



18 February 2025

## **Third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

**Nairobi, 26–28 May 2025**

### **Notification by the Executive Director**

#### **I. General information for Member States**

##### **A. Strengthening the governance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

1. In resolution [73/239](#), the General Assembly of the United Nations decided to dissolve the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and replace it with the United Nations Habitat Assembly of UN-Habitat (UN-Habitat Assembly). It also decided that the first session of the Assembly would be held in May 2019.
2. In accordance with resolution 73/239, the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly was held in Nairobi from 27 to 31 May 2019. At that session, by decision 1/1, the Assembly adopted its [rules of procedure](#), which are applicable mutatis mutandis to the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat in the absence of the latter's own rules of procedure.
3. Rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly states that the Committee of Permanent Representatives shall convene, in an open-ended manner, twice every four years: once prior to the UN-Habitat Assembly, in preparation for that session, and once for a high-level midterm review. Accordingly, the Committee of Permanent Representatives held its second open-ended meeting at the UN-Habitat headquarters in Nairobi from 29 to 31 May and on 2 June 2023, in preparation for the adjourned second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, held in Nairobi from 5 to 9 June 2023. The report of the second open-ended meeting is available in document [HSP/OECPR.2023/2](#).

##### **B. Dates, agenda, venue and participation**

4. The Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, at its meeting on 2 September 2024, recommended that the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives be held at the UN-Habitat headquarters in Nairobi from 26 to 28 May 2025.
5. The provisional agenda for the third open-ended meeting, as endorsed by the Bureau at its meeting on 2 September 2024, is set out in document [HSP/OECPR.2025/1](#).
6. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the substantive documents for the meeting will be issued by 14 April 2025, 42 days prior to the start of the meeting.
7. The meeting will be opened at 9 a.m. on Monday, 26 May 2025.
8. In accordance with rule 23 of the rules of procedure, the open-ended meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives are open to all States Members of the United Nations and members of the United Nations specialized agencies that are accredited to UN-Habitat.
9. In addition, in accordance with rule 64, any State that is not a member of the United Nations may participate in the deliberations of the Committee of Permanent Representatives without the right to vote, and may submit proposals, which may be put to a vote by request of any member of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

10. Similarly, in accordance with rule 65, representatives of other United Nations bodies, United Nations specialized agencies and related organizations may participate, without the right to vote or make proposals, in the deliberations of the Committee on matters within the scope of their activities.

11. Furthermore, in accordance with rules 66–69, local authorities, Habitat Agenda partners and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may participate as observers in public meetings of the UN-Habitat Assembly and its intersessional organs, which include meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

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

12. The Bureau of the Committee, at its meeting on 2 September 2024, recommended that the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives serve as a preparatory meeting for the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, to be held on 29 and 30 May 2025, and, in addition, that it feature important elements of a high-level midterm review, as part of the efforts to align the planning cycle of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for the development of the United Nations system.

13. Key issues to be considered by the Committee of Permanent Representatives during its third open-ended meeting include:

(a) Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including a briefing on the preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;

(b) Report of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and preparations for the thirteenth session of the Forum;

(c) Progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its adjourned second session;

(d) Strategic plan of UN-Habitat: (a) implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025; and (b) status of preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 by the Executive Board;

(e) Review of the status of preparations for the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly;

(f) Preparation of draft outcomes of the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

## **III. Proposed organizational arrangements for the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives**

14. For the efficient conduct of work during the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the Bureau has recommended the organizational arrangements and timetable set out in the annex to the present notification.

### **Bureau**

15. In accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives consists of a chair, three vice-chairs and a rapporteur, who serve for a two-year term, taking into consideration the need to ensure that each of the five regional groups is equally represented in the Bureau. According to rule 18 of the rules of procedure, the five members of the Bureau are to jointly serve as additional vice-presidents of the Bureau of the Assembly.

16. At its second open-ended meeting, the Committee of Permanent Representatives agreed to extend the terms of office of the existing members of its Bureau until 2025.

17. The composition of the current Bureau, which will preside over the third open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, is therefore as follows:

Chair: Asia-Pacific States (Pakistan)

Vice-Chairs: Western European and other States (Belgium)

Latin American and Caribbean States (Colombia)

African States (United Republic of Tanzania)

Rapporteur: Eastern European States (vacant)

18. The composition of the next Bureau, which is expected to be elected at the final session of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to serve a two-year term from 2025 to 2027, taking into account the principle of geographical rotation, is as follows:

Chair: Western European and other States

Vice-Chairs: Asia-Pacific States

Eastern European States

Latin American and Caribbean States

Rapporteur: African States

19. The composition of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives as elected in 2019 and 2021 can be viewed [here](#).<sup>1</sup>

#### **IV. Informal consultations**

20. To facilitate the work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, arrangements will be made, upon request by the Chair, for preparatory informal consultations between the regional groups on matters relating to the agenda of the third session, including draft outcomes for consideration and possible adoption by the Committee and for possible recommendation to the UN-Habitat Assembly at its resumed second session.

#### **V. Registration and further information**

21. All delegates are required to pre-register online at <https://events.unhabitat.org/>; the link will be open from 5 March to 22 May 2025. Additional information will be made available on the UN-Habitat website at <https://unhabitat.org/open-ended-meeting-of-the-committee-of-permanent-representatives-to-prepare-for-the-resumed-second-habitat-assembly>.

22. Enquiries regarding any matters concerning the organizational aspects of the meeting of the Committee should be directed to:

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<sup>1</sup> [https://unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2024/10/composition\\_of\\_the\\_bureaux\\_of\\_the\\_governing\\_bodies\\_of\\_un-habitat\\_since\\_2019\\_to\\_date\\_final.pdf](https://unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2024/10/composition_of_the_bureaux_of_the_governing_bodies_of_un-habitat_since_2019_to_date_final.pdf).

## Annex

### Proposed organization of work and timetable for the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (26–28 May 2025)

	<i>Monday, 26 May</i>	<i>Tuesday, 27 May</i>	<i>Wednesday, 28 May</i>
9 a.m.–noon	<p>Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting:</p> <p>(a) Organizational matters;</p> <p>(b) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.</p> <p>Agenda item 2: Adoption of the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the work of its second open-ended meeting.</p> <p><i>Statements by chairs of regional groups.</i></p> <p>Agenda item 3: Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including a briefing on the preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.</p>	<p>Agenda item 6: Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme:</p> <p>(a) Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025, including its midterm review;</p> <p>(b) Status of preparation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 by the Executive Board.</p> <p>Agenda item 7: Review of the status of preparations for the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.</p>	<p>Agenda item 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. (<i>continued</i>)</p>
Lunch break	<i>Informal consultations.</i>	<i>Informal consultations.</i>	<i>Informal consultations.</i>
2–5 p.m.	<p>Agenda item 4: Report of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and preparations for the thirteenth session of the Forum.</p> <p>Agenda item 5: Progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its adjourned second session.</p>	<p>Agenda item 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.</p>	<p>Agenda item 9: Election of the officers of the Bureau.</p> <p>Agenda item 10: Consideration of the Chair's draft summary of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.</p> <p>Agenda item 11: Other matters.</p> <p>Agenda item 12: Closure of the meeting.</p>
Evening	<i>Informal consultations</i>	<i>Informal consultations</i>	