



UN-HABITAT

BRIEFING BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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KEY TOPICS

1. Formal notification and Provisional Agenda for the 2024 second session of the Executive Board.
2. Briefing on matters to be covered under each item of the Provisional Agenda of the Executive Board session.
3. Update on the preparations for the first session on the intergovernmental expert working group on adequate housing for all.
4. Briefing on logistical arrangements
5. Questions and Answers.

FORMAL NOTIFICATION AND AGENDA FOR THE SESSION

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- **Formal notification** and **provisional agenda** for the upcoming session was shared with Member States on **17 October 2024** ahead of the required 42 days prior to the session as provided for in the rules of procedure.
- The core **pre-session documents** for the session were made available online in the **six UN official languages** by 7 November 2024, four weeks prior to the session as expected in rules.
- The provisional agenda for the session was decided upon by the Executive Board in **Decision 2024/4** and further **reviewed** by the Bureau of the Executive Board.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF 2024

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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.

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- 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.
- 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.

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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 Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN).
12. Report of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board.
13. Follow up on implementation of the report of the UN Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
14. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the first session of the Executive Board of 2025.
15. Other matters.
16. Closure of the session.

BRIEFING ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 2024 SECOND SESSION

Agenda item 3. Reports of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.

- Matters to be covered under this agenda will include:
 - Briefing by the **Chair of the ad hoc working** group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters (PBA) on the progress made by the working group.
 - Briefing by the **Chair of the ad-hoc** working group on the development of a Stakeholder Engagement Policy on the progress made by the working group.
 - Possible recommendations of the Executive Board on the basis of the briefing of the Chairs of the ad hoc working groups of the Executive Board.

Agenda item 4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters.

- **Financial status of UN-Habitat** - the interim **financial statuses** as at 30 June, and as at 30 September are available to Member States. By the end of September of this year, **core voluntary contributions** were up 56% as compared to the same time last year.
- For 2024, the Executive Board **approved a budget** of 4 million US dollars in the **non-earmarked Foundation fund**. As of 30 September 2024, UN-Habitat recorded **total revenue** of 3.1 million, while **expenses** totalled 2.6 million, resulting in a net operational surplus of 0.5 million.

BRIEFING ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 2024 SECOND SESSION

- **Agenda item 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.**
- The **draft work programme and budget** for 2025 has already benefited from the review and inputs from the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
- The **draft work programme** remains guided by the **strategic plan** for the period from 2020 to 2025 and takes into account the **new mandates** from the resolutions in the adjourned second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
- The **proposed annual budget for 2025 is 4.7 million** US dollars in the **non-earmarked Foundation** for possible **approval** by the Executive Board

BRIEFING ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 2024 SECOND SESSION

Agenda item 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

- The Executive Board will be briefed on the **Annual report for 2023** on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020-2025.
- The updated version of the **draft strategic plan for 2026 -2029** will be presented to the Executive Board for consideration and guidance.

Agenda item 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.

- This agenda item will focus on:
 - UN-Habitat country programmes in **Nepal** and **Jordan**,
 - **Urban crisis** prevention and response initiatives and
 - **UN-Habitat activities** for the period **January–June 2024**
- The documents under this item on **normative and operational** activities of UN-Habitat includes the report on the status of the development of the **efforts to reconstruct** human settlements in the **Gaza Strip** will be presented to the Board.
- Partners will share their experiences on the **impact of UN-Habitat's** work under this item during the Executive Board.

Agenda item 8. Outcomes of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and of the Africa Urban Forum.

- WUF12 witnessed over **25,000** participants in attendance from **182** countries, **4** Head of states, **1** Prime Minister, **4** deputy Prime Ministers, **60** Ministers and **45** Deputy Ministers (from **84** countries), **96** Mayors and Governors, more than **700** partner-led events from over **1,500** applications.
- The deliberations resulted in the **Cairo Call to Action** which embodies the voices of WUF12, and cuts across all stakeholders.
- UN-Habitat took the opportunity of WUF 12 to consult with stakeholders, including the UN system, on its **new strategic plan for 2026-2029** gaining valuable insights to inform the plan's preparation.
- The Board will be briefed on the **outcome of WUF 12** and the outcome of the **first session of the Africa Urban Forum**.

Agenda item 9: Briefing by the Executive Director on the implementation of all resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly.

- The Executive Board will be briefed on the **progress in the implementation** of all resolutions from both the first session and adjourned second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
- More time will be devoted on the timebound resolutions, particularly on **Resolution 2/1** on the international Guidelines on people centred Smart Cities, **Resolution 2/4** on biodiverse and resilient cities and **Resolution 2/7** on adequate housing for all.

Agenda item 10. Update by the Executive Director on the preparations for the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

- The **adjourned second session** of the Assembly will resume for a duration of **two** days, on **29 and 30 May 2025** 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.
- The Board will be briefed on the preparations and expectations for the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, guided by the provisional Agenda as adopted in **Decision 2/2** of the Assembly and the **recommendations** of the Bureau of the CPR.
- The provisional Agenda of the **third open-ended meeting of the CPR (OECPR)** which is scheduled to be held just prior to the resumed second session of the Assembly from **26 to 28 May 2025** will also be shared.

Agenda items 11, 12 and 13

- Agenda items **11** and **12** will share the highlights of the latest reports of the **OIOS** and the **Ethics office** as related to UN-Habitat.
- Under **Agenda item 11**, representatives from the Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN) will provide a briefing to the Executive Board on the **preliminary results** of the **MOPAN assessment** of the organizational effectiveness of UN-Habitat.
- **Agenda item 13** will provide the latest status on the implementation of the **2022 report** of the **UN Joint Inspection Unit** on the review of management and administration in UN-Habitat
- The **technical inputs** into the **draft decisions** to be considered by the Board at the upcoming session have been shared with Member States and the ad hoc working group on PBA has begun the discussion on the draft decisions.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ALL

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LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ALL

BRIEFING ON LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS

- All the **pre-session documents** for the Executive Board are available on the website.
- Travel of **five LDCs** who are Members of the Executive Board is being organized to participate in the session in person.
- Permanent and Observer Missions, in addition to **registering** online to **communicate** the names of the members of their **respective delegations** as early as possible, but no later than **Sunday, 1 December 2024**.
- The **registration** for the Executive Board session and intergovernmental expert working group on adequate housing for all will **close on Friday 29 November 2024, at 2:00 pm East Africa Time (EAT)**.

BRIEFING ON LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS

Onsite registration

- **Onsite** registration for **both** sessions at the UN Compound will be as follows:
 - Monday, 2 December 2024 from 08:00 to 16:00, East Africa Time (EAT)
 - Tuesday, 3 December 2024 from 08:00 to 16:00, East Africa Time (EAT)
 - Wednesday, 4 December 2024 from 08:00 to 16:00, East Africa Time (EAT).
 - Registration will continue on Thursday, 5 December and Monday, 9 December 2024 to support delegates participating only in the intergovernmental expert working group on housing

BRIEFING ON LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS

- The **proposed organization of work** during the Executive Board session as recommended by the Bureau has been shared in the form of a “**Programme at a glance**” and “**detailed Programme**” which are available on the website.
- An “**information for participants**” document for the Executive Board session has been placed on the dedicated website for the session.
- **Regional groups** who wish to have **meetings rooms** for their consultations during **both sessions**, typically before the start of each morning plenary may write to the Secretariat to request for meeting rooms to be allocated accordingly.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Thank you!

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