



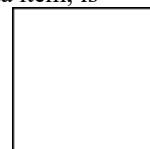
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Chapter I

Organization of the session (agenda items 1–5)

A. Opening of the session (agenda item 1)

1. The resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (UN-Habitat Assembly) was held at the headquarters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in Nairobi on 29 and 30 May 2025.
2. The session was opened at 10.40 a.m. on Thursday, 29 May 2025, by Enrique Javier Ochoa Martínez, President of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

B. Opening statements

3. Opening statements were delivered by the President of the UN-Habitat Assembly; António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, via video message; Philémon Yang, President of the General Assembly, via video message; Bob Rae, President of the Economic and Social Council, via video message; Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris; Anacláudia Rossbach, Executive Director of UN-Habitat; and Alice Wahome, Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development of Kenya.

C. High-level dialogue

4. At the 2nd plenary meeting, a high-level panel discussion was held, followed by a high-level debate. A summary of the panel discussion and the debate is set out in annex IV to the proceedings of the session (HSP/HA.2/16).

D. Attendance

5. The following 116 Member States of the UN-Habitat Assembly were represented: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

6. Observers to UN-Habitat for the Holy See, the Sovereign Order of Malta and the State of Palestine also participated.

7. The following United Nations bodies were represented: International Organization for Migration, United Nations Development Programme, UNEP, United Nations Population Fund, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and World Bank.

8. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: European Union, League of Arab States and Shelter Afrique.

E. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 2)

9. At the 1st plenary meeting, in accordance with rule 13 of its rules of procedure, the UN-Habitat Assembly adopted the following agenda, on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/HA.2/12):

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Report of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
4. Report of the Bureau on credentials of representatives.
5. Election of the members of the Executive Board.
6. Strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.
7. Adoption of the outcomes of the session.
8. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the third session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
9. Election of officers of the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
10. Other matters.
11. Closure of the session.

F. Organization of work

10. At the 1st plenary meeting, the Assembly approved the proposed organization of work, as outlined by the President, including a high-level dialogue on the theme “Adequate housing for all” under agenda item 6 on the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.

G. Report of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (agenda item 3)

11. At the 1st plenary meeting, Ibrar Hussain Khan (Pakistan), speaking in his capacity as Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, provided an overview of the work of the Committee at its third open-ended meeting, in preparation for the current session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, which also served as a midterm review meeting. The outcomes of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives were set out in document HSP/OECPR.2025/7, while the procedural report of the meeting was contained in document HSP/OECPR.2025/6.

12. During its meeting, the Committee had held substantive discussions on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, UN-Habitat Assembly resolutions and the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025. It had received an update on the

outcomes of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum, held in Cairo in November 2024, and on the preparations for the Forum's thirteenth session, to be held in Baku in May 2026. The Committee had prepared a number of draft recommendations and decisions for the consideration of the Assembly. Following intensive deliberations, the Committee had reached consensus on a draft decision on the UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 and on an accompanying document, which contained proposed changes to the draft strategic plan set out in document HSP/HA.2/13. In the light of those extensive consultations, the Chair of the Committee encouraged the Assembly to consider adopting those documents without further changes.

13. Despite significant efforts, consensus had eluded the Committee with regard to the draft decision on the international guidelines on people-centred smart cities. The draft decision still contained bracketed text for consideration by the Assembly. The Chair of the Committee expressed the view that, with additional informal consultations, an agreement was within reach.

14. Finally, the Committee had agreed on the dates and provisional agenda of its fourth open-ended meeting, to be held from 14 to 18 June 2027, and elected the new members of its Bureau to serve for the period 2025–2027. The seat for the Eastern European States remained vacant, however, until an agreed candidate could be nominated and approved by means of a silence procedure.

15. The UN-Habitat Assembly took note of the report of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

16. The Assembly agreed to convene informal consultations, to be led by Damptey Bediako Asare (Ghana), with a view to resolving the outstanding issues in the draft decision on the international guidelines on people-centred cities.

17. At the 3rd plenary meeting, on the morning of Friday, 30 May 2025, the representative of France, speaking in his capacity as Chair of the Executive Board, explained that a communication dated 15 May 2025 containing the final version of the draft stakeholder engagement policy had been circulated among States members of the Board for adoption by means of a silence procedure. The silence procedure had been broken by four member States, for which reason the draft policy had not been adopted by consensus by the Board and thus could not be submitted for consideration and possible adoption by the Assembly at the current resumed session, as was requested by the Assembly by decision 2/4.

18. The UN-Habitat Assembly took note of the reports of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and of the Chair of the Executive Board.

H. Report of the Bureau on credentials of representatives (agenda item 4)

19. At the 3rd plenary meeting, on the morning of Friday, 30 May 2025, the President reported that, in accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 17 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, the Bureau had received and examined the credentials of representatives and alternate representatives attending the resumed second session of the Assembly submitted by Member States. As at 29 May 2025, 37 Member States had submitted formal credentials in original form issued by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat. A further 78 Member States had submitted information on the appointment of their representatives to the Assembly to the Executive Director by means of a scanned copy in electronic form of formal credentials signed by the Head

of Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a scanned copy of a letter or note verbale, including from the Permanent Mission concerned or by means of another form of official communication. A total of 78 Member States had not communicated any information regarding their representatives to the Executive Director.

20. The Bureau recommended that the Assembly accept the credentials of the Member States.

21. The Assembly accepted the credentials of the Member States.

I. Election of the members of the Executive Board (agenda item 5)

22. At the 3rd plenary meeting, the UN-Habitat Assembly elected by acclamation the 36 members of the Executive Board, in accordance with the distribution of seats described in the report on the work of the Open-ended Working Group established by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/226 (A/73/726), which was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 73/239, and rule 24 of the rules of procedure, as follows: 10 seats for the African States; 8 seats for the Asia-Pacific States; 4 seats for the Eastern European States; 6 seats for the Latin American and Caribbean States; and 8 seats for the Western European and other States.

23. Accordingly, the UN-Habitat Assembly elected the representatives of the following Member States to serve as members of the Board for the period 2025–2029:

(a) From the African States: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Djibouti, Egypt, Mozambique, Nigeria, Somalia and Zimbabwe;

(b) From the Asia-Pacific States: China, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Pakistan, Republic of Korea and United Arab Emirates;

(c) From the Eastern European States: Azerbaijan, Russian Federation, Slovakia and Ukraine;

(d) From the Latin American and Caribbean States: Barbados, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay;

(e) From the Western European and other States: France, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye and United States of America (*one vacant seat*).

24. The President explained that a member of the group would assume the position of Chair of the Board.

Chapter II

Strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 (agenda item 6)

25. At the 2nd plenary meeting, the President of the UN-Habitat Assembly, introducing the item, convened a high-level dialogue on the theme “Adequate housing for all: a focus on the next strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2026–2029” and drew attention to a concept note on the theme (HSP/HA.2/13/Add.1) that had been formulated to guide the deliberations at the session. A summary of the high-level dialogue by the President of the UN-Habitat Assembly is set out in annex IV to the proceedings (HSP/HA.2/16).

Chapter III

Adoption of the outcomes of the session (agenda item 7)

26. At the 4th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 30 May 2025, the UN-Habitat Assembly adopted the following two decisions:

<i>Decision</i>	<i>Title</i>
2/6	Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2026–2029
2/7	Dates and provisional agenda for the third session of the UN-Habitat Assembly

27. Decision 2/6 was adopted by a vote of hands and decision 2/7 was adopted by consensus. Following the adoption of decision 2/6, statements in explanation of vote were delivered by the representatives of Argentina; Brazil; Colombia; Egypt, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; the Islamic Republic of Iran; Mexico; the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and the United States of America.

28. The decisions are set out in annex II to the present report and in annex II to the proceedings of the session (HSP/HA.2/16).

29. The Assembly also took note of the presentation by the Executive Director of the draft international guidelines on people-centred smart cities.

30. At the 4th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 30 May 2025, the UN-Habitat Assembly adopted the proceedings of the session on the basis of the draft that had been circulated and on the understanding that they would be completed and finalized by the Rapporteur, working in conjunction with the secretariat. The proceedings of the session are set out in document HSP/HA.2/16.

Chapter IV

Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the third session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (agenda item 8)

31. At the 4th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 30 May 2025, the UN-Habitat Assembly adopted decision 2/7 on the dates and provisional agenda for the third session of the Assembly. The decision is set out in annex II to the present report and in annex II to the proceedings of the session (HSP/HA.2/16).

Chapter V

Election of officers of the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly (agenda item 9)

32. Pursuant to rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, at its 3rd plenary meeting, on the morning of Friday, 30 May, the Assembly elected the following Member States to serve as members of its Bureau from the end of the final plenary meeting of its resumed second session until the end of the final plenary meeting of its third session, to be held in June 2029.

President: Malaysia

Vice-President: Ethiopia

Rapporteur: Mexico

33. Two positions of vice-president remained vacant pending the nominations of the representatives of the Eastern European States and the Western European and other States.

34. The President announced that the Asia-Pacific States had endorsed the candidature of Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates for the position of President of the UN-Habitat Assembly for the period 2025–2029, on the understanding that Malaysia was to hold office for a duration of two years over the period 2025–2027, while the United Arab Emirates was to hold office for a duration of two years over the period 2027–2029.

Chapter VI

Other matters (agenda item 10)

Global Stakeholder Forum

35. At the 4th plenary meeting, on Friday, 30 May 2025, one representative, speaking on behalf of stakeholders, drew attention to the third meeting of the Global Stakeholder Forum, convened online by UN-Habitat on 22 and 23 May 2025. While acknowledging efforts to develop a stakeholder engagement policy, the stakeholders regretted that it had not yet been possible to achieve consensus on a draft policy to guide action in that area and emphasized the importance of continued stakeholder engagement to advance negotiations to that end. A number of participants speaking on behalf of observer entities urged the adoption of a robust stakeholder engagement policy that respected self-organization, ensured meaningful participation, particularly of local governments and grass-roots women's groups, and secured direct, flexible funding for community-based initiatives. They highlighted the importance of collaborative planning, gender-responsive approaches and reliable local data in advancing equitable, sustainable urban development.

Chapter VII

Closure of the session (agenda item 11)

36. Closing statements were delivered by Ms. Wahome, speaking on behalf of William Ruto, President of Kenya, and by the Executive Director of UN-Habitat.

37. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the session was declared closed at 7.05 p.m. on Friday, 30 May 2025.

Annex I**Outcomes adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly
at its resumed second session**

<i>Decision</i>	<i>Title</i>
2/6	Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2026–2029
2/7	Dates and provisional agenda for the third session of the UN-Habitat Assembly

Annex II

Decisions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its resumed second session

Decision 2/6: Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2026–2029

The United Nations Habitat Assembly,

Recalling its decision 2/1, adopted at its second session, in June 2023, in which it requested the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, in consultation with the Executive Board, to start preparations for the development of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029,

Welcoming the consultative process undertaken in Nairobi by the Executive Director to prepare the draft strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 in an open and inclusive manner, and calling for the continuation and enhancement of this practice in the future work of UN-Habitat, under the purview of Member States,

Taking note with appreciation of the consultations held in other relevant United Nations forums and regional forums, as well as with stakeholders, including at the local level, and with other United Nations entities to ensure a coherent approach towards sustainable urban development across the United Nations system,

Having considered the draft strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029 submitted by the Executive Director to the Executive Board during its first session of 2025 and the recommendations of the third open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives,

1. *Approves* the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029;¹
2. *Requests* the Executive Director:
 - (a) To submit to the Executive Board for consideration and possible approval at its third session of 2025 a monitoring framework in line with a results-based management approach for the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029, with concise, specific, time-bound, systematic and measurable performance indicators for tracking progress in achieving the outcomes and outputs of the strategic plan, ensuring accountability, transparency, and prioritization for resource allocation for monitoring and reporting functions;
 - (b) To submit to the Executive Board, for consideration and possible approval at its first session of 2026, an updated resource mobilization strategy;
 - (c) To continue strengthening the implementation of results-based management in all the programmes, projects, policies and activities of UN-Habitat;
3. *Invites* all Member States in a position to do so to consider contributing to the core financial resources of UN-Habitat, which are indispensable to enable UN-Habitat to successfully fulfil its mandate, carry out its programmes for promoting socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements, and implement its strategic plan.

¹ HSP/HA.2/13.

Decision 2/7: Dates and provisional agenda for the third session of the UN-Habitat Assembly

The United Nations Habitat Assembly

1. *Decides* that the dates of its third session shall be 25–29 June 2029;
2. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for its third session shall be as follows:
 1. Opening of the session.
 2. Adoption of the agenda.
 3. Report of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
 4. Report of the Bureau on credentials of representatives.
 5. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board.
 6. Election of members of the Executive Board.
 7. Activities of UN-Habitat, including the implementation of resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its previous sessions.
 8. Review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
 9. Reports on the World Urban Forum.
 10. Dialogue on the special theme of the third session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
 11. Strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2030–2033.
 12. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the fourth session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
 13. Adoption of the outcomes of the session.
 14. Election of officers of the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
 15. Adoption of the report of the session.
 16. Other matters.
 17. Closure of the session.

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