

Preparations for the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the New Urban Agenda

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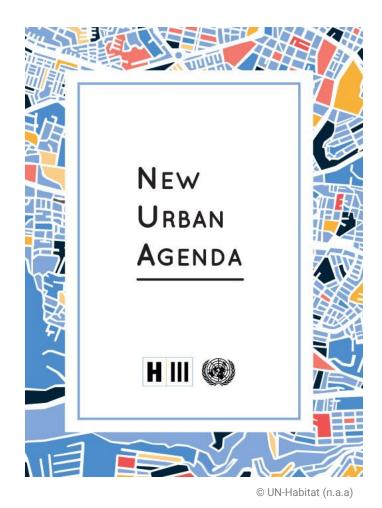


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New Urban Agenda



Adopted and endorsed in 2016

Key implementation framework for urban dimensions of SDGs, particularly SDG 11- Inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable urban development

A shared global vision for a better and more sustainable future

Structured around three transformative commitments – social, economic, and environmental





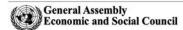


Quadrennial Report of the Secretary-General on Progress in the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda

Quadrennial Reporting

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Follow-up to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Economic and Social Council

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Economic and environmental questions:

Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared pursuant to paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2017/24 and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/235, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report on the progress of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda every four years and called upon the relevant organizations of the United Nations system to ensure that no one and no country was left behind in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development held in 2016. The report was prepared in consultation with more than 40 partners, including non-governmental organizations.

The report has seven sections. Section I outlines the context, specifically with respect to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Section II provides an update on the progress made regarding the three transformative commitments of the New Urban Agenda. Section III discusses how the New Urban Agenda is being implemented through effective governance structures, inclusive urban planning and management at the national and local levels, financing, capacity-building, technology use and facilitated engagement. Section IV presents an assessment of how the New Urban Agenda has accelerated progress on other global agendas, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals and agendas relating to climate change. Section V reports on the growing role of local governments in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Section VI describes the progress made in developing an incremental, inclusive reporting system for the New Urban Agenda. Finally, section VII reports on the status of the recommendations from the 2018 quadennial report and sets out new recommendations for 2026.





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Secretary-General mandated to report on progress of implementing the New Agenda

With voluntary inputs from countries and relevant entities

Every four years

Provide a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the progress made in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

Mid-term Review

2026 quadrennial report will act as a mid-term review To take stock of the progress made and challenges faced and to identify further steps to address them 2026 Reinforces NUA's role in accelerating the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs Ensures alignment with UN-Habitat's core mandate on housing

Integrated Input Streams

Input streams will be integrated into quadrennial report

Member States

UN & International Organizations

Stakeholders

Desk Review

National Reporting on the New Urban Agenda

2018-2022 Reporting cycle

- Low rate of the National Progress Report submissions in 2022
- 40 Member States out of 193 submitted
- 21% Submission rate

2022-2026 Reporting cycle



- Efforts intensified to support Member States for the 2026 cycle
- 55 Member States out of 193 expected to submit
- 28% Submission rate







New Urban Agenda Capacity development

Centering Capacity Development in implementation and monitoring

- Strengthen understanding of Agenda's role in advancing SDG's
- Facilitate peer exchange
- Enhance use of tools and data
- Share effective solutions
- Promote engagement in reporting



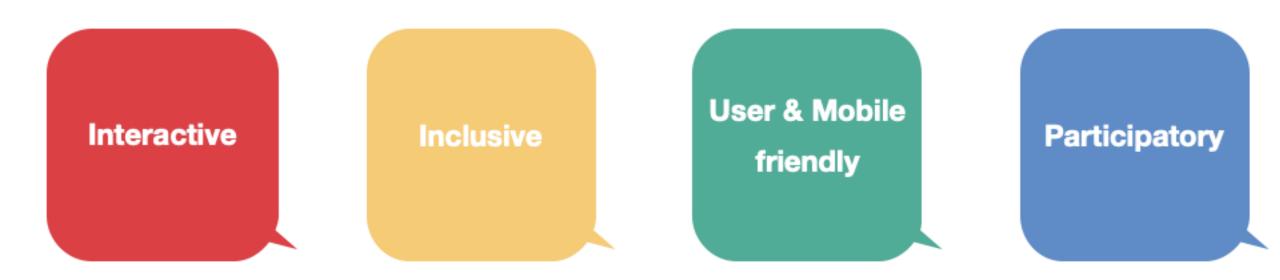






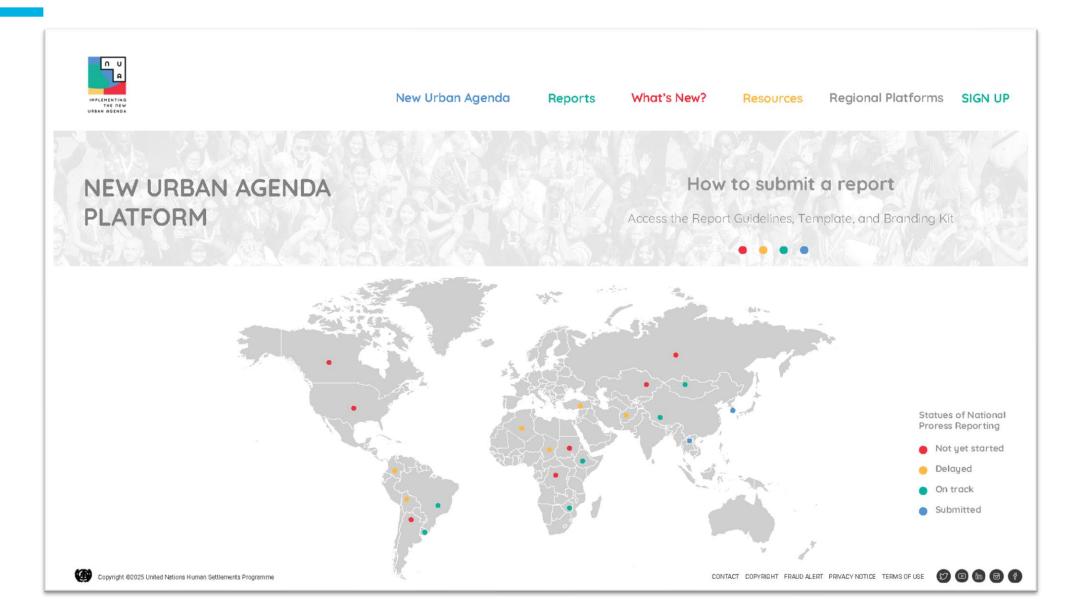
Enhancing Our New Urban Agenda platform

PRINCIPLES: Our New Urban Agenda Platform



Updated version to be launched in January 2026

Our New Urban Agenda Platform



New Urban Agenda Regional Platforms

- Asia-Pacific Regional NUA Platform being developed by Malaysia
- Africa Regional NUA Platform by Morrocco
- developing platforms to strengthen localized monitoring and generation of regional and national case studies









Mobilization towards the 2026 midterm review of the New Urban Agenda

Momentum Toward 2026 Midterm Review



Strengthen capacity development, advance advocacy, promote participatory governance, enhance NUA platform

Enhanced National reporting and Member State consultations

Stakeholders engaged through multi-level urban forums and consultations

Enhanced UN system and international organizations engagement and consultations

New Urban Agenda at World Urban Forum 13

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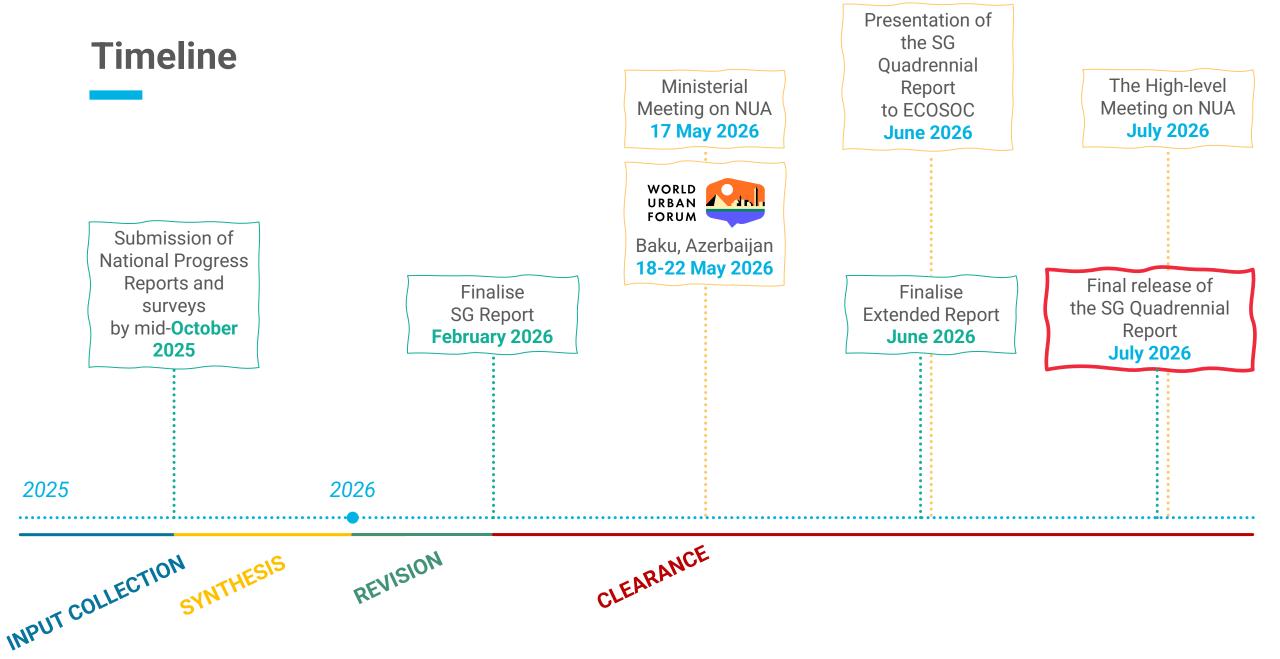
on the New Urban Agenda



Reflect on a decade of implementation
Strengthen Member State Commitments
Reaffirm a shared vision by 2026

Build momentum toward high-level meeting on NUA

at 2026 High-Level Political Forum









Preparations for the High-Level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of New Urban Agenda

High-Level Meeting

- 2 days in July 2026, at margins of the High-Level Political Forum
- Member States and stakeholders engaged in urbanization, housing, public services, land use, and sustainable development
- Will adopt a concise and action-oriented political declaration accelerating implementation of NUA

2026 Biennial Report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation Habitat III and Strengthening UN-Habitat

- Every two years
- Focus: functioning, governance, and institutional strengthening of UN-Habitat and on progress with Habitat III outcomes
- It directly underpins the Second Committee resolution on "Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements ... and Strengthening UN-Habitat."
- Next due: 2026 (to be considered by GA Second Committee in October)

Quadrennial Report of the Secretary-General on the Progress in the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda

- Every four years.
- Focus:
 - global progress in implementing the New Urban Agenda, including monitoring, policy trends, and gaps
 - the contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially SDG 11

High-Level Meeting

Reaffirm urbanization as enabler of peace, prosperity, and climate action to deliver on the Pact of the Future

Key Opportunities

Align NUA with 2030 Agenda, Financing for Development process, World Social Summit 2025, and future development frameworks

Set out concrete measures to strengthen **UN-Habitat as the leading UN agency** on sustainable urbanization

Ensure housing, land, and basic services remain central to international development agenda

Timeline High-Level Meeting convened at the margin of the Co-Facilitators & High-Level **UN-Habitat define** Political Forum work plan, focus areas, modalities Co-Facilitators Consolidation of appointed; focal inputs and points designated intergovernmental Zero draft political negotiations declaration shared **Member States** at World Urban invited to Consultations Forum expresses with Member interest in co-States and facilitating stakeholders 2025 2026 Way - July September October December January - April May VIUL



Thank you!



