



**Executive Board of the United Nations
Human Settlements Programme
Second session of 2024
Nairobi, 4–6 December 2024**

Draft report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its second session of 2024

Rapporteur: Ibrar Hussain Khan (Pakistan)

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 2024 from 6 to 8 May 2024. At that session, in its decision 2024/4, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2024, the Executive Board agreed that its second session of 2024 would be held for a duration of three days from 4 to 6 December 2024.
3. Accordingly, the second session of 2024 was held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi from 4 to 6 December 2024.

I. Opening of the session

4. The second session of 2024 of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat was opened at 9.15 a.m. on Wednesday, 4 December 2024, by the Chair, Ahmed Musa Dangiwa (Nigeria), who outlined the arrangements for the session on the basis of recommendations made by the Bureau of the Executive Board. The session was being held fully in person, with restricted online access without interpretation for authorized delegations and relevant officers. Simultaneous interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations would be available for six hours daily during the session for participants attending in person.
5. Opening statements were delivered by Zainab Hawa Bangura, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi; Anacláudia Marinheiro Centeno Rossbach, Executive Director of UN-Habitat; and James Maina, Director of Housing, State Department for Housing and Urban Development, on behalf of Alice Wahome, Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, Kenya.

II. Organizational matters

A. Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2024

6. The Executive Board adopted the following agenda for its second session of 2024 on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2024/14/Rev.1) and the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2024/14/Add.1):

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2024;
 - (b) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its first session of 2024.
3. Reports of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters.
5. Consideration and possible approval of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025.
6. Strategic plan:
 - (a) Annual report for 2023 on the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025;
 - (b) Update on the development of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.
7. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2024 and the implementation of its subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, and UN-Habitat engagement in countries, territories and areas affected by conflicts and disasters.
8. Outcomes of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and of the Africa Urban Forum.
9. Briefing by the Executive Director on the implementation of all resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly.
10. Update by the Executive Director on the preparations for the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
11. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Executive Board and results of the assessment of the organizational effectiveness of UN-Habitat by the Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network.
12. Report of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board.
13. Follow-up on implementation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in UN-Habitat.
14. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the first session of 2025.
15. Other matters.
16. Closure of the session.

7. The Executive Board agreed to follow the proposed organization of work and timetable for the second session of 2024, as set out in the relevant documents. Draft decisions for consideration by the Executive Board, as forwarded to the Chair of the Board by Pedro León Cortés Ruiz (Colombia), Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, which had been tasked by the Bureau with leading the consultations on the draft decisions for consideration at the current session, were circulated in a conference room paper and presented by the Chair of the Executive Board. The Executive Board agreed that informal consultations on the draft decisions should be held at agreed times during the session, for consideration and possible adoption by the Executive Board at the last meeting of the session, on 6 December 2024. The Executive Board agreed

that the informal consultations would be co-chaired by Amadi-Ikpe Chibudhom Roosevelt (Nigeria) and Antonio Miguel Luís (Portugal).

B. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its first session of 2024

8. The Executive Board adopted the report on the work of its first session of 2024 (HSP/EB.2024/12), held from 6 to 8 May 2024, by paragraph 1 of part (a), on reports of the Executive Board and its working groups, of decision 2024/8, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24. The Executive Board also adopted part (b), on working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings of the Board, of decision 2024/8, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025, in which it took note of the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the first session of 2024 of the Executive Board.

C. Attendance

9. The session was attended by representatives of the following States members of the UN-Habitat Executive Board: Angola, Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye, United States of America and Uruguay.

10. The session was also attended by the following observers that are States members of the United Nations: Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechia, Finland, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nepal, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Norway, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

11. The session was also attended by the following observers that are members of specialized agencies of the United Nations: European Union and State of Palestine.

12. The session was also attended by the following observers: African Development Bank and the League of Arab States.

III. Reports of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board

13. The Chair introduced the item.

14. Mr. Cortés Ruiz, Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, provided a briefing on the work of that group.

15. Mr. Luís, Chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy, provided an update on the work of that group.

16. Following the briefings, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, Egypt, Germany, Mexico, Morocco, Sweden and United States. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Algeria (speaking first on behalf of the African States and thereafter on behalf of Algeria alone) and Angola.

17. The Executive Board took note of the information provided by the chairs of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.

18. The Executive Board adopted paragraphs 2 and 3 of part (a), on reports of the Executive Board and its working groups, of decision 2024/8, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24.

IV. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

19. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 30 June 2024 (HSP/EB.2024/15) and the report of the Board of Auditors on the financial report and audited financial statements of UN-Habitat for the year ended 31 December 2023 (A/79/5/Add.9). A report by the Executive Director on the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 30 September 2024 was set out in a conference room paper.

20. The Executive Director delivered a statement on financial, budgetary and administrative matters. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on resource mobilization, including contribution patterns and the donor base; expenditure; the financial situation as at 30 September 2024; and the revenue, expenses and net assets of UN-Habitat as at 3 December 2024.
21. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt (speaking first on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and thereafter on behalf of Egypt alone), Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Portugal, Sweden and United States. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Algeria and the State of Palestine (speaking on behalf of the Arab States). The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
22. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 4 and the further information provided.
23. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, of decision 2024/5, on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; the work programme of UN-Habitat and the budget for 2025 and 2026; implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 and preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029; and implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24.

V. Consideration and possible approval of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025

24. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025 (HSP/EB.2024/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025 (HSP/EB.2024/16/Add.1).
25. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025. Representatives of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on the draft work programme, including the planning process in 2024 for 2025, the key orientations, elements and assumptions, the structure and the results framework; and on the draft budget, including the baseline proposal, the scalability model and the scope, features and governance thereof.
26. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Colombia, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Portugal and United States. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
27. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 5 and the further information provided.
28. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on the work programme of UN-Habitat and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025, and part (c), on the work programme of UN-Habitat and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026, of decision 2024/5, on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; the work programme of UN-Habitat and the budget for 2025 and 2026; implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 and preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029; and implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24.

VI. Strategic plan

A. Annual report for 2023 on the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025

29. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the summary of the annual report for 2023 on the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 (HSP/EB.2024/17). The full report was set out in document HSP/EB.2024/INF/12.
30. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the annual report for 2023 on the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 and the impact of the work of UN-Habitat that year. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on that impact, including in relation to the New Urban Agenda and sharing global data.
31. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, Germany, Senegal and United States. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
32. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 6 (a) and the further information provided.
33. The Executive Board adopted paragraph 7 of part (d), on implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2025 and preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029, of decision 2024/5, on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; the work programme of UN-Habitat and the budget for 2025 and 2026; implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 and preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029; and implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24.

B. Update on the development of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029

34. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the development of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 (HSP/EB.2024/18). The first draft of the strategic plan was set out in a conference room paper.
35. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the development of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 and its content. She then gave a presentation providing further detail on the guiding principles and purposes of the plan, its strategic focus, planned impact areas and means of implementation. A representative of the secretariat continued the presentation, providing information on the framework for monitoring and reporting on the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 and on the proposed approach to implementation.
36. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, France, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Portugal, Senegal and Sweden. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Costa Rica, Burkina Faso, the European Union, Malaysia and the Netherlands (Kingdom of the). The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
37. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 6 (b) and the further information provided.
38. The Executive Board adopted paragraphs 8 to 10 of part (d), on implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2025 and preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029, of decision 2024/5, on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; the work programme of UN-Habitat and the budget for 2025 and 2026; implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 and preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029; and implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24.

VII. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2024 and the implementation of its subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, and UN-Habitat engagement in countries, territories and areas affected by conflicts and disasters

39. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including updates on the Nepal and Jordan country programmes, urban crisis prevention and response initiatives and activities for the period January–June 2024 (HSP/EB.2024/19), the report of the Executive Director on the status of the development of the efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in the Gaza Strip (HSP/EB.2024/INF/13) and highlights of normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat for the period January–June 2024 (HSP/EB.2024/INF/14, complementing document HSP/EB.2024/19). A report by the Executive Director on the efforts to reconstruct human settlements in Ukraine affected by war was set out in a conference room paper.
40. The Executive Director delivered a statement introducing the item, which included updates on the Nepal and Jordan country programmes, and a summary of initiatives on urban crisis prevention and response and activities.
41. A representative of the secretariat introduced a video presentation of work under the UN-Habitat Nepal country programme, followed by a slide presentation providing further information on the matter.
42. A representative of the secretariat introduced a video presentation of work under the UN-Habitat Jordan country programme, followed by a slide presentation providing further information on the matter.
43. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on UN-Habitat initiatives on urban crisis prevention and response and activities, including in the Gaza Strip and Ukraine.
44. Firas Khouri, Permanent Representative of Jordan to UN-Habitat, on behalf of the Government of Jordan, and Padma Kumar Mainali, Joint Secretary of the Urban Development Division, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of Nepal, delivered statements highlighting the concrete impacts of their successful collaboration with UN-Habitat in Jordan and Nepal, respectively.
45. Following the statement of the Executive Director and the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, China, Colombia, Egypt, Germany, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Portugal, Russian Federation and United States. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Burkina Faso, the League of Arab States and the State of Palestine.
46. Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Algeria, Iraq, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Russian Federation, State of Palestine, Türkiye, Ukraine and United States.
47. The Executive Director, representatives of the secretariat and Mr. Mainali responded to the issues raised.
48. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 7 and the further information provided.
49. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, of decision 2024/6, on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat; reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2024; implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24.

VIII. Outcomes of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and of the Africa Urban Forum

50. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum, as set out in a conference room paper.

51. The Executive Director delivered a statement introducing the item. Representatives of the secretariat gave presentations on the outcomes of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum, held in Cairo from 4 to 8 November 2024, and the first Africa Urban Forum, held in Addis Ababa from 4 to 6 September 2024.

52. Statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Cameroon, Colombia, Ethiopia, Egypt, France, Germany, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria and United States. A statement was also delivered by the representative of Azerbaijan. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

53. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 8 and the further information provided.

54. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum, World Cities Day 2024, World Habitat Day 2024 and regional urban forums, of decision 2024/6, on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat; reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2024; implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24.

IX. Briefing by the Executive Director on the implementation of all resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly

55. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the reports of the Executive Director on the implementation of all resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly (HSP/EB.2024/20), progress in the development of international guidelines on people-centred smart cities (HSP/EB.2024/INF/15), the report of the Executive Director entitled “Status of the implementation of UN-Habitat Assembly resolution 2/4 on biodiverse and resilient cities: mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services into urban and territorial planning” (HSP/EB.2024/INF/16) and the report of the Executive Director on preparations for the first session of the open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on adequate housing for all (HSP/EB.2024/INF/17).

56. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. Representatives of the secretariat gave presentations on the following: an overview of the implementation of all the resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly; an update on the implementation of resolution 2/10, and the development of the UN-Habitat resolution tracking system; progress in the development of international guidelines on people-centred smart cities under resolution 2/1; the status of implementation of resolution 2/4, particularly with regard to paragraphs 6 and 7 of the resolution; and the most recent information on the organization of the first meeting of the open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on adequate housing for all established under resolution 2/7.

57. Following the statement and presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France, Germany, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco and United States. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

58. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on progress in the implementation of all resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly, of decision 2024/7, on update on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly and preparations for its resumed second session. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24.

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

59. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the preparations for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, which was set out in a conference room paper.

60. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the preparations for the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly. The Deputy Executive Director gave a presentation providing further detail on the dates and provisional agenda of the resumed second session, the road map towards the resumed session, the expected outcomes of the session and the composition of the offices to be elected in 2025.

61. Following the statement and presentation, a statement was made by the representative of the following State member of the Executive Board: United States.
62. The Executive Board took note of the information presented under agenda item 10.
63. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on preparations for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, of decision 2024/7, on update on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly and preparations for its resumed second session. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24.

XI. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Executive Board and results of the assessment of the organizational effectiveness of UN-Habitat by the Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network

64. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the notes by the secretariat on the overviews of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the report of the Ethics Office and related UN-Habitat activities (HSP/EB.2024/21) and on the report by the Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network on the results of its assessment of the organizational effectiveness of UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2024/INF/18).
65. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Executive Board. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further information on the Office and its activities related to and relationship with UN-Habitat.
66. An introductory statement on the Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network was made by the representative of Spain.
67. The representative of the Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network gave a presentation on the assessment of the organizational effectiveness of UN-Habitat by the Network. He provided information on the assessment framework and the main findings of the assessment in terms of the strengths of UN-Habitat, areas of progress with the potential for future benefits and areas for improvement.
68. The Executive Director then delivered a statement on the results of the assessment of the organizational effectiveness of UN-Habitat by the Network and the efforts of UN-Habitat in the areas that were deemed to require improvement.
69. Following the statements and presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, France, Germany, Kenya, Sweden and United States. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
70. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 11 and the further information provided.
71. The Executive Board adopted paragraph 11 of part (e), on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, report of the Ethics Office and implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat, of decision 2024/5, on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; the work programme of UN-Habitat and the budget for 2025 and 2026; implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 and preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029; and implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24.

XII. Report of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board

72. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the note by the secretariat on the overviews of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the report of the Ethics Office and related UN-Habitat activities (HSP/EB.2024/21).
73. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the report of the Ethics Office and related UN-Habitat activities. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further information on how UN-Habitat had handled cases related to ethics and conduct in 2023 and 2024.

74. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, Russian Federation and United States. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

75. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 12 and the additional information provided.

76. The Executive Board adopted paragraph 12 of part (e), on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, report of the Ethics Office and implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat, of decision 2024/5, on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; the work programme of UN-Habitat and the budget for 2025 and 2026; implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 and preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029; and implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24.

XIII. Follow-up on implementation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in UN-Habitat

77. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 2022 report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2024/22).

78. The Executive Director delivered a statement on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 2022 report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further information on the structure of the Joint Inspection Unit; its evaluations in general; the evaluations conducted between July 2023 and June 2024 of relevance to UN-Habitat; the focus areas of the review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat by the Joint Inspection Unit; the results thereof; and the related recommendations of the Unit and their implementation by UN-Habitat.

79. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Kenya and United States. A statement was also delivered by the representative of Burkina Faso. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

80. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 13 and the further information provided.

81. The Executive Board adopted paragraph 13 of part (e), on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, report of the Ethics Office and implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat, of decision 2024/5, on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; the work programme of UN-Habitat and the budget for 2025 and 2026; implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 and preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029; and implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24.

XIV. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the first session of 2025

A. Outcomes of the session

82. At its second session of 2024, the Executive Board adopted the following decisions, which are set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24:

(a) Decision 2024/5: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat; the work programme of UN-Habitat and the budget for 2025 and 2026; implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 and preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029; implementation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
 - (ii) Part (b): Work programme of UN-Habitat and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2025;
 - (iii) Part (c): Work programme of UN-Habitat and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026;
 - (iv) Part (d): Implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2025 and preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029;
 - (v) Part (e): Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, report of the Ethics Office and implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat;
- (b) Decision 2024/6: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat; reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2024; implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, comprising:
- (i) Part (a): Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat;
 - (ii) Part (b): Twelfth session of the World Urban Forum, World Cities Day 2024, World Habitat Day 2024 and regional urban forums;
- (c) Decision 2024/7: Update on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly and preparations for its resumed second session, comprising:
- (i) Part (a): Progress in the implementation of all resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly;
 - (ii) Part (b): Preparations for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly;
- (d) Decision 2024/8: Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025, comprising:
- (i) Part (a): Reports of the Executive Board and its working groups;
 - (ii) Part (b): Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings of the Board;
 - (iii) Part (c): Dates and agenda for the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2025.

B. Dates and provisional agenda for the next session of the Executive Board

83. The Executive Board adopted part (c), on the dates and agenda of the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2025, of decision 2024/8, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2024/24.

XV. Other matters

84. Tributes were paid to Chris Mensah, Secretary to the Governing Bodies of UN-Habitat, on the occasion of his retirement from the organization. Mr. Mensah responded to the tributes given.

85. Statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon (speaking on behalf of the African States), China, Colombia, Kenya, Germany, Morocco, Portugal and United States. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Azerbaijan and Malaysia.

86. The following representatives of non-governmental and other organizations delivered statements: Ian Abuki, Children and Youth Constituency for Sustainable Communities; Safiquil Alam, Geomark Limited; Muhammad Mustapha Gambo, Shelter Afrique Development Bank; Jonathan Some Oriki, SERAC-Bangladesh in partnership with UN-Habitat Youth Advisory Board; and Ann Wanjiru, Huairou Commission.

XVI. Closure of the session

87. The Executive Director of UN-Habitat delivered a closing statement.
88. The Chair declared the session closed at 4.20 p.m. on Friday, 6 December 2024.

ADVANCE