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HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE MIDTERM REVIEW OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

THURSDAY, 16th JULY 2026 – FRIDAY, 17th JULY 2026

GENERAL ASSEMBLY HALL & TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CHAMBER, UNITED NATIONS
HEADQUARTERS

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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I. Introduction.

The high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Midterm Review of the New Urban Agenda will be convened by the President of the 80th session of the General Assembly (PGA) Her Excellency Ms. Annalena Baerbock, from 16 to 17 July 2026, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, pursuant to [General Assembly resolution 79/214](#) of 19 December 2024. In paragraph 29 of that resolution, the General Assembly decided “to hold a high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the New Urban Agenda, to be held in New York for a duration of two days at the highest possible level following, or preceding, the 2026 high-level political forum on sustainable development, to assess progress on integrating the New Urban Agenda into policies, programmes and investments at all levels, identify good practices, gaps and challenges and accelerate the path to achieving the goal of the New Urban Agenda by 2036, taking into account the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to be presented in 2026”.

The New Urban Agenda was adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Development (Habitat III) in October 2016 in Ecuador, Quito and subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly in December 2016 through resolution 71/256.

The high-level meeting in July 2026 offers a platform to consider the findings of the midterm review, renew political commitments and identify concrete priorities for action to accelerate implementation, and deliver tangible outcomes in the next decade.

As mandated by General Assembly resolution 79/214, the high-level meeting is expected to adopt a concise and action-oriented political declaration to renew commitment and accelerate the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

II. Important documents for the high-level meeting.

1. The main pre-session working document for the high-level meeting is the **quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda**, which has been made available in the six official UN Languages under this link: <https://www.urbanagendaplatform.org/reports/quadrennial>
2. A **Concept Note** for the high-level meeting, including a Provisional Programme circulated by the President of the General Assembly on 19 May 2026, has been made available [here](#).
3. The **2016 New Urban Agenda** is available in six UN official languages under this link: [New Urban Agenda | The Urban Agenda Platform](#).

4. **National Reports** on progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda can be found on the [New Urban Agenda platform](#).

III. Participation by Member States of the United Nations and Observers.

1. Level of representation:

In her [letter](#) to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations dated 25 November 2025, the President of the General Assembly invited Member States to be represented at the highest possible level, noting that meeting will consist of an opening segment, plenary segment, interactive multi-stakeholder panels, as well as a closing segment.

2. Speakers Lists and Statements:

- i. Member States and Permanent Observers are invited to inscribe in the list of speakers for the plenary segment of the high-level meeting on 16 July through the [e-deleGATE](#) platform. The list of speakers opened for inscription on Monday, 8 June 2026 at 10 a.m., and will close on Friday, 10 July 2026 at 5 p.m. New York time.
- ii. The time limit for statements in the plenary segment will be five (5) minutes for individual delegations speaking in their national capacity and seven (7) minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.
- iii. There will be no pre-established list of speakers for the interactive multi-stakeholder panels on July 17. Participants wishing to take the floor during the panels are invited to press the microphone button. The time limit will be three (3) minutes for individual delegations speaking in their national capacity and five (5) minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.
- iv. The high-level meeting will be broadcast on [UN WebTV](#).

3. Credentials and registration:

- i. All Member States are requested to liaise with their respective Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations in New York, who are authorized to register their respective delegations through the e-deleGATE system at <https://e-delegate.un.org/> by 10 July 2026 by 5 p.m. New York time at the latest.
- ii. Member States may also make a separate request under “Other UN meetings” and type in the “HLM of GA on the Midterm Review of the NUA” to cover 17 July, the last day of the HLM, which may not appear on the e-deleGATE system.
- iii. Letters of credence are not required for this high-level meeting.

IV. Access to the United Nations Headquarters and venue of the High-Level Meeting.

4. The UN Department for General Assembly and Conference Management will provide access to all badged delegations and accredited partners to participate in the high-level meeting in person. In this regard, all Member States are requested to liaise with their respective Permanent and Observer Missions in New York who will support with collection of delegates’ badges for their delegations.
5. The meeting venue for the first day of the high-level meeting on 16 July 2026 will take place at the General Assembly Hall, and the meeting venue for the second day on 17 July 2026 will take place at the Trusteeship Council Chamber, both within the UN Headquarters in New York.

V. Information for representatives of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to be sponsored by United Nations/ UN-Habitat.

6. Through the generous support of Member States, UN-Habitat offers to provide travel support for the participation of one representative of the Member State at the Ministerial level (Ministers and Deputy/Vice Ministers) representing Least Developed Countries, to participate in the high-level meeting.
7. As per established practice, eligible delegates will be issued tickets in economy class for the most economic route to and from New York, upon receipt by the Secretariat of all required documentation, by 22 June 2026 at the latest. Applicable daily subsistence allowance (DSA) will be issued to the supported delegate within 48 hours following their arrival in New York.
8. Delegations are invited to contact Belinda.Idewa@un.org and unhabitat-sgb@un.org for additional information on travel support.

VI. Participation by Partners and Stakeholders.

9. Building on UN-Habitat's existing stakeholder engagement mechanisms, two distinct stakeholder consultations on the midterm review of the New Urban Agenda were held in March and May 2026. Stakeholders in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council may participate in the high-level meeting as observers. A list of such organizations is available [here](#). For stakeholders that are not in consultative status with ECOSOC, Special Event Tickets may be made available. Requests for such tickets should be submitted through [this form](#), by 25 June 2026.
10. For further information, please contact the focal point for accredited stakeholders, Ms. Paula Pennanen-Rebeiro-Hargrave (email: paula.pennanen-rebeiro@un.org).
11. Any stakeholder and member of the public may follow the proceedings of the high-level meeting live on UN Web TV. The high-level meeting will be livestreamed on UN Web TV and is open to all those interested in following its proceedings. Further details will be provided as they become available.

VII. Further information.

12. Information on the high-level meeting can be found at the following link: <https://unhabitat.org/2026-high-level-meeting-of-the-un-general-assembly-on-the-new-urban-agenda>
13. For further information on the high-level meeting, please contact the Secretariat of the Governing Bodies (unhabitat-sgb@un.org) and the UN-Habitat New York Office (habitatny@un.org).