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## **Call for nominations of National Focal Points to the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All**

The Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All ([OEWG-H](#)) was established through [UN-Habitat Assembly Resolution 2/7](#) and is the first and only universal multilateral forum of its kind to address the global challenge of inadequate housing. The initiative reflects the growing awareness that housing is both a fundamental human right and a complex issue that requires coordinated, multilateral efforts to resolve. It provides a dedicated platform for Member States to discuss challenges, assess progress, and share solutions.

The first session of the **OEWG-H** was held between 9-11 December 2024 at the UN-Habitat Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. All relevant information relating to the first meeting can be [found here](#). France and Kenya were elected as Co-Chairs of the Working Group for a period of one year and prepared a roadmap to guide the work of the Group. The second session of the Working Group (OEWG-H2) is planned for the fourth quarter of 2025.

A roadmap for the first year of the Working Group was developed by the Co-Chairs based on the results of the 1<sup>st</sup> sessions as captured by the Chair's summary. It identified the following proposed areas of focus to be addressed through two inter-sessional meetings and at the second session of the OEWG-H, to be held in person in the last quarter of 2025: (1) Key definitions; (2) Recommendations on integrated housing policies, social housing, informal settlements, land and tenure security, and sustainability; (3) Monitoring Framework; and (4) Financial mechanisms for the delivery of affordable and adequate housing.

**Member States are invited to nominate one or two national expert(s) who will act as National Focal Point(s) to the OEWG-H process.** The National Focal Point(s) act(s) as the official channel of communication between government and the Secretariat of the OEWG-H. National Focal Points should have political and/or technical expertise in adequate housing and are expected to serve as a contact points between the secretariat and their national governments. They are expected to attend the OEWG-H meetings and preparatory intersessional meetings, engage in informal consultations in alignment with national and regional priorities and conditions, and to provide technical expertise. Further, they are expected to be the interface between the Secretariat and the national delegations attending the OEWG-H meetings and act as coordinators of such delegations.

**Member States who have not already done so yet are invited to communicate the appointment** of their National Focal Point(s) to the OEWG-H secretariat through a Note Verbale or an official letter signed by a minister or senior government representative at their earliest convenience and no later than 31 April. Nominations received prior to this communication will be retained.

**Nominations should be sent to** the UN-Habitat Secretariat of Governing Bodies ([unhabitat-sgb@un.org](mailto:unhabitat-sgb@un.org)) and Cc Ombretta Tempra, Chief of the Land, Housing and Shelter Section ([ombretta.tempra@un.org](mailto:ombretta.tempra@un.org)). Further information on the OEWG-H can be provided by Ms. Tempra.