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Human Settlements Programme

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Draft report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its third session of 2025

Introduction

1. The Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) was established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/239 of 20 December 2018, on the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of UN-Habitat.
2. The Executive Board held its first session of 2025 from 25 to 27 March 2025. At that session, in its decision 2025/4, on methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2025, the Executive Board agreed that its second session of 2025 would be held on 30 May 2025, and that the third session would be held for a duration of two days on 25 and 26 November 2025.
3. Accordingly, the third session of 2025 was held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi on 25 and 26 November 2025.

I. Opening of the session

4. The third session of 2025 of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat was opened at 9.20 a.m. on Tuesday, 25 November 2025, by the Chair of the session, Sebastian Groth (Germany). Mr. Groth outlined the arrangements for the session on the basis of recommendations made by the Bureau of the Executive Board. The session was being held fully in person, with restricted online access without interpretation for authorized delegations and relevant officers. Simultaneous interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations would be available for six hours daily during the session for participants attending in person. Vivian Nain Kuma (Cameroon) acted as Rapporteur for the session.
5. Opening statements were delivered by Anacláudia Marinheiro Centeno Rossbach, Executive Director of UN-Habitat; and Alice Wahome, Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, Kenya.

II. Organizational matters

A. Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the third session of 2025

6. At the 1st plenary meeting of the session, the Executive Board adopted the following agenda for its third session of 2025 on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2025/16) and the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2025/16/Add.1).

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.
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 Intergovernmental 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.
6. Implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat:
 - (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.
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.
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.

7. The Executive Board agreed to follow the proposed organization of work and timetable for the third session of 2025, as set out in the relevant documents. Draft decisions for consideration by the Executive Board, as forwarded to the Chair of the Board by Susan Nakhumicha Wafula (Kenya), Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, which had been tasked by the Bureau with leading the consultations on the draft decisions for consideration at the current session, were set out in a conference room paper and presented by the Chair of the session. The Executive Board agreed that informal consultations on the draft decisions should be held at agreed times during the session. The draft decisions would be considered by the Executive Board for possible adoption at the last plenary meeting of the session, on 26 November 2025. The Executive Board agreed that the informal consultations would be chaired by the Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters.

B. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its first session of 2025

8. At the 1st plenary meeting, the Executive Board adopted the report on the work of its first session of 2025 (HSP/EB.2025/14), held from 25 to 27 March 2025, by paragraph 1 of part (a), on reports of the Executive Board and its working groups, of decision 2025/8 entitled “Working methods of the Executive Board; workplan of the Executive Board for 2026”. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/26. The Executive Board also adopted part (c), on working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings of the Board, of decision 2025/8, entitled “Working methods of the Executive Board: workplan of the Executive Board for 2026”, in which it took note of the results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the first session of 2025 of the Executive Board.

C. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its second session of 2025

9. At the 1st plenary meeting, the Executive Board adopted the report on the work of its second session of 2025 (HSP/EB.2025/15), held on 30 May 2025, by paragraph 2 of part (a), on reports of the Executive Board and its working groups, of decision 2025/8, entitled “Working methods of the Executive Board; workplan of the Executive Board for 2026”. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/26.

D. Attendance

10. The session was attended by representatives of the following States members of the UN-Habitat Executive Board: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Djibouti, France, Germany, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Mexico, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Zimbabwe.

11. The session was also attended by the following observers that are States members of the United Nations: Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Botswana, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Finland, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Oman, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Zambia.

The session was also attended by the following observers that are members of specialized agencies of the United Nations: European Union, State of Palestine.

12. The session was also attended by the following observer: League of Arab States.

III. Report by the Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters of the Executive Board

13. At the 1st plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the report of the Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters. The Chair introduced the item.

14. Beatrice Karago (Kenya), speaking on behalf of Susan Nakhumicha Wafula, Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, provided a briefing on the work of that group.

15. Following the briefing, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: France and Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States). A statement was also delivered by the representative of the European Union (also on behalf of its Member States).

16. The Executive Board took note of the information provided by the Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters.

17. The Executive Board adopted paragraphs 3 to 5 of part (a), on reports of the Executive Board and its working groups, of decision 2025/8, entitled “Working methods of the Executive Board; workplan of the Executive Board for 2026”. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/26.

IV. Report by the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All

18. At the 1st plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the report by the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All.

19. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All on the work of its first session (HSP/OEWG-H.2024/8).

20. The representative of Azerbaijan, Co-Chair of the Intergovernmental Expert Working Group, speaking also on behalf of his fellow Co-Chair from Somalia, gave a report on the activities of the Intergovernmental Expert Working Group, including the outcomes of its second session, held in Nairobi on 22 and 23 October 2025.

21. Following the report, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Algeria, Cameroon, Colombia, France, Germany, Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States) and Zimbabwe. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Costa Rica and Malawi. The Executive Director and a representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

22. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 4 and the further information provided.

23. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on work of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All, of decision 2025/8 entitled “Working methods of the Executive Board; workplan of the Executive Board for 2026”. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/26.

V. 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

24. At the 1st and 2nd plenary meetings, the Executive Board considered financial, budgetary and administrative matters.

25. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 30 June 2025 (HSP/EB.2025/17) and to the report of the Executive Director on the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 30 September 2025, which was set out in a conference room paper.

26. The Executive Director delivered a statement on financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including on the financial situation as at 30 June 2025, with an update as at 30 September 2025; the revenue received and the expenditures incurred; the status of the restricted general reserve and the unrestricted balances; the main funding sources; and repayment of the internal loan from the programme support fund to the Foundation non-earmarked fund in 2017. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on the financial status as at 30 June 2025 and as at 30 September 2025; the financial performance of the various funds; and voluntary and core contribution patterns.

27. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States), Nigeria, Peru, Portugal and Sweden. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Malawi and the Netherlands (Kingdom of the). The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

28. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 5 and the further information provided.

29. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, of decision 2025/6 entitled “Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; implementation of the strategic plan; work programme and budget for 2026; report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Ethics Office to the Executive Board”. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/26.

VI. Implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat

A. Annual report for 2024 on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025

30. At the 2nd plenary meeting of the session, the Executive Board considered the annual report for 2024 on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025.

31. Introducing the sub-item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director presenting a summary of the annual report for 2024 on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 (HSP/EB.2025/18).

32. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the matter. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on the annual report, which was entitled “Advancing a better future through adequate housing and sustainable urbanization”.

33. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Colombia, France and Peru. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Costa Rica, Malawi and the Netherlands (Kingdom of the). The Executive Director and a representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

34. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda sub-item 6 (a) and the further information provided.

35. The Executive Board adopted paragraphs 3 to 5 of part (b), on implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2025, of decision 2025/6 entitled “Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; implementation of the strategic plan; work programme and budget for 2026; report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Ethics Office to the Executive Board”. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/26.

B. Update on the structure and division of responsibilities within the organization for the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029

36. At the 2nd plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered an update on the structure and division of responsibilities within the organization for the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.

37. Introducing the sub-item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the update on the structure and division of responsibilities for the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 (HSP/EB.2025/19).

38. The Executive Director gave a presentation on the topic, which included the updates requested in paragraph (c) of decision 2025/1. She provided an overview of the new structure of UN-Habitat and its key objectives; alignment with the strategic plan 2026–2029; the safeguarding of the normative leadership of UN-Habitat; the roles of regional and county offices; the human resources framework; the scalability model; and the next steps.

39. Following the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, Colombia, France, Germany, Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States), Nigeria, Peru, Portugal and the United States of America. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Costa Rica, Finland, the Netherlands (Kingdom of the) and Zambia. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

40. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda sub-item 6 (b) and the further information provided.

41. The Executive Board adopted paragraphs 6 to 9 of part (c), on the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029, and part (e), on preparation of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2027, of decision 2025/6 entitled “Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; implementation of the strategic plan; work programme and budget for 2026; report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Ethics Office to the Executive Board”. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/26.

C. Draft monitoring framework for the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029

42. At the 3rd plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the draft monitoring framework for the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.

43. Introducing the sub-item, the Chair drew attention to paragraph 2 of decision 2/6 of the UN-Habitat Assembly and to the report of the Executive Director entitled “UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2026–2029: draft monitoring framework” (HSP/EB.2025/20).

44. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the matter. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on the draft monitoring framework, including its purpose and design; a description of the framework; the scope of the indicators; impact areas and strategic focus; and means of implementation.

45. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Burkina Faso, Colombia, Germany, Japan, Peru and Portugal. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Costa Rica and the Netherlands (Kingdom of the). The Executive Director and a representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

46. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda sub-item 6 (c) and the further information provided.

47. The Executive Board adopted paragraphs 10 and 11 of part (c), on the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029, of decision 2025/6 entitled “Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; implementation of the strategic plan; work programme and budget for 2026; report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Ethics Office to the Executive Board”. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/26.

VII. 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

48. At the 3rd plenary meeting of the session, the Executive Board considered the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026.

49. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026 (HSP/EB.2025/21) and to the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026 (HSP/EB.2025/21/Add.1).

50. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026, including the alignment of the work programme with the current and future strategic plans; new areas of strategic focus; and revisions to the regular budget and related updates to the annual work programme for 2026. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on the matter, including the planning process for the work programme and budget; the structure of the work programme for 2026; and the original and revised budgets.

51. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, Colombia, France, Germany, Mozambique (speaking on behalf of the African States) and Portugal. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Costa Rica, Malawi and Zambia. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

52. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 7 and the further information provided.

53. The Executive Board adopted part (d), on the work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026, of decision 2025/6

entitled “Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; implementation of the strategic plan; work programme and budget for 2026; report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Ethics Office to the Executive Board”. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/26.

VIII. 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

54. At the 3rd and 4th plenary meetings, the Executive Board considered the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat.

55. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to a report by the Executive Director on normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including updates on country programmes in Nigeria and in the Philippines, cooperation with local and regional governments, urban crises prevention and response, and activities for the period January–June 2025 (HSP/EB.2025/22); and documents containing reports by the Executive Director on highlights of normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat for the period January–June 2025 (HSP/EB.2025/INF/15), UN-Habitat 2020–2025 flagship programmes (HSP/EB.2025/INF/16), efforts to reconstruct human settlements affected by conflict in Ukraine (HSP/EB.2025/INF/17), and status of the development of the efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in the Gaza Strip (HSP/EB.2025/INF/18).

56. The Executive Director delivered a statement providing an overview of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat. Representatives of the secretariat then gave presentations on the five flagship programmes of UN-Habitat for 2020–2025, and initiatives with local and regional governments; the UN-Habitat country programme in Nigeria; the UN-Habitat country programme in the Philippines; and the efforts of UN-Habitat to assist in the reconstruction of human settlements affected by conflict and disaster, with a focus on Ukraine and Gaza.

Following the statement and presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Burkina Faso, Burundi, Colombia, France, Germany, Japan, Russian Federation and Ukraine. Statements were also made by the representatives of Finland, the Philippines and the State of Palestine.

57. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

58. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 8 and the further information provided.

59. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, of decision 2025/7 entitled “Implementation of normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; reporting on programmatic activities in 2025, implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities”.

IX. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum

60. At the 4th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum to be held in Baku from 17 to 22 May 2026.

61. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the status of preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (HSP/EB.2025/23).

62. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the status of preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum, including establishment of the structures required and the working arrangements for the forum. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on the matter, including the background to the forum, the host country arrangements, the programme of the forum, the stakeholder engagement undertaken and the promotion of the event.

63. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Colombia, France and Germany.

64. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
65. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 9 and the further information provided.
66. The Executive Board adopted paragraph 6 of part (c), on the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum, World Habitat Day 2025, World Cities Day 2025 and regional urban forums, of decision 2025/7 entitled “Implementation of normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; reporting on programmatic activities in 2025, implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities”.

X. Preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the New Urban Agenda

67. At the 4th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the New Urban Agenda planned for mid-2026.
68. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to General Assembly resolution 79/214 and to the report of the Executive Director providing an update on the preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the New Urban Agenda (HSP/EB.2025/INF/14).
69. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the matter. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on various aspects of the preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly, including the New Urban Agenda in global platforms; the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda; national progress reporting on the New Urban Agenda; stakeholder engagement and capacity development; the new version of the UN-Habitat New Urban Agenda online platform; and the timeline for preparations.
70. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, Cameroon and Germany. Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Malawi and Zambia. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
71. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 10 and the further information provided.
72. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, of decision 2025/7 entitled “Implementation of normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; reporting on programmatic activities in 2025, implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities”.

XI. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board

73. At the 4th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board.
74. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the note by the secretariat on the report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Ethics Office and related UN-Habitat activities (HSP/EB.2025/24).
75. The Executive Director delivered a statement indicating that the note by the secretariat contained detailed information on activities relating to the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Ethics Office, and provided information on the ethics-related activities of UN-Habitat. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on UN-Habitat engagement with the Office of Internal Oversight Services between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025, including on internal audit activities, evaluations and investigation activities, and with the Ethics Office in 2024, as well as on the ethics-related activities of UN-Habitat from 1 January 2024 to 31 August 2025.
76. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, France and Germany.
77. The Executive Director responded to the issues raised.

78. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 11 and the further information provided.

79. The Executive Board adopted part (f), on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Ethics Office, of decision 2025/6 entitled ‘Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; implementation of the strategic plan; work programme and budget for 2026; report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Ethics Office to the Executive Board’. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/26.

XII. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including on the dates and provisional agenda of the first session of 2026

A. Outcomes of the session

80. At the 4th plenary meeting, the Executive Board adopted the following decisions, which are set out in document HSP/EB.2025/26:

(a) Decision 2025/6: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; implementation of the strategic plan; work programme and budget for 2026; report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Ethics Office to the Executive Board, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat;
- (ii) Part (b): Implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2025;
- (iii) Part (c): Strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029;
- (iv) Part (d): Work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2026;
- (v) Part (e): Preparation of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2027;
- (vi) Part (f): Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Ethics Office;

(b) Decision 2025/7: Implementation of normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; reporting on programmatic activities in 2025, implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat;
- (ii) Part (b): High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;
- (iii) Part (c): Thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum, World Habitat Day 2025, World Cities Day 2025 and regional urban forums;

(c) Decision 2025/8: Working methods of the Executive Board; workplan of the Executive Board for 2026, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Reports of the Executive Board and its working groups;
- (ii) Part (b): Work of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All;
- (iii) Part (c): Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings of the Board;
- (iv) Part (d): Dates and agenda of the next session of the Executive Board; workplan of the Board for 2026.

81. Following the adoption of the decisions, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Nigeria and United States.¹

B. Dates and provisional agenda for the next session of the Executive Board

82. The Executive Board adopted part (d) entitled “Dates and agenda of the next session of the Executive Board; workplan of the Board for 2026”, of decision 2025/8 entitled “Working methods of the Executive Board; workplan of the Board for 2026”.

83. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/26.

XIII. Other matters

84. The representative of the following non-governmental or other organization delivered a statement: Stewards for Change.

XIV. Closure of the session

85. The Executive Director and the Chair delivered closing statements.

86. The Chair declared the session closed at 5.10 p.m. on Wednesday, 26 November 2025.

ADVANCE

¹ The statement made by the representative of the United States in explanation of position is available [here](#).