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The High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly and the Quadrennial Report of the Secretary-General on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

Ad Hoc Working Group on Programmatic, Budgetary and Administrative Matters
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Quadrennial Report of the Secretary-General on Progress in the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda

New Urban Agenda



Adopted and endorsed at Habitat III in **2016**

Global **framework** to guide **sustainable urbanization** toward inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities

Secretary General to report every **four years** on progress in implementation

2026 report will constitute the **midterm review** of implementation

National Progress Reporting on the New Urban Agenda: The Mandate from UNGA Resolution 71/256

"We will carry out a **periodic follow-up to and review** of the New Urban Agenda, ensuring coherence at the national, regional and global levels, in order to track progress, assess impact and ensure the Agenda's effective and timely implementation, accountability to our citizens and transparency, in an inclusive manner"

National Progress Reporting on the New Urban Agenda

2018-2022 Reporting cycle

- **40** Member States out of 193 submitted
- **21%** Submission rate



2022-2026 Reporting cycle

- **69** Member States (out of 193) expected to submit
- **42** Member states submitted
- **36%** Submission rate expected
- **2** Supplementary Submissions
- Regional dialogues with **5** Member States conducted

UN & International Organizations, Stakeholder engagement

NUA UN Survey & Dialogues: 18 Surveys submitted, 32 participants from 10 organizations attended the NUA UN Dialogues

Capacity Building: Our NUA learning series reached over 1,300 participants from 115 countries; 10,819 enrolments were recorded in NUA-related e-learning courses on the UN-Habitat Learn platform

UN Habitat multistakeholder contributions: over 120 stakeholder survey submissions, and 144 participants (58% women) from 75 organizations in report write-shop

AI-enabled analysis: Desk reviews of national progress reports and related submissions

Highlights from the NUA SG's report (1/2)

Progress has been too slow and unequal: More countries have adopted **urban and housing policies and expanded services and infrastructure**, but implementation has not kept pace with the scale of urban challenges.

Deepening housing crisis: Up to 3 billion people face housing inadequacy, affordability has worsened and the number of people living in **slums and informal settlements rose by more than 120 million since 2016** to over 1.1 billion.

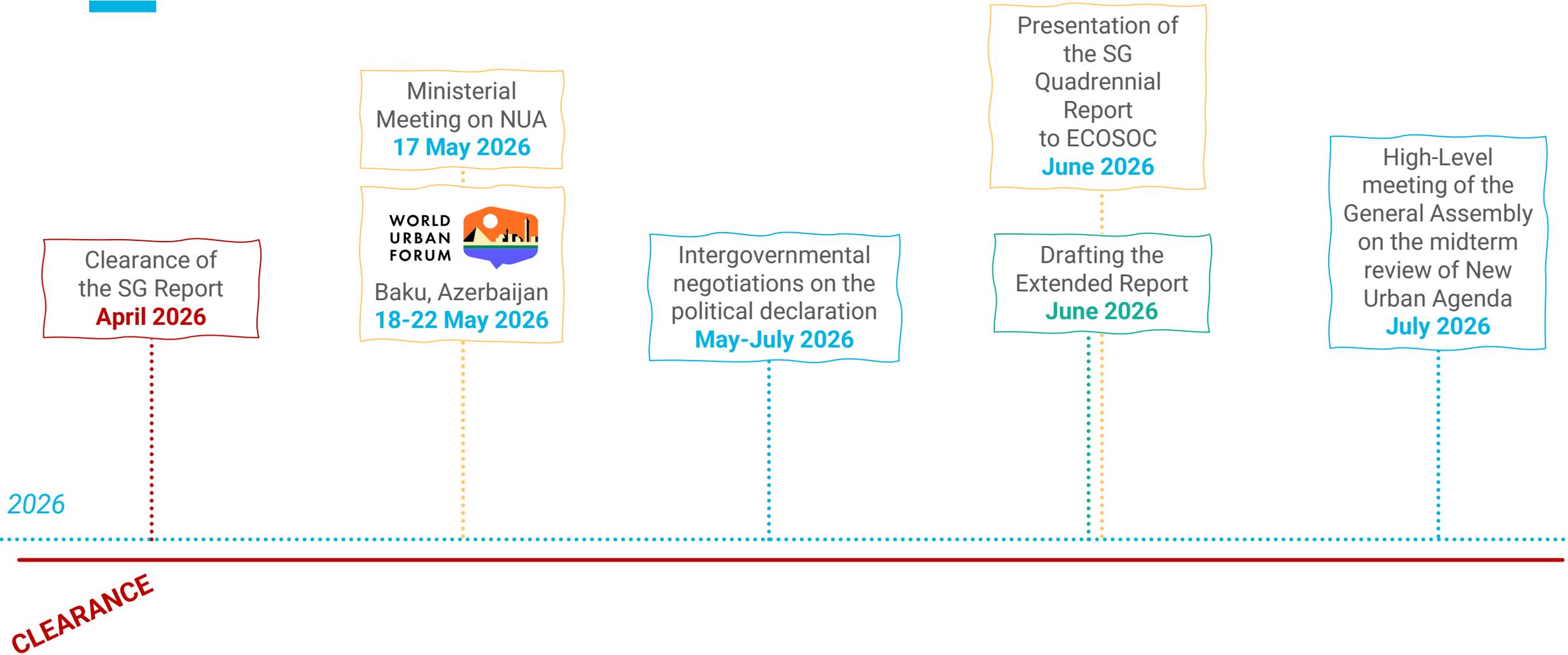
Basic services have expanded, but major urban gaps remain: **Electricity and improved drinking water now reach more than 95%** of urban residents, and internet access exceeds 80% globally. **Sanitation and clean cooking have progressed most rapidly since 2016** from a lower base, yet access remains highly unequal, especially in informal settlements and low-income regions.

Highlights from the NUA SG's report (2/2)

Cities are central to climate action, but urban risk is rising faster than resilience: Cities generate over 70% of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions, urban climate action has grown significantly, and urban content in NDCs has strengthened, but adaptation remains underfinanced and climate threats to housing, health and infrastructure are intensifying.

Localization is advancing, but local delivery is underpowered: Cities and local and regional governments are increasingly leading implementation and reporting, including through nearly 300 VLRs, but continue to face major financing, fiscal and capacity constraints.

Timeline



New Urban Agenda at WUF13

WUF13 is being positioned as a pivotal platform for advancing the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, as it coincides with the midterm point of the Agenda's implementation period.

Time	Session
Opening segment	
09:00-09:45	High-level opening segment - Government of Azerbaijan; UN-Habitat Executive Director; EOSG Representative
National Statements	
10:00-12:00	Three simultaneous High-Level Roundtables
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break
Substantive segment	
13:30-14:30	Panel 1 - Housing for social inclusion and ending poverty
14:30-15:30	Panel 2 – Housing for urban prosperity and opportunities for all
15:30-16:30	Panel 3 – Housing for environmentally sustainable and resilient urban development
16:30-16:45	Break
Closing Segment	
16:45-17:30	Closing Segment – roundtables overview and summary of key issues raised in national statements

An informal preparatory meeting towards of the UN General Assembly mandated High Level mid-term review of the New Urban Agenda to held in New York ----> Co-chairs summary

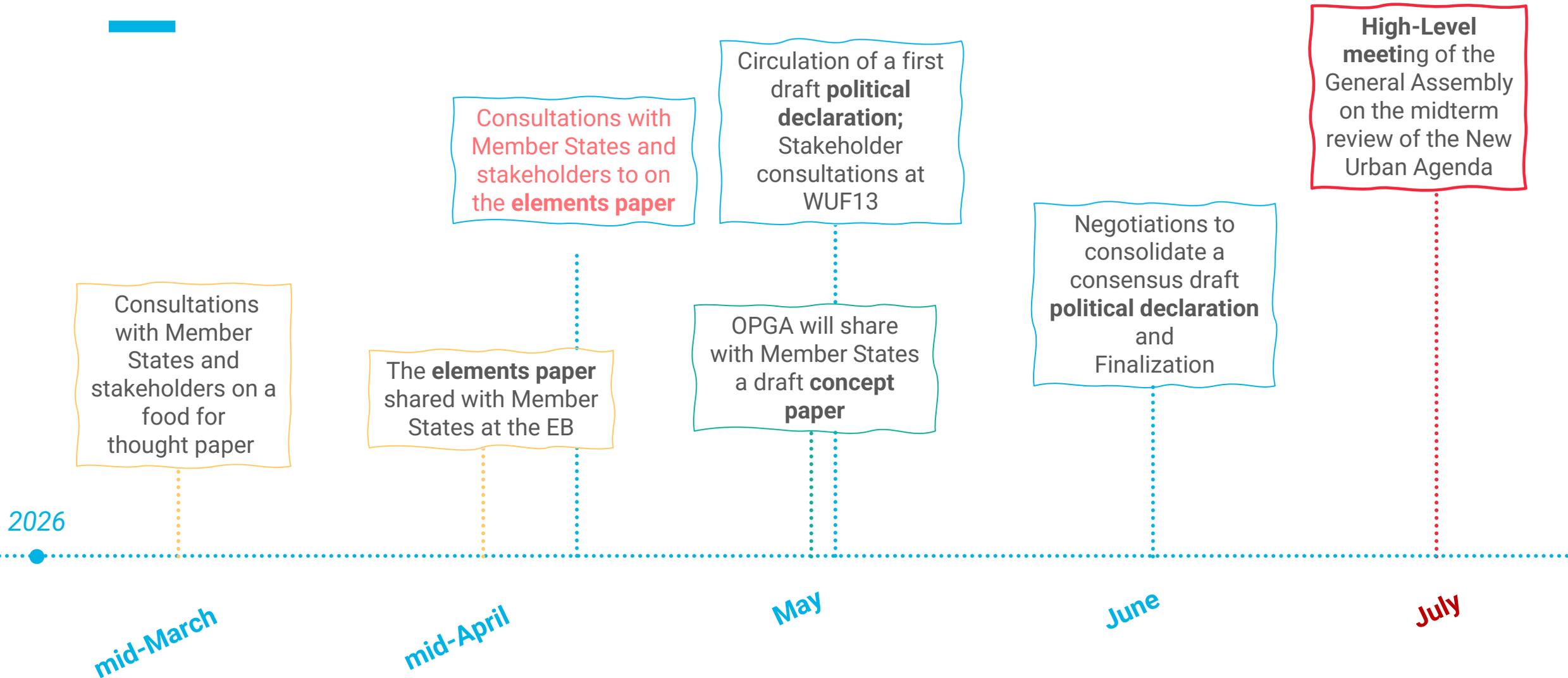


Preparations for the **High-Level Meeting** of the General Assembly on the midterm review of New Urban Agenda

High-Level Meeting on Midterm review of the New Urban Agenda

- Based on A/RES/79/214, a two-day [High-Level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of New Urban Agenda](#) following the 2026 High-Level Political Forum with proposed dates of **16–17 July 2026**.
- **Segment**: an opening, plenary, interactive multi-stakeholder panels and a closing
- A **concise and action-oriented political declaration** to renew commitment and accelerate implementation of the New Urban Agenda, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations
- **co-facilitators**: the Republic of Malawi and the Republic of Poland; regular coordination [meetings with the ED on-going](#)
- A [Group of Friends](#) briefing was convened in New York in January 2026 to update delegations on preparations

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Thank you!

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