and HSP/EB.2023/INF/8.

emphasis on ensuring an effective and inclusive preparatory process for the Quadrennial report of the UN Secretary General due in 2026; ad ref 28 November 12:36

8. [Requests the Executive Director to continue to support national and subnational governments, specifically small and intermediary cities, to accelerate achievement of the SDGs including through the NUA by:
 - i. Developing cutting-edge practical tools and guidance to strengthen the connection between NUA reporting, Voluntary National Reviews and Voluntary Local Reviews;
 - ii. Providing tailored capacity building on NUA and SDG data and reporting through the use of the [Global Urban Monitoring Framework] {NLD+} and scaling up the use of VLRs;
 - iii. Enhancing multilevel governance and coordination for the NUA and achievement of the SDGs; and
 - iv. Facilitating multistakeholder partnerships and the mobilization of adequate financing to accelerate SDG achievement and NUA implementation at the local level.] {MAR+}

8 bis. [Further requests the Executive Director to report back on these activities at the last session of the Executive Board of 2024.] {MAR+}

(c) **Twelfth session of the World Urban Forum**

9. [Takes note of] the update and the report by the Executive Director on the preparations for the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum¹¹ and requests the Executive Director to keep Member States updated on the preparations for the session; ad ref 28 November 13:09

10. [Requests] the Executive Director to advance the outcomes of the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly at the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum; with particular focus on demonstrating the implementation and tangible impact of the outcomes by member states and stakeholders. Ad ref 28 November 13:09

Decision 2023/C: Implementation of the outcomes of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly including preparation of the Strategic Plan for the period 2026 to 2029

The Executive Board

1. Welcomes the updates by the Executive Director on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its second session and takes note of the progress on implementation of the resolutions;
2. Recalls Decision 2/1 of the United Nations Habitat Assembly adopted on 9 June 2023 in particular paragraph 2 thereof and Takes note of the Report of the Executive Director on the preparations for the development of the strategic plan for the period 2026 to 2029¹²;
3. Requests the Executive Director ; in consultation with the Executive Board, to continue the development of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029;
4. Encourages the Executive Director to consult with relevant United Nations entities in the development of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029, to ensure a coherent approach towards sustainable urban development across the UN system and to align strategic plans, as appropriate;
5. Recalls resolution 2/1 of the UN-Habitat Assembly, Takes note of the update and report of the Executive Director on the proposed roadmap towards the development of international guidelines on people-centred smart cities as a non-binding framework for developing national

¹¹ HSP/EB.2022/18.

¹² HSP/EB.2023/15.

and local smart city regulations, plans and strategies¹³; and *Requests* the Executive Director to proceed with the proposed roadmap for the development of the international guidelines on people-centered smart cities ensuring an inclusive consultative process as specified in resolution 2/1 of the UN-Habitat Assembly;

6. *Recalls* resolution 2/10 of the UN-Habitat Assembly and *Takes note of* the update and report of the Executive Director on the proposed draft terms of reference of the urban action funding window towards achieving the implementation of United Nations Habitat Assembly resolutions in a balanced manner¹⁴;
7. Encourages Member States according to their respective capabilities to voluntarily contribute regularly to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation including to enable the implementation of all the resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly.
8. *Requests* the Executive Director to regularly update the Executive Board on the progress in implementing the outcomes of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly. Whole decision ad ref 28 November 13:39

¹³ HSP/EB.2023/16

¹⁴ HSP/EB.2023/CRP/8.

Decision 2023/D: Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2024

The Executive Board

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

1. *[Adopts]* the report of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat on the work of its first session of 2023¹⁵;
2. *[Also adopts]* the report of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat on the work of its second session of 2023¹⁶;
3. *[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;
4. *[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;
5. *[Also takes note of]* the briefing by the chair of the Executive Board on the work of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy;
6. *[Recalls]* Decision 2/5 of the United Nations Habitat Assembly *which* requested the Executive Board, on an exceptional basis, to continue its work to develop a stakeholder engagement policy and to submit the draft policy for consideration and possible approval by the Assembly at its resumed regular second session;
7. *[Recalls decision 2019/3 of the Executive Board and] {ARG+} [[and further] {CMR+} Decides]* that the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy shall continue with its work [with the view to agree on a draft stakeholder engagement policy and presenting it to the Executive Board for consensus agreement and provisional implementation, pending consideration and possible approval by] {ARG+ CMR+} [] {ARG+ CMR+} the resumed regular second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly;
8. *[Elects]* [country X] to chair the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy;
9. *[Also Elects]* [country X] to chair the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters on the group's work;

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

10. *[Takes note of]* the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the first session of 2023 of the Executive Board to evaluate the effectiveness of that session so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions;

(c) Date and agenda for the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2024

11. *[Decides]* that subject to review by the Bureau, the 2024 sessions of the Executive Board will be held as follows: the first session of 2024 will be held for a duration of three days from [] / [16 to 18 April 2024] / [23 to 25 April 2024] / [06 to 08 May 2024] and the second session will be held in November 2024;
12. *[Also decides]* that the provisional agenda for the first session of 2024 to be further be reviewed by the Bureau will be as follows;

1. Opening of the session.

2. Organizational matters:

(a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the first session of 2024;

¹⁵ HSP/EB.2023/6.

¹⁶ HSP/EB.2023/9.

- (b) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its third session of 2023.
3. Reports by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups.
 4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the strategic plan and actions by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff.
 5. Update on the Draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025.
 6. Update on the preparation of the next Strategic Plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the Period 2026 to 2029
 7. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including reporting on its programmatic activities in 2023 and the implementation of its subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities.
 8. Preparations for the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum.
 9. Update on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme at its second session[[
[c] ~~Resolution 2/2 on “Accelerating the transformation of slums and informal settlements by 2030”~~ {BRA+ KEN-}] {CMR+ KEN-}] {reserve RUS }
 10. Progress made by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in the implementation of the United Nations development system reform.
 11. Action by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace.
 12. Action by the Executive Director to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.
 13. Other matters.
 14. Closure of the session.
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