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Third Bureau Meeting of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat

Monday 24 March 2025, 17:00 – 19:00 East African Time (EAT)

Hybrid Meeting-UN-Habitat OED Boardroom

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting.

1. Dr. Shuaiba Belgore, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Federal Republic of Nigeria, on behalf of Hon. Ahmed Musa Dangiwa, Minister for Housing and Urban Development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chair of the UN-Habitat Executive Board, opened the meeting at 17:00 EAT.

The following members of the Bureau of the Executive Board were present:

- Mr. Amadi-Ikpe Chibudhom Roosevelt, Acting Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to UN-Habitat.
- Mr. Clément Payeur, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of France to UN-Habitat.
- Mr. Ronney Almeida e Silva Filho, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Federative Republic of Brazil.
- Mr. Adnan J. Khan, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (online).
- Ms. Joanna Szymanska, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to UN-Habitat (online).
- H.E. Mr. Pedro Leon Cortes Ruiz, Ambassador of Colombia and Permanent representative to UN-Habitat, Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters.
- Mr. António Miguel, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Portugal to UN-Habitat, Chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy.

The following UN-Habitat secretariat members were present:

- Ms. Anaclaudia Rossbach, Under Secretary-General and Executive Director.
 - Mr. Michal Mlynar, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director.
 - Mr. Rafael Tuts, Director, Global Solutions Division.
 - Mr. Erfan Ali, Chief of Staff/ Director a.i. Regional Programme Division.
 - Mr. Ulf Bjornholm, Secretary of the Governing Bodies.
 - Ms. Edlam Yemeru, Director (a.i.), External Relations, Strategy, Knowledge and Innovation Division.
 - Ms. Bridget Oballa, External Relations Officer.
2. The Chair welcomed all participants to the meeting and the provisional [Agenda](#) was adopted without any changes.
 3. The Executive Director welcomed Dr. Shuaiba Belgore and asked him to extend her gratitude to Hon. Ahmed Musa Dangiwa, Minister for Housing and Urban Development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for his support to the Executive Board and to the work of UN-Habitat. She also thanked

the Bureau for the advice and recommendations that have enabled the secretariat to prepare for the Executive Board session efficiently.

Agenda item 2: Update on the status of draft decisions for consideration at the first session of the Executive Board for 2025

4. The Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters provided a progress update to the Bureau on the work of the working group, including on the consideration of the draft outcomes to be considered by the Executive Board at its upcoming session. The statement by the Chair of the working group can be accessed [here](#).
5. The Chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy provided a progress update to the Bureau on the work of the working group. He highlighted that significant progress had been achieved in the past weeks, and that the Chair's latest proposal had been largely agreed among delegations. He also informed that an informal group of Friends of the Chair had been established, to further consult on two unsolved paragraphs related to accreditation. Following the latest meeting of the Friends Group, more time will be needed to consult on the draft stakeholder engagement policy after the first Executive Board session.
6. The Bureau members thanked the Chairs of the ad hoc working groups for their briefings.
7. Two Bureau members referred to two paragraphs in the draft decision regarding the rotation of the office of Chair and Rapporteur, recalled that the language was based on a recommendation from the Bureau of the Executive Board and Chairs of the Regional Groups, and called for further efforts to find agreement, possibly including further consultations at ambassadorial level.
8. The Bureau took note of the update on the status of the draft decisions for consideration at the first session of the Executive Board for 2025 and recommended to entrust Colombia in the capacity of the Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters to continue to lead the informal consultations during the session.
9. The Bureau also recommended that the third session of the Executive Board for the year 2025 be held for a duration of 2 days from 25 to 26 November 2025, as reflected in the current draft decision, and requested the secretariat to prepare a draft agenda for the third session for consideration by the Bureau at a later date, well in advance of the second session of the Board scheduled for 30 May 2025.

Agenda item 3: Organization of work

10. The Chair recalled the [programme](#) of the 2025 first session of the Executive Board and highlighted the schedule for each day. He suggested that the informal consultations planned for day one during the lunch and afternoon slots focus on the remaining open issues in the draft decisions
11. The Bureau agreed with the Chair's proposal on the organization of work for the first session of the Executive Board for 2025.

Agenda item 4: Update on elections

12. The secretariat provided a brief update on the nominations of members for the upcoming elections of the Governing Bodies.
13. The Bureau member representing the Western European and Others Group informed the Bureau that the Group expected to communicate a clean slate of nominations to the secretariat during the upcoming week.

14. The Bureau member representing the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean informed the Bureau that Group is undertaking consultations and that the Chair of the Group will communicate the nominations to the secretariat.
15. One Bureau member representing the Group of African Group informed the Bureau that the group will forward the nominations to the secretariat within short.
16. The Bureau took note of the updates on the elections provided.
17. The Chair invited the Bureau members to continue to reach out to the Chairs of the Regional Groups in support of the nomination process, as needed.

Agenda 5: Any other matters.

18. No other matters were raised, and the meeting was adjourned at 18:00 EAT.