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**Update on the work of the Bureau of the Executive Board towards
preparations of the 2026 first session.**

1. The third session of the Executive Board for the year 2025 was held from 25 to 26 November 2026. In decision 2025/8, adopted at that session, the Executive Board decided that its first session of 2026 would be held for a duration of two days from 21 to 22 April 2026. The session also approved the provisional agenda of the 2026 first session of the Executive Board, subject to the review of the Bureau.
2. In the intersessional period, the Bureau of the Executive Board met on 13 February 2026 and 16 April 2026 in preparations for the first session of the Executive Board for the year 2026. During these meetings, the Bureau recommended the following:
 - i. That the provisional agenda for the session be amended, as contained in document HSP/EB.2026/1; available [here](#)
 - ii. That documents that support expected decision-making at the session should be prioritized for translation, while other documents may be made available in English only, for the purpose of cost saving, to ensure that UN-Habitat stays within the limited budget for translation of meeting documents allocated from the UN Regular Budget.
 - iii. That the proposed organization of work for the session is endorsed; available [here](#).
 - iv. That the Chairs of the regional groups should be notified and present nominations to the Bureau of the Executive Board for the period 2026-2027.
 - v. That general national statements are discouraged at the session, and that interventions from Member States should be focused on the specific agenda items, to manage the available time efficiently.
 - vi. That time allocation at the session for interventions by Member States is to be limited to 3 minutes, with some flexibility to speak until 4 minutes and without cutting the microphones.
3. The Bureau also recommended that the second session of the Executive Board in 2026 be held from 24 to 25 November 2026, and the third session of Open-Ended Working Group on Adequate Housing for All be held from 26 and 27 November 2026, subject to further review and decision by the Executive Board at its first session of 2026.

4. The Bureau further welcomed a proposal from the Chair of the Executive Board to consult with the Secretariat to develop a possible proposal to streamline and standardize the agenda for future Executive Board meetings, for consideration by the working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters and subsequently by the Executive Board.

5. Meeting summaries from the meetings of the Bureau of the Executive Board are available online through the following link: <https://unhabitat.org/governance/executive-board>.
