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Human Settlements Programme
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Decisions adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme at its first session of 2026

Decision 2026/1: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation, the 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 for the period 2026–2029

The Executive Board

(a) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including the 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 of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on:

- (a) The interim financial status of UN-Habitat as at 31 December 2025;¹
- (b) The staffing of UN-Habitat as at 31 December 2025;²
- (c) Recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity;³
- (d) Update on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation;⁴

2. *Expresses concern* about the net operational deficit of \$0.4 million in the Foundation non-earmarked fund, resulting in a decrease of closing net assets in 2025;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue efforts to strengthen non-earmarked and earmarked funding in accordance with the resource mobilization strategy for the implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029, and invites all Member States to contribute to the core financial resources of UN-Habitat;

¹ HSP/EB.2026/2.

² HSP/EB.2026/INF/2.

³ HSP/EB.2026/2/Add.1.

⁴ HSP/EB.2026/3.

(b) 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 the draft budget for 2027 on the basis of 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 reports of the Executive Director on the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029, in particular on:

(a) The update on the structure and division of responsibilities;⁵

(b) Baseline values and targets for indicators to be achieved by 2029 under the monitoring framework of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029;⁶

6. *Welcomes* the resource mobilization strategy for the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029,⁷ and requests the Executive Director to start implementing the strategy on the basis of the guidance provided by Member States and to keep them informed of relevant updates;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 8 of its decision 2025/6, 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 updates at the next session of the Executive Board.

Decision 2026/2: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Executive Board

(a) Implementation of normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

1. *Welcomes* the briefing and the report by the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat,⁸ including the updates on the Brazil country programme, the Tunisia country programme, the work of the United Nations Innovation Technology Accelerator for Cities, and highlights of activities during the period July–December 2025;

2. *Takes note* of the revised and updated report by the Executive Director on efforts to reconstruct human settlements in Ukraine affected by the conflict,⁹ and requests the Executive Director to provide an update to the Executive Board at its next session on the status of funding to sustain the UN-Habitat presence in Ukraine after April 2026;

3. *Also 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 Strip,¹⁰ and requests the Executive Director to complete the comprehensive report once conditions permit;

⁵ HSP/EB.2026/4.

⁶ HSP/EB.2026/5.

⁷ HSP/EB.2026/6.

⁸ HSP/EB.2026/8.

⁹ HSP/EB.2025/INF/17/Rev.2.

¹⁰ HSP/EB.2026/INF/6.

(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,¹¹ to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, in May 2026, and recalls the role of the World Urban Forum as the world's premier conference on cities and sustainable urbanization¹² and as an advocacy platform for all stakeholders¹³ to inform the quadrennial reports of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;¹⁴

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* the efforts by UN-Habitat to support the development of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda through an inclusive, multi-stakeholder process, and the information provided in the report of the Executive Director on preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;¹⁵

7. *Also 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 in taking into account the views of the permanent missions in Nairobi;

(d) Implementation by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme 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 United Nations development system reform in UN-Habitat, and welcomes the efforts by UN-Habitat to continue contributing to the repositioning of the United Nations development system.

Decision 2026/3: 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 of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly.¹⁶

¹¹ HSP/EB.2026/11.

¹² A/77/310, para. 24.

¹³ See General Assembly resolution 79/214.

¹⁴ General Assembly resolution 71/256, annex.

¹⁵ HSP/EB.2026/10.

¹⁶ HSP/EB.2026/9.

Decision 2026/4: Methods of work of the Executive Board and workplan of the Executive Board for 2026

The Executive Board

(a) Report of the Executive Board and the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters

1. *Adopts* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on the work of its third session of 2025;¹⁷

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 United Nations 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 on the outcome of its second session,¹⁸ 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 provided 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 Working Group and shared with all Member States at least six weeks in advance of the session;

(c) Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of sessions 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, as well as cumulative reports of past surveys, and decides to discontinue the survey;

7. *Recalls* paragraphs 4–6 of its 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 Board each year should be based on the standing items listed in the annex to the present decision, with the understanding that the provisional agendas for future sessions of the Board may be further amended by the Board, as needed, considering guidance from the Bureau of the Executive Board, and decides to review the annex and its use whenever Member States deem it necessary;

(d) Dates and agenda of 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.

¹⁷ HSP/EB.2025/25.

¹⁸ HSP/OEWG-H.2025/5.

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 of key events in 2026, including the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum and the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
8. Reports from relevant United Nations oversight bodies.
9. Consideration and adoption of outcomes.
10. Other matters.
11. Closure of the session.

Annex to decision 2026/4

Standing provisional agenda items for future sessions of the Executive Board

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 the adoption of the agenda and of the report on the previous session*].
3. Reports of the chairs of working groups [*including the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters and the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All*].
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [*including specific reports on resource mobilization, staffing and geographical and gender balance*].
5. Update on the development of the draft work programme and the draft budget for the upcoming year.
6. Update on UN-Habitat internal management and policies, including on United Nations reform [*including specific reports as requested, for example on the UN80 initiative, on the repositioning of the United Nations development system, and on protection against sexual exploitation and abuse*].
7. Annual report on the implementation of the UN-Habitat strategic plan [*including on the subprogrammes*].
8. Update on normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat [*including selected programmatic activities, at least two country programmes, and activities in areas affected by conflict and disasters*].
9. Update on the implementation of UN-Habitat Assembly resolutions [*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 last session of the Executive Board in any given year

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters [*including the adoption of the agenda and of the report on the previous session*].
3. Reports of the chairs of working groups [*including the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters and the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All*].
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [*including recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and matters related to resource mobilization*].
5. Consideration and possible approval of the draft work programme and draft budget for the upcoming year.
6. Update on normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat [*including selected programmatic activities, at least two country programmes, and activities in areas affected by conflict and disasters*].
7. Reports from relevant United Nations oversight bodies [*including reports of 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 list)

- Preparations for the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
- Preparations for/outcomes of the World Urban Forum.
- Preparations for/outcomes of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
- Preparations for/outcomes of major United Nations conferences and events relevant to UN-Habitat.
- Preparations for the development and approval of future strategic plans.

Decision 2026/5: 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)