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**Update by the Executive Director on the preparations for the  
resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.**

## **Preparations for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly**

### **Report of the Executive Director**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. On 20 December 2018, the General Assembly of the United Nations, in its resolution [73/239](#), decided to dissolve the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and to replace it with a UN-Habitat Assembly with universal membership.
2. In accordance with resolution [73/239](#), the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (UN-Habitat Assembly) was held from 27 to 31 May 2019. During that first session, the Assembly adopted its rules of procedure .
3. Rule 2 of the rules of procedure provides that “the UN-Habitat Assembly, having a universal governmental membership, will convene in Nairobi for a five-day period every four years” to among other functions, identify key issues and areas of focus for the normative and policy work of UN-Habitat; Adopt resolutions, declarations, recommendations, formal decisions, reports and other documents pertaining to strategic vision and political guidance, in accordance with its mandate; and Examine and approve the UN-Habitat strategic plan, to be prepared by the Executive Board.
4. Accordingly, the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly was held from 5 to 9 June 2023 in Nairobi. During that session, the Assembly decided, in accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, to adjourn its second regular session and to resume the session for a duration of two days, on 29 and 30 May 2025, in order to achieve the alignment of the planning cycle of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for the development of the United Nations system.

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5. The outcomes adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its adjourned second session are as follows:

<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Title</i>
2/1	International guidelines on people-centred smart cities
2/2	Accelerating the transformation of informal settlements and slums by 2030
2/3	World Clean-up Day
2/4	Biodiverse and resilient cities: mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services into urban and territorial planning
2/5	Enhancing the interlinkage between urbanization and climate change resilience
2/6	Localization of the Sustainable Development Goals
2/7	Adequate housing for all
2/8	Urban planning and sustainable infrastructure
2/9	Creation of a human settlements resilience framework for early warning, foresight, risk reduction, crisis response and post-crisis recovery and reconstruction
2/10	Equitable financing and effective monitoring of the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly

  

<i>Decision</i>	<i>Title</i>
2/1	Extension of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 until the year 2025
2/2	Dates of the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly
2/3	Term of office of the members of the Executive Board and the Bureau of the United Nations Habitat Assembly
2/4	Stakeholder engagement policy of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
2/5	Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

  

<i>Declaration</i>	<i>Title</i>
	A sustainable urban future through inclusive and effective multilateralism: achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in times of global crisis

6. The report of the adjourned second session (A/79/8), the ten resolutions adopted at the adjourned second session, and the proceedings of that session (HSP/HA.2/11/Rev.1) which also contains the decisions adopted and are available at: <https://unhabitat.org/post-session-documents-of-the-second-session-of-the-united-nations-habitat-assembly>.

## II. Dates, venue and provisional agenda

8. Pursuant to decision 2/2 of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the resumed second session of the Assembly will be held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi from 29 to 30 May 2025.

9. The provisional agenda of the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly is set out in document HSP/HA.2/12 and is contained in Annex1 below.

10. The Provisional agenda is based on decision 2/2 of the UN-Habitat Assembly and was reviewed by the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its meeting of 2 September 2024 and recommended to the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

11. The substantive documents for the session will be issued by 17 April 2025, at least 42 days in advance of the session in accordance with paragraph 3 of rule 30 of the rules of procedure.

12. Pursuant to the relevant rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the following are expected to participate in the sessions of the Assembly:

- (a) All States Members of the United Nations;
- (b) The chairs of the intersessional organs of the UN-Habitat Assembly, as appropriate;
- (c) United Nations specialized agencies, related organizations and other United Nations bodies;
- (d) The entities, intergovernmental organizations and other entities referred to in rule 66;
- (e) The organizations referred to in rules 67 and 68 and other relevant stakeholders.

### **III. Key issues to be discussed**

13. The focus of the resumed second session is mainly to complete the unfinished business of the adjourned second session held in June 2023. The key issues therefore include:

- i. Consideration and possible approval of the next strategic plan of the UN-Habitat for the period 2026-2029.
- ii. The consideration and possible approval of the draft guidelines on people centered smart cities in line with Resolution 2/1 of the UN-Habitat Assembly
- iii. The consideration and possible adoption of draft Stakeholder engagement policy of UN-Habitat in line with Decision 2/3 of the UN-Habitat Assembly
- iv. Elections of 36 members of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat for a four-year term, and
- v. Elections of the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly for a four-year term.

### **VI. Bureau**

14. In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly will comprise a president, three vice-presidents and a rapporteur elected with due regard for the principle of ~~an~~ geographical distribution by rotation among the regional groups of States.

15. Pursuant to decision 2/3 of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the officers of the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly elected during the first session, in 2019, are to remain in office until the final meeting of the resumed regular second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

#### **a. Composition of the current Bureau**

16. The composition of the current Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly going into the resumed second session is as follows:

President: Mexico (Latin American States)

Vice-Presidents: Ghana (African States)

Poland (Eastern European States)

Germany (Western European and other States)

Rapporteur: China: Asia-Pacific States

#### **b. Composition of the next Bureau**

17. The geographical distribution of the next Bureau of the Assembly to be elected at the final meeting of the resumed second session for a term of four-years is as follows:

President: Asia-Pacific States

Vice-Presidents:

African States

Eastern European States

Western European and other States

Rapporteur: Latin American States

18. As provided for in rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the five members of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives will also serve as additional vice-presidents of the Bureau of the Assembly.

19. For informational purposes, the composition of the current Bureaux of the Governing Bodies of the UN-Habitat can be found [here](#).

#### **IV. Third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat**

20. Pursuant to rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Committee of Permanent Representatives, composed of all the permanent representatives of State Members of the United Nations and members of the United Nations specialized agencies that are accredited to UN-Habitat, is to convene twice every four years: once prior to each session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, in preparation for that session, and once for a high-level midterm review.

21. Accordingly, and based on the recommendation of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its meeting held on 2 September 2024, the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives is scheduled to take place from 26 to 28 May 2025, just prior to the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

22. In line with the recommendation of the Bureau, the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives will serve as a preparatory meeting towards the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly and, in addition, will contain elements of a high level midterm review as part of the efforts to achieve the alignment of the planning cycle of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for the development of the United Nations system.

23. The provisional agenda for the third open-ended meeting as recommended by the Bureau is set out in document HSP/OECPR.2025/1 and contained in Annex II below.

24. The substantive documents for the meeting will be issued by 14 April 2025, 42 days prior to the start of the meeting in line with applicable rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

#### **V. Additional information**

25. Additional information related to resumed second session will be provided in due course, including the organizational arrangements, programme and registration for the session.

All relevant information and documentation for the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly will be made available in due course on the UN-Habitat website at: <https://unhabitat.org/governance/un-habitat-assembly>

**Annex 1: Provisional agenda of the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly to be held on 29 and 30 May 2025.**

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Report of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
4. Report of the Bureau on Credentials.
5. Election of the members of the Executive Board.
6. Strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.
7. Adoption of the outcomes of the session.
8. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the third session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
9. Election of officers of the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
10. Other matters.
11. Closure of the session.

**Annex 2: Proposed provisional agenda of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to be held from 26 to 28 May 2025**

1. Opening of the meeting:
  - (a) Organizational matters;
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
2. Adoption of the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the work of its second open-ended meeting
3. Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda:
  - (a) Briefing on the preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
4. Report of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum.
5. Progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its adjourned second session.
6. Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme:
  - (a) Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025, including its midterm review;
  - (b) Status of preparation of the strategic plan for the next period 2026 -2029 by the Executive Board.
7. Review of the status of preparations for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly
8. Preparation of draft outcomes of the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, including the dates and provisional agenda of the third session.
9. Election of officers of the Bureau.
10. Consideration of the Chair’s draft summary of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
11. Other matters.
12. Closure of the meeting.