



**Executive Board of the United Nations
Human Settlements Programme
First session of 2026**
Nairobi, 21 and 22 April 2026
Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda*

**Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda and the
workplan for the first session of 2026**

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the session

1. The Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) held its third session of 2025 on 25 and 26 November 2025. The report of that session is set out in document HSP/EB.2025/25, and the decisions adopted by the Board at the session are set out in document HSP/EB.2025/26.
2. In decision 2025/8, the Executive Board decided that its first session of 2026 would be held for a duration of two days, on 21 and 22 April 2026, and also decided on the provisional agenda for the session, subject to further review by the Bureau in accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 10 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board (HSP/HA.1/HLS.3, annex).
3. Subsequently, the Bureau met on 13 February 2026 and reviewed and recommended the provisional agenda for the first session of 2026, which is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/1.
4. The membership of the Executive Board as at 30 January 2026 is available on the UN-Habitat website.¹ The geographical distribution of the Bureau that will preside over the conduct of the first session of 2026 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)

5. Under item 1 of the provisional agenda, the Chair will declare the first session of 2026 of the Executive Board open and propose the procedures to be applied for the session.

The Chair of the Executive Board will open the session.

* HSP/EB.2026/1.

¹ https://unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2021/08/1-membership_of_the_executive_board_un-habitat_assembly.pdf.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the first session of 2026

6. Under this sub-item, the Chair will remind participants that the session will be conducted fully in person for approximately six hours per day, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 5 p.m., with full interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

7. The Executive Board will consider and adopt the provisional agenda for the session and decide on the organization of its work. The provisional agenda is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/1, and the proposed timetable and organization of work can be found in the notification by the Executive Director.

The Executive Board is expected to adopt the provisional agenda and agree on the proposed workplan for the first session of 2026.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2026/1)

Annotated provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2026/1/Add.1)

List of documents for the first session of 2026 of the Executive Board (HSP/EB.2026/INF/1)

Notification by the Executive Director

(b) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its third session of 2025

8. Under this sub-item, and on the basis of a recommendation by the Rapporteur, the Executive Board will be invited to adopt the report on the work of its third session of 2025.

The Executive Board is expected to consider and adopt the report on the work of its third session of 2025.

Documentation

Draft report of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat on the work of its third session of 2025 (HSP/EB.2025/25)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its third session of 2025 (HSP/EB.2025/26)

Item 3

Report by the Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters and update by the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All

9. In accordance with the decisions of the Executive Board, in particular paragraph 7 of decision 2019/2, in which the Board decided to establish an ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, the Chair of the ad hoc working group will be invited to report to the Board on the work of the group, including on possible draft decisions for consideration by and recommendations to the Board.

10. In accordance with UN-Habitat Assembly resolution 2/7, in which the Assembly established the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All, the Co-Chairs of the Expert Working Group will report to the Executive Board on the Group's activities.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report by the Chair of the ad hoc working group and provide guidance as appropriate.

The Executive Board may also wish to take note of the report by the Co-Chairs of the Expert Working Group and provide guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All on the work of its second session (HSP/OEWG-H.2025/5)

Item 4

Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including an update on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation

11. Under this item, the Executive Director will introduce the reports on the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 31 December 2025 and 31 March 2026, in accordance with paragraph 5 of decision 2019/4 of the Executive Board.
12. In accordance with paragraphs 4 and 5 of decision 2025/1, the Executive Director will provide an update on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation.
13. In addition, the Executive Director will provide information on actions taken by UN-Habitat to address geographical and gender imbalance in the composition of its staff.
14. The Executive Director will also brief the Executive Board on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the briefing and of the relevant documentation and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the interim financial status of UN-Habitat as at 31 December 2025 (HSP/EB.2026/2)

Report of the Executive Director on the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 31 March 2026 (in-session document)

Annual report on UN-Habitat actions to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff (HSP/EB.2026/2/Add.1)

Update on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation (HSP/EB.2026/3)

Report of the Executive Director on the staffing of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2025 (HSP/EB.2026/INF/2)

Item 5

Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029

(a) Update on the structure and the division of responsibilities

15. In accordance with paragraph 7 of decision 2025/6, the Executive Director will provide an update on the implementation of the new structure of, and division of responsibilities within, UN-Habitat to facilitate the implementation of its strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.

16. The Executive Director will also brief the Executive Board on implications of the UN80 initiative for the structure, staffing, budgetary planning and work of UN-Habitat, in accordance with paragraph 8 of decision 2025/6.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the briefings and documentation and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Update on the structure and the division of responsibilities for the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 (HSP/EB.2026/4)

Report of the Executive Director on the implications of the UN80 initiative for the structure, staffing, budgetary planning and work of UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2026/INF/3)

(b) Update on the monitoring framework for the strategic plan

17. In accordance with paragraph 11 of decision 2025/6, the Executive Director will present the baseline values and the proposed corresponding targets for the indicators in the monitoring framework, to be achieved by the end of the implementation period of the strategic plan for 2026–2029.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the briefing and documentation and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the monitoring framework for the strategic plan 2026–2029: baseline values and targets for indicators to be achieved by 2029 (HSP/EB.2026/5)

(c) Resource mobilization strategy for the strategic plan

18. In accordance with paragraph 2 (b) of UN-Habitat Assembly decision 2/6 and paragraph 11 of Executive Board decision 2025/8, the Executive Director will present to the Board the resource mobilization strategy for the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the presentation and documentation and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Draft resource mobilization strategy for the implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029 (HSP/EB.2026/6)

Item 6

Status of and discussion on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2027

19. Under rule 5 (c) of its rules of procedure, the Executive Board has a mandate to approve and oversee the implementation of the annual programme of work and budget. In paragraph 4 (a) of its decision 2019/4, the Board decided that the annual work programme of UN-Habitat and the budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation would be included on the provisional agenda for consideration at the first session of the Board each year.

20. In accordance with paragraph 13 of decision 2025/6, the Executive Director will provide the Executive Board with an update on the status of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2027.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the briefing and documentation and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the status of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2027 (HSP/EB.2026/7)

Draft work programme of UN-Habitat for 2027 (HSP/EB.2026/INF/4)

Item 7

Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on programmatic activities in 2025 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities

21. In accordance with paragraph 6 (b) of decision 2019/4 and paragraph 4 of decision 2025/7, the Executive Director will provide a briefing on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, with a focus on the country programmes in Brazil and Tunisia, urban crisis prevention and response initiatives, and the activities of UN-Habitat during the period July–December 2025.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the briefing and documentation and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including updates on the country programmes in Brazil and Tunisia and on urban crisis prevention and response initiatives (HSP/EB.2026/8)

Report of the Executive Director on highlights of normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat for the period July–December 2025 (HSP/EB.2026/INF/5)

Report of the Executive Director on the status of the development of the efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in the Gaza Strip (HSP/EB.2026/INF/6)

Report of the Executive Director on efforts to reconstruct human settlements affected by conflict in Ukraine (HSP/EB.2025/INF/17/Rev.1)

Item 8

Update on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

22. Under this item, and in accordance with paragraph 6 of decision 2019/4 and paragraph 11 of decision 2025/8, the Executive Director will brief the Executive Board on the status of the implementation of all resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the briefing and documentation and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of United Nations Habitat Assembly resolutions through the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 (HSP/EB.2026/9)

Item 9

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

23. Under this item, the Executive Director will brief the Executive Board on the preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the New Urban Agenda, to be held in July 2026 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 79/214.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the briefing and documentation and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including the preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (HSP/EB.2026/10)

Item 10

Preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum

24. Under this item, the Executive Director will brief the Executive Board on the status of preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum, to be held in Baku from 17 to 22 May 2026.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the briefing and documentation and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (HSP/EB.2026/11)

Item 11

Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations

25. Under this item, the Executive Director will provide a briefing on the implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations, including a review of the checklist on the implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the United Nations development system as part of the contribution of UN-Habitat to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the briefing and documentation and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Note by the secretariat on the implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations (HSP/EB.2026/12)

Checklist on the implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the United Nations development system (HSP/EB.2026/INF/7)

Item 12

Action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual or any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace

26. Under this item, pursuant to paragraph 4 (e) of decision 2019/4, the Executive Director will introduce the report on action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual or any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace, which includes information on the number of allegations reported, investigations carried out and actions taken by UN-Habitat.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the briefing and documentation and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual or any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace (HSP/EB.2026/13)

Item 13

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

27. Under this item, and in accordance with paragraph 6 (c) of decision 2019/4, the Executive Director will provide a briefing on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the briefing and documentation and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (General Assembly document; if available)

Item 14

Annual report on action by the Executive Director to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat

28. Under this item, and in accordance with paragraph 4 (d) of decision 2019/4, the Executive Director will brief the Executive Board on actions to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the briefing and documentation and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on actions to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2026/14)

Item 15

Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the second session of 2026

29. Under this item, the Executive Board will consider draft decisions and outcomes of its first session of 2026.

30. The Executive Board will also consider the provisional agenda for its second session of 2026 and decide on the dates for that session.

The Executive Board is expected to consider and adopt the draft decisions and outcomes of its first session of 2026 and agree on the dates and provisional agenda for its second session of 2026.

Documentation

In-session draft decisions to be submitted by the Bureau and Member States (HSP/EB.2026/CRP.1)

Item 16

Election of officers of the Bureau

31. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will elect from among its members a new Bureau, comprising a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur, to hold office starting at the end of the first session of 2026 until the end of the first session of 2027. In line with rule 9, and taking into account the need to ensure equitable geographical representation, the offices of Chair and Rapporteur will each rotate to a different regional group.

32. The expected composition of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the period 2026–2027 is as follows:

Chair:	Asia-Pacific States
Vice-Chairs:	Latin American and Caribbean States
	African States
	Western European and other States
Rapporteur:	Eastern European States

The Executive Board is expected to elect a new Bureau for the period from the end of the first session of 2026 to the end of the first session of 2027.

Documentation

Rules of procedure of the Executive Board (HSP/HA.1/HLS.3, annex)

Item 17

Other matters

33. Under this item, the Executive Board may wish to consider any other matters.

Item 18

Closure of the session

34. It is expected that the Executive Board will conclude the work of its first session of 2026 by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 April 2026.