



**UN-HABITAT**

## **Agenda item 9:**

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

2026 First session of the Executive Board  
21–22 April 2026

# New Urban Agenda

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

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

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

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



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

# National Progress Reporting on the New Urban Agenda

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## 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
- 69 Member States (out of 193) expected to submit
- 36% Submission rate
- 2 Supplementary Submissions,
- Regional dialogues with 5 member states

# UN & International Organizations, Stakeholder engagement

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**NUA UN Survey & Dialogues:** 21 Surveys submission expected, 32 participants from 10 organizations attended

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**Capacity Building:** Our NUA learning series reached 1,400+ participants; 10,976 enrolments were recorded in NUA-related e-learning courses on the [UN-Habitat Learn](#) platform

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**UN Habitat multistakeholder contributions:** 120 stakeholder surveys, urban forums, 144 participants (58% women) from 75 organizations attended the NUA Write-Shop

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

# A Decade of NUA Implementation – Key Highlights

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**Progress:** Advances in national urban & housing policies and multilevel governance; Growth in VLRs, city networks, and urban climate commitments.

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**Challenges:** Persistent gaps in implementation, urban data, and financing; uneven local capacities.

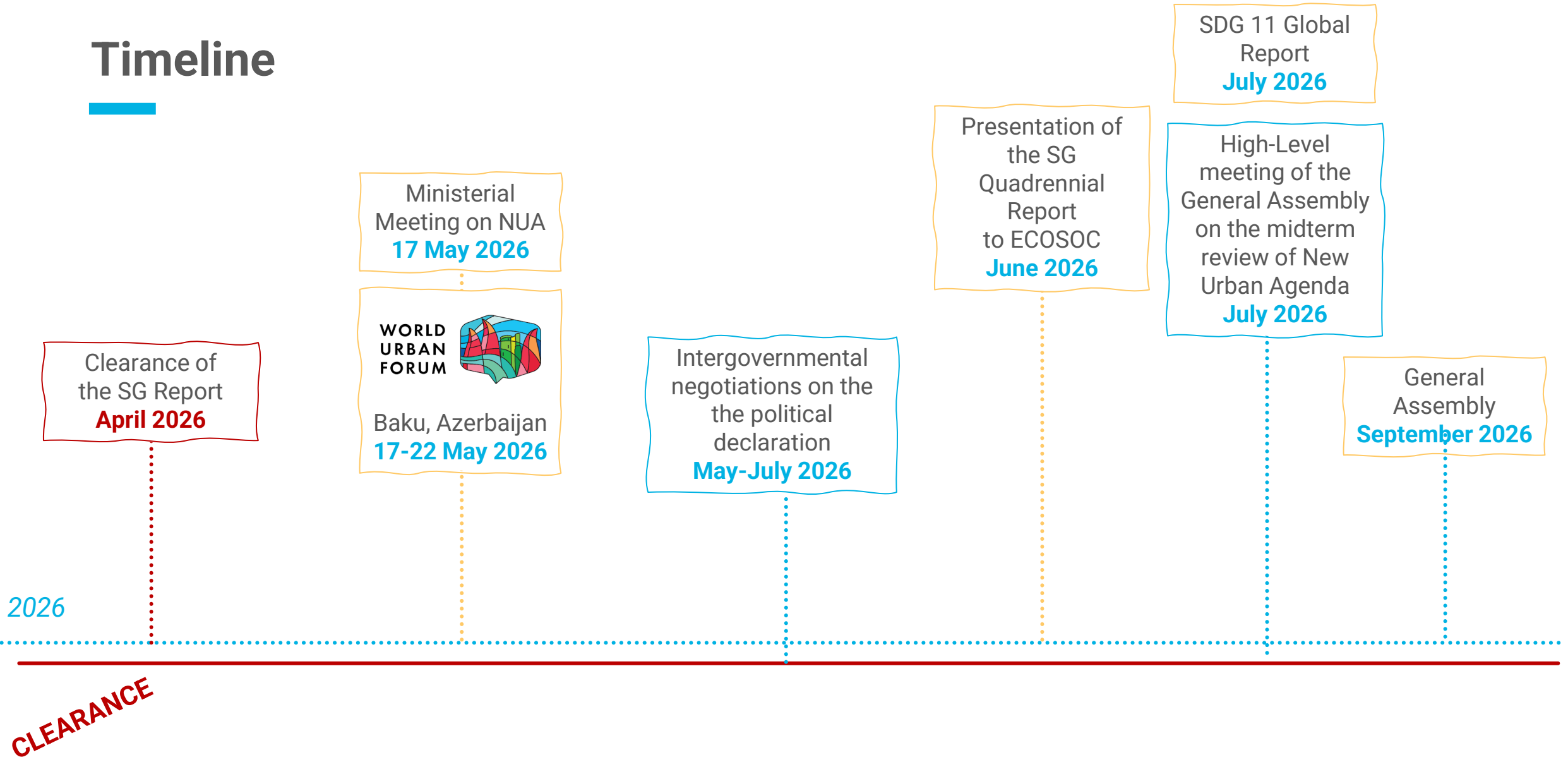
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**Major Barrier:** Deepening global housing crisis, affecting nearly 3 billion people.

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**Way Forward:** Prioritize housing, strengthen multilevel governance, improve urban financing, and support localization

# Timeline





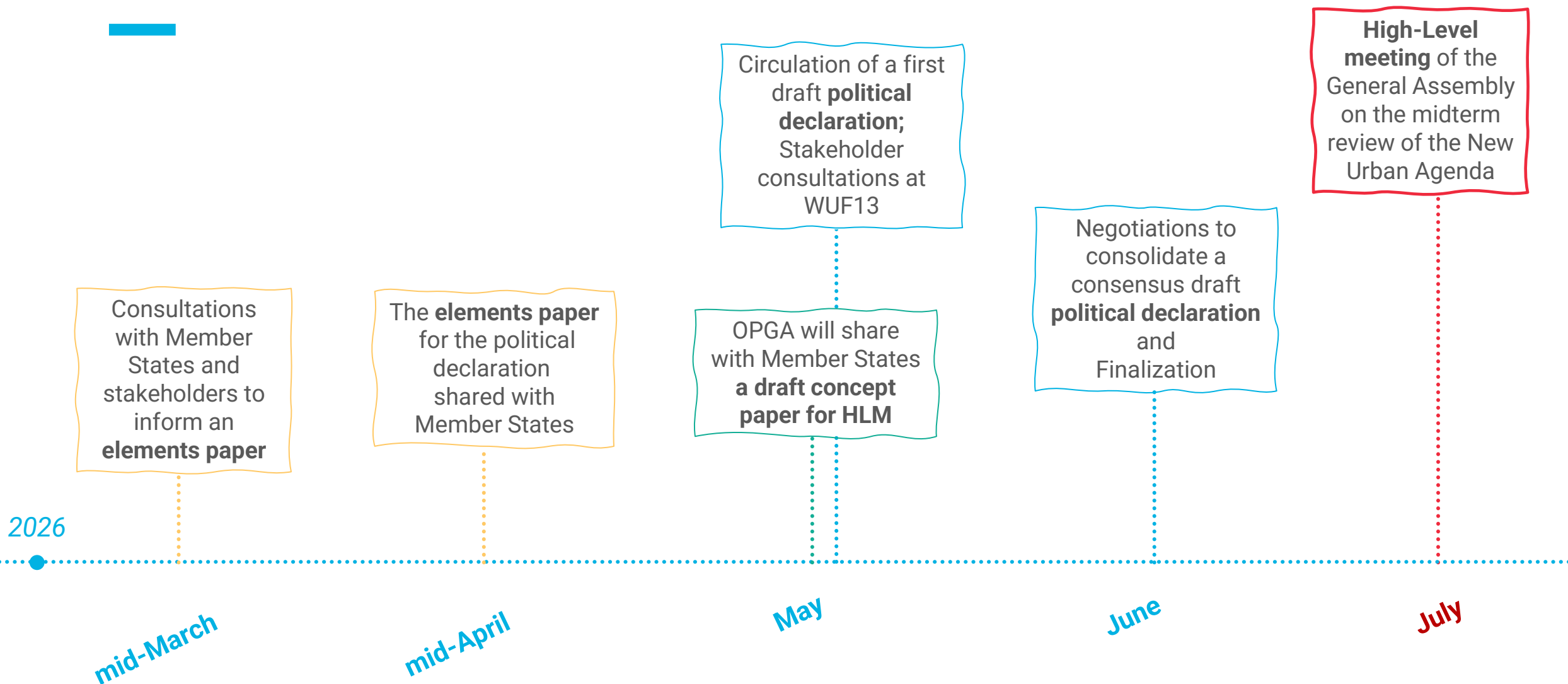
# Preparations for the **High-Level meeting** of the General Assembly on the midterm review of New Urban Agenda

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

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- 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

# Timeline





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