



Third session of 2025 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

25 and 26 November 2025

Notification by the Executive Director

I. Dates, agenda, venue and participation

1. The Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) held its first session of 2025 from 25 to 27 March 2025. The report of that session is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/14, and the decisions adopted by the Board at the session are set out in document HSP/EB.2025/12.
2. At that session, in decision 2025/4, the Executive Board decided that its second session of 2025 would be held on 30 May 2025 in conjunction with the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (UN-Habitat Assembly), in a manner that did not conflict with the proceedings of the session of the Assembly. The Board also decided that its third session of 2025 would be held for a duration of two days on 25 and 26 November 2025.
3. Subsequently, the second session was held on 30 May 2025. The report of the Executive Board on the work of that session is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/15.
4. At its second session of 2025, the Executive Board decided on the provisional agenda for its third session of 2025, subject to additional consideration by the Bureau in accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 10 of the [rules of procedure](#) of the Executive Board.
5. As entrusted by the Executive Board, the Bureau on 8 September 2025 further reviewed and recommended the provisional agenda for the third session of 2025, which is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/16 and can be accessed [here](#). Pursuant to rule 6 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board, the working documents for the session will be issued in the six official languages of the United Nations by 28 October 2025, four weeks prior to the opening of the session.
6. The session will be held fully in person at the headquarters of UN-Habitat, located at the United Nations Office at Nairobi.
7. The session will be opened at 9 a.m. (Nairobi time (UTC + 3)) on Tuesday, 25 November 2025. Participants should be seated by 8.45 a.m. in conference room 2.
8. The UN-Habitat Assembly, at its resumed second session, held on 29 and 30 May 2025, elected by acclamation 35 of 36 members of the Executive Board to serve for the period 2025–2029, in accordance with the distribution of seats described in rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, as follows: 10 seats for the African States; 8 seats for the Asia-Pacific States; 4 seats for the Eastern European States; 6 seats for the Latin American and Caribbean States; and 8 seats for the Western European and other States, with one seat from the latter group remaining vacant ([HSP/HA.2/16](#), paras. 36–38). Therefore, all [members](#) of the Executive Board who were elected by the Assembly on 30 May 2025 are expected to participate in the third session of 2025.
9. In accordance with rule 17 of the [rules of procedure](#) of the Executive Board, the sessions of the Executive Board are also open to any State Member of the United Nations that is not a member of the Executive Board and to any member of a specialized agency. In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure, each member of the Executive Board and any observers should forward to the secretariat of

the Executive Board, as soon as possible but no later than 22 November 2025, the names of their accredited representatives, alternate representatives and advisers. Each delegation should consist of an accredited representative and such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

II. Key issues to be discussed

10. Among the key issues to be considered by the Executive Board at its third session of 2025 are the following:

- (a) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters;
- (b) Implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat, including the annual report for 2024 on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 and updates on the structure and division of responsibilities within the organization for the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029;
- (c) Draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026;
- (d) Normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat;
- (e) Preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum;
- (f) Preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the New Urban Agenda.

III. Proposed organizational arrangements for the third session of 2025

11. The Bureau has recommended the organizational arrangements and timetable set out in the annex to the present notification for consideration by Member States. It is expected that most of the work of the two-day session will be conducted in plenary meetings.

A. Bureau

12. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Executive Board consists of a chair, three vice-chairs and a rapporteur. The members of the Bureau who were elected by the Executive Board at its second session of 2025 for the term 2025–2026 will preside over the conduct of the third session of 2025. The current geographical distribution of Bureau members is as follows:

- Chair: Germany (Western European and other States)
- Vice-Chairs: China (Asia-Pacific States)
- Slovakia (Eastern European States)
- Brazil (Latin American and Caribbean States)
- Rapporteur: Cameroon (African States)

B. Meetings during the session

1. Day 1 of the session

13. It is proposed that the first day of the session be devoted to agenda items 1–7 (see annex).

2. Day 2 of the session

14. It is proposed that the second day of the session be devoted to agenda items 8–14 (see annex).

C. Consultations on draft decisions to be considered by the Executive Board

15. It is recommended, in the interest of efficiency, that the draft outcomes to be considered by the Executive Board at its third session of 2025 be discussed prior to the opening of the session by the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, established by the Executive Board in paragraph 7 of its decision 2019/2. Thereafter, it is anticipated that the Chair of the ad hoc working group will forward the draft outcomes, including draft decisions, based on those preliminary discussions to the Executive Board for further consideration and possible adoption.

16. It is also anticipated that part of the session will be dedicated to informal negotiations on the draft decisions with a view to merging, reconciling or clarifying them, as necessary, prior to their consideration by the Executive Board during a plenary meeting at the session.

D. Informal consultations

17. To facilitate the work of the Executive Board, arrangements will be made, upon request, for informal consultations within the regional groups on various matters, including any draft outcomes, such as any draft decisions for consideration and possible adoption by the Executive Board. Requests for such arrangements should be sent to unhabitat-sgb@un.org.

E. Registration

18. All delegates are encouraged to pre-register for the session at <https://unhabitat.org/meetings/third-session-of-2025-of-the-executive-board> starting from Tuesday, 23 September 2025. All participants should register online before 12 noon (Nairobi time (UTC + 3)) on Friday, 21 November 2025.

19. In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board, Member States are requested to communicate the names of the members of their respective delegations to the session of the Executive Board by uploading to the UN-Habitat online registration portal a note verbale (or another formal communication) listing the members of their respective delegations before 12 noon (Nairobi time (UTC + 3)) on Friday, 21 November 2025.

20. Additional information will be made available on the session website at <https://unhabitat.org/meetings/third-session-of-2025-of-the-executive-board> and at <https://unhabitat.org/governance/executive-board>. Enquiries about the session should be directed to:

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Annex

Proposed organization of work and timetable for the third session of 2025 of the Executive Board (25 and 26 November 2025)

<i>Day/date</i>	<i>Time (UTC + 3)</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
Tuesday, 25 November	9 a.m.	1. Opening of the session.
		2. Organizational matters:
		(a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the third session of 2025;
		(b) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its first session of 2025;
		(c) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its second session of 2025.
	2 p.m.	3. Report by the chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters of the Executive Board.
		4. Report by the co-chairs of the open-ended expert working group on adequate housing for all.
		5. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including updates on the structure and human resources of UN-Habitat and an updated draft version of the scalability model for the non-earmarked budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation.
		<i>Informal consultations on draft outcomes</i>
		6. Implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat:
Wednesday, 26 November	9 a.m.	(a) Annual report for 2024 on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025;
		(b) Update on the structure and division of responsibilities within the organization for the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029;
		(c) Draft monitoring framework for the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.
		7. 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 2026.
		<i>Informal consultations on draft outcomes</i>
	2 p.m.	8. Normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities and the engagement of UN-Habitat in countries, territories and areas affected by conflict and disaster.
		9. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum.
		10. Preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the New Urban Agenda.
		11. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board.
		<i>Informal consultations on draft outcomes</i>
		12. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including on the dates and provisional agenda of the first session of 2026.
		13. Other matters.
		14. Closure of the session.