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Item 15 of the provisional agenda***

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

Draft outcomes to be considered by the Executive Board at its first session 2026

Draft decision 2026/[A]: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation, draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2027, and implementation of the strategic plan 2026-2029 of UN-Habitat.

The Executive Board

- (a) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, including financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation**
1. *Takes note* of the reports and updates of the Executive Director on:
 - the interim financial status of UN-Habitat as at 31 December 2025¹;
 - the staffing of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2025²;

* HSP/EB.2025/X.

¹ HSP/EB.2026/2

² HSP/EB.2026/INF/2

- recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity³;
- the update on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation⁴.

2. *Expresses* concern about the net operational deficit of USD 0.4 Million of the Foundation non-earmarked fund, resulting in a decrease of the closing net asset in 2025.

3. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue efforts towards strengthening non-earmarked and earmarked funding in accordance with the UN-Habitat resource mobilization strategy for the implementation of Strategic Plan 2026–2029, and *invites* all Member States to contribute to the core financial resource of UN-Habitat.

(b) The status of 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 2027

4. *Requests* the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters to continue its consideration of the non-earmarked budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the year 2027, and *requests* the Executive Director to finalize the draft annual work programme and budget for 2027 based on feedback from the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and to present it to the Executive Board at its second session of 2026 for further consideration and possible approval, taking into account the level of revenue of the Foundation non-earmarked fund;

(c) Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029

5. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report by the Executive Director on the implementation of the strategic plan for UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029 on:

- Update on the structure and division of responsibilities⁵;
- Baseline values and targets for indicators to be achieved by 2029 of the Monitoring Framework⁶;

6. *Welcomes* the Resource Mobilization Strategy for the Strategic Plan for the period 2026-2029⁷ and requests the Executive Director to start its implementation based on the guidance provided and to keep Member States informed of relevant updates.

7. *Recalls* paragraph 8 of its decision 2025/6, and *takes note* of the information provided by the Executive Director on the implications of the UN80 initiative for the structure, staffing, budgetary planning and work of UN-Habitat, and requests further update at the next Executive Board meeting.

Draft decision 2026/[B]: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat

The Executive Board

³ HSP/EB.2026/2/Add.1

⁴ HSP/EB.2026/3

⁵ HSP/EB.2026/4

⁶ HSP/EB.2026/5

⁷ HSP/EB.2026/6

(a) Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat

1. *Welcomes* the briefing and the report by the Executive Director on normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat⁸, including the updates on the Brazil country programme, the Tunisia country programme, the work of the United Nations Innovation Technology Accelerator for Cities (UNITAC) and highlights of activities for the period July-December 2025;

2. *Takes note of* the revised and updated report⁹ by the Executive Director on the status of the development of the efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in Ukraine, and requests the Executive Director to provide an update in the next session of the Executive Board on the funding status to sustain UN-Habitat presence in Ukraine thereafter April 2026;

3. *Takes note of* the report by the Executive Director on the status of the development of the efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in the Gaza Strip¹⁰, and requests the Executive Director to complete the comprehensive report once conditions permit;

(b) Preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum

4. *Welcomes* the briefing and the report of the Executive Director on the status of preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum, to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan in May 2026[, recalling the role of the World Urban Forum as the world's premier conference on cities and sustainable urbanization (A/RES/73/307) and as an advocacy platform for all stakeholders (A/RES/79/214) to inform the Quadrennial Reporting of the UN General Assembly on the New Urban Agenda (A/RES/71/256).

5. *Acknowledges* efforts undertaken to engage stakeholders in the preparations for the World Urban Forum.

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

6. *Welcomes* efforts by UN-Habitat to support the development of the Quadrennial Report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda through an inclusive multi-stakeholder process and the information provided related to the preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

7. *Welcomes* the ongoing intergovernmental preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including the appointment of co-facilitators by the President of the General Assembly, through an inclusive and Member State-led process, and the continued technical and facilitative support provided by UN-Habitat;

8. *Appreciates* the efforts of the co-facilitators leading the negotiation of the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda for taking into account the views of the permanent missions in Nairobi.

⁸ HSP/EB.2026/7

⁹ HSP/EB.2025/INF/17/Rev.1

¹⁰ HSP/EB.2026/INF/6

(d) Implementation by UN-Habitat of reforms of the development system and management of the United Nations

9. *Takes note* of the updates by the Secretariat and the related checklist on the implementation of the UN Development System reform in UN-Habitat and *welcomes* efforts by UN-Habitat to continue contributing to the repositioning of the United Nations Development System.

Draft Decision 2026/[C]: Update on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly

The Executive Board

Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly¹¹.

Draft decision 2026/[D]: Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2026

The Executive Board

(a) Reports of the Executive Board and its working group

1. *Adopts* the report of the Executive Board of the UN-Habitat on the work of its third session of 2025¹²;

2. *Takes note of* the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters on the work of the group;

(b) Work of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All

3. *Recalls* resolution 2/7 of the UN-Habitat Assembly, and welcomes the briefing by the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All on the Group's work including the report of the outcome of the second session, held on 22 and 23 October 2025;

4. *Decides* that the third session of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All, in line with the guidance by the Bureau of the Executive Board will be held for a duration of two days on 26 and 27 November 2026, and *invites* Member States to consider providing financial resources to support the overall inclusive work and effective functioning of the Working Group, including by facilitating the participation of representatives from developing countries;

5. *Recommends* that the provisional agenda for the third session be prepared by the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All and shared with all Member States at least six weeks in advance of the meeting.

¹¹ HSP/EB.2026/7

¹² HSP/EB.2025/25

(c) Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings of the Board

6. *Takes note of* the report on the survey conducted by the secretariat following the third session of the Executive Board of 2025, and cumulative reports of past surveys and decides to discontinue the survey.

7. *Recalls* paragraphs 4-6 of decision 2019/4 and, without prejudice to rule 6 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board, *decides* that the preparation of the provisional agenda for the first and last sessions of the Executive Board each year should be based on the standing items as listed in the annex to this decision, with the understanding that the provisional agenda for future meetings of the board may be further amended by the Executive Board, as needed, considering guidance from the Bureau of the Executive Board, and *decides* to review the annex and its utilization any time member states deem it necessary.

(d) Date and agenda for the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2026

8. *Decides* that the second session of 2026 will be held for a duration of 2 days on 24 and 25 November 2026.

9. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for the second session of 2026, to be further reviewed by the Bureau, will be as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2026;
 - (b) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its first session of 2026;
3. Reports of the chairs of ad hoc working groups
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters
5. 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 2027.
6. Update on normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat.
7. Outcomes from the key events in 2026 including the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum, high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
8. Reports from relevant UN oversight bodies
9. Consideration and adoption of outcomes.
10. Other matters.
11. Closure of the session.

Draft Decision 2026/[E]: Election of officers of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the term 2026–2027

The Executive Board

Decides to elect from among its members, with terms of office from the end of the first session of 2026 to the end of the first session of 2027, taking into consideration the need to ensure equitable geographical representation, the new Bureau of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, as follows:

Chair:	China (Asia-Pacific States)
Vice-Chairs:	Mexico (Latin American and Caribbean States)
	Mozambique (African States)
	Germany (Western European and other States)
Rapporteur:	Slovakia (Eastern European States)

Annex: Standing provisional agendas for future Executive Board sessions

A. Standing provisional agenda items for the first session of the Executive Board in any given year

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters. *[including approval of the agenda and of the report of the previous session]*
3. Reports of the chairs of working groups. *[Note: including from the PBA Working Group and the Open-Ended Working Group on Adequate Housing for All]*
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters. *[Note: including specific reports on resource mobilization, staffing report and geographical and gender balance report]*
5. Update on the development of draft work programme and budget for the upcoming year.
6. Update on UN-Habitat internal management and policies, including on UN reform. *[Note: including specific reports as requested, for example on the UN80 initiative, repositioning of the UN development system and protection against sexual exploitation and abuse]."*
7. Annual report on the implementation of the UN-Habitat strategic plan. *[Note: including on the subprogrammes]*
8. Update on normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat. *[Note: including selected programmatic activities, at least two country programs and activities in areas affected by conflict and disasters]*
9. Update on the implementation of UN-Habitat Assembly resolutions. *[Note: based on updates on the online portal]*
10. Election of Officers of the Bureau of the Executive Board.
11. Consideration and adoption of outcomes.
12. Other matters.
13. Closure of the session.

B. Standing provisional agenda items for the last¹³ session of the Executive Board in any given year

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters. *[including approval of the agenda and of the report of the previous session].*
3. Reports of the chairs of working groups. *[Note: including from the PBA Working Group and the Open-Ended Working Group on Adequate Housing for All]*
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters. *[Note: including recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and resource mobilization]*
5. Consideration and possible approval of the draft work programme and budget for the upcoming year.
6. Update on normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat. *[Note: including selected programmatic activities, at least two country programs and activities in areas affected by conflict and disasters]*
7. Reports from relevant UN oversight bodies. *[Note: reports from the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Joint Inspection Unit, the Ethics Office and other oversight reports]*
8. Consideration and adoption of outcomes.
9. Other matters.
10. Closure of the session.

C. Examples of possible additional non-recurrent agenda items that may be added to the agenda, as relevant (non-exhaustive)

- Preparations for the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
- Preparations for / outcomes from the World Urban Forum.
- Preparations for / outcomes from the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
- Preparations for /outcomes from major UN Conferences and events relevant to UN-Habitat.
- Preparations for the development and approval of future Strategic Plans.

¹³ In the years when UN Habitat Assembly takes place, it will be the third session; in the years there is no UN-Habitat Assembly, it will be the second session.