



**2026 Second Bureau Meeting of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat**  
**Thursday, 16 April 2026**  
**10:00 – 12:00 EAT**

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**Draft Meeting Summary**

**Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting and Adoption of the provisional Agenda**

1. Mr. Martin Row, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to UN-Habitat, on behalf of H.E. Mr. Sebastian Groth, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Germany to UN-Habitat and Chair of the Executive Board, opened the meeting at 10:15 EAT.

**The following members of the Bureau of the Executive Board were present:**

- Mr. Martin Row, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to UN-Habitat
- Dr. Vivian Nain Kuma, Permanent Representative of Cameroon to UN-Habitat
- H.E. Ms. Susan Nakhumicha, Permanent Representative of Kenya to UN-Habitat, Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters
- Mr. Ronney Almeida e Silva Filho, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Federative Republic of Brazil to UN-Habitat
- Ms. Beatrix Pavlackova, Deputy Permanent Representative of Slovakia to UN-Habitat
- Mr. Taleng Aristide Faha, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the Republic of Cameroon
- Mr. Chen Yuheng, Third Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to UN-Habitat
- Ms. Beatrice Karago, Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya to UN-Habitat
- Mr. Simon Matu, Third Secretary, Kenya Permanent Mission to UN-Habitat

**UN-Habitat secretariat members were present:**

- Ms. Anaclaudia Roszbach, Under Secretary-General and Executive Director
- Mr. Raf Tuts, Director, Global Solutions Division
- Ms. Rositsa Todorova, Chief of Staff
- Mr. Ulf Björnholm, Secretary of the Governing Bodies
- Ms. Edlam Yemeru, Director a.i, Global Knowledge and Advocacy Division
- Ms. Annette Waweru, Director, Corporate Management Division
- Ms. Shipra Narag Suri, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Executive Director

2. The Chair welcomed all participants to the meeting and the [provisional Agenda](#) was adopted without any changes.

**Agenda item 2: Update on the status of draft decisions for consideration at the first session of the Executive Board for 2026.**

3. H.E. Ms. Susan Nakhumicha Wafula, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to UN-Habitat and Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, provided an update on the status of draft decisions for consideration at the first session of the Executive Board for 2026. The statement can be accessed [here](#).
4. **The Bureau took note of the update on the status of the draft decisions for consideration at the first session of the Executive Board for 2026, and entrusted the Chair of the working group**

**to continue to lead informal consultations during the lunch and evening breaks of the session, with the objective to finalize the draft decisions for final consideration at the closing plenary on 22 April.**

**Agenda item 3: Review of the organization of work during the session**

5. The Executive Director briefed the Bureau on the organization of work for the first session of the Executive Board for the year 2026. The statement by the Executive Director is available [here](#) and the presentation is accessible [here](#).
6. One Bureau member enquired about the time allocation for national statements and interventions by Member States during the upcoming session.
7. The secretariat informed the Bureau that the practice is for the Chair to discourage delegations to deliver general statements and to instead encourage that interventions are focused on specific agenda items, to ensure efficient time management. Past practice also suggest that interventions should be limited to 3-4 minutes.
8. One Bureau member emphasized the importance of adequate flexibility be given to delegations who wish to speak more than 3 minutes and advised against cutting the microphones after a certain time period.
9. **The Bureau endorsed the organization of work for the first session of the Executive Board for 2026 as presented by the secretariat.**

**Agenda item 4: Status of nomination for the election of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the period 2026-2027.**

10. The secretariat provided a briefing to the Bureau on the status of nomination for the election of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the period 2026-2027.
11. The representative from Cameroon expressed appreciation for the opportunity to have served as rapporteur in the Bureau of the Executive Board in the past year and reaffirmed its commitments to continue supporting the work of the Executive Board.
12. **The Bureau took note of the status of nominations from the regional groups to fill the seats of the five Members of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the year 2026 to 2027.**

**Agenda item 5: Any other matters**

13. The representative from Kenya expressed appreciation to the secretariat for its active and high-level participation in the recently concluded African Urban Forum in Nairobi.
14. One Bureau member reminded the secretariat to take into consideration their written inputs on the Monitoring Framework of the Strategic Plan 2026–2029 and the Resource Mobilization Strategy.
15. The secretariat confirmed that it would respond to the comments provided in writing.
16. The meeting closed at 11:00 a.m. (EAT).