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Draft report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its first session of 2026

Introduction

1. The Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) was established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/239 of 20 December 2018, on the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of UN-Habitat.
2. The Executive Board held its third session of 2025 on 25 and 26 November 2025. At that session, in its decision 2025/8, entitled “Working methods of the Executive Board; workplan of the Executive Board for 2026”, the Executive Board decided that its first session of 2026 would be held for a duration of two days, on 21 and 22 April 2026.
3. Accordingly, the first session of 2026 was held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi on 21 and 22 April 2026.

I. Opening of the session

4. The first session of 2026 of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat was opened at 9.20 a.m. on Tuesday, 21 April 2026, by the Chair, Sebastian Groth (Germany). Mr. Groth outlined the arrangements for the session on the basis of recommendations made by the Bureau of the Executive Board. The session was being held fully in person, with restricted online access without interpretation for authorized delegations and relevant officers. Simultaneous interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations would be available for six hours daily during the session for participants attending in person. Vivian Nain Kuma (Cameroon) acted as Rapporteur for the session.
5. Opening statements were delivered by Anacláudia Marinheiro Centeno Rossbach, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, and Cassius Kuisenya, Housing Secretary, on behalf of Alice Wahome, Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, Kenya.
6. In her opening remarks, the Executive Director of UN-Habitat introduced two newly appointed division directors: Patrick Canagasingham, Director, Regional Programmes Division, UN-Habitat, and Toni-Shae Freckleton, Director, UN-Habitat Liaison Office, New York, who also delivered brief remarks.

II. Organizational matters

A. Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the first session of 2026

7. At the 1st plenary meeting of the session, the Executive Board adopted the following agenda for its first session of 2026 on the basis of the provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2026/1) and the annotated provisional agenda (HSP/EB.2026/1/Add.1).

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the first session of 2026;
 - (b) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its third session of 2025.
3. Report by the Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters and update by the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All.
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including an update on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation.
5. Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029:
 - (a) Update on the structure and the division of responsibilities;
 - (b) Update on the monitoring framework for the strategic plan;
 - (c) Resource mobilization strategy for the strategic plan.
6. Status of and discussion on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2027.
7. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on programmatic activities in 2025 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities.
8. Update on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.
9. Preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
10. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum.
11. Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations.
12. Action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual or any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace.
13. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.
14. Annual report on action by the Executive Director to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat.
15. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the second session of 2026.
16. Election of officers of the Bureau.
17. Other matters.
18. Closure of the session.

8. At the 1st plenary meeting, the Executive Board agreed to follow the proposed organization of work and timetable for the first session of 2026, as set out in the relevant documents. Draft decisions for consideration by the Executive Board, as forwarded to the Chair of the Board by Susan Nakhumicha Wafula (Kenya), Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, which had been tasked by the Bureau with leading the consultations on the draft decisions for consideration at the current session, were circulated in a conference room paper and presented by the Chair of the session. The Executive Board agreed that informal consultations on the

draft decisions should be held at agreed times during the session, for consideration and possible adoption by the Executive Board at the last plenary meeting of the session, on 22 April 2026, and that the informal consultations would be chaired by Ms. Wafula, in her capacity as Chair of the ad hoc working group.

B. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board on the work of its third session of 2025

9. At the 1st plenary meeting, the Executive Board adopted the report on the work of its third session of 2025 (HSP/EB.2025/25), held in Nairobi on 25 and 26 November 2025, by paragraph 1 of part (a), on reports of the Executive Board and the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, of decision 2026/4, on methods of work of the Executive Board and workplan of the Executive Board for 2026. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16. The Executive Board also adopted part (c), on working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of sessions of the Board, of decision 2026/4, on methods of work of the Executive Board and workplan of the Executive Board for 2026, in which it took 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 decided to discontinue the survey.

C. Attendance

10. The session was attended by representatives of the following States members of the UN-Habitat Executive Board: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Djibouti, Egypt, France, Germany, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Mexico, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Zimbabwe.

11. The session was also attended by the following observers that are States members of the United Nations: Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Finland, Ghana, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Malawi, Oman, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Yemen, Zambia.

12. The session was also attended by the following observers that are members of specialized agencies of the United Nations: European Union, State of Palestine.

13. The session was also attended by the following observers: Holy See, League of Arab States.

III. Report by the Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters and update by the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All

14. At the 1st plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the report of the Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters and the update by the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All.

15. The Chair introduced the item.

16. Susan Nakhumicha Wafula (Kenya), Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, provided a briefing on the work of that group.

17. Following the report, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Algeria, France, Germany, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of). Statements were also delivered by the representatives of Costa Rica (speaking on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), the European Union (also on behalf of its member States), Malawi and Sierra Leone (speaking on behalf of the African States).

18. The representative of Azerbaijan, Co-Chair of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All, speaking also on behalf of his fellow Co-Chair from Somalia, provided an update on the work of that group.

19. Following the update, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Burkina Faso, Burundi, Colombia, France, Germany, Indonesia,

Mexico, Peru, Somalia, Zimbabwe. A statement was also made by the representative of Costa Rica. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

20. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 3 and the further information provided.

21. The Executive Board adopted paragraph 2 of part (a), on report of the Executive Board and the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, and part (b), on the work of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All, of decision 2026/4, on methods of work of the Executive Board and workplan of the Executive Board for 2026. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16.

IV. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including an update on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation

22. At the 1st and 2nd plenary meetings, the Executive Board considered financial, budgetary and administrative matters.

23. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the reports of the Executive Director on the interim financial status of UN-Habitat as at 31 December 2025 (HSP/EB.2026/2), on recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity (HSP/EB.2026/2/Add.1), on an update on the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation (HSP/EB.2026/3), and on the financial status of UN-Habitat as at 31 March 2026, as set out in a conference room paper, and on the staffing of UN-Habitat as of 31 December 2025 (HSP/EB.2026/INF/2).

24. The Executive Director delivered a statement on financial, budgetary and administrative matters and the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail, including on the interim financial status of UN-Habitat as at 31 March 2026, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity among UN-Habitat staff and the status of contributions to the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation.

25. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Algeria, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria. Statements were also made by the representatives of Argentina, Costa Rica, Malawi, Sierra Leone (speaking on behalf of the African States). The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

26. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 4 and the further information provided.

27. The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Israel spoke in exercise of the right of reply.

28. The representative of the following non-governmental organization also made a statement: Comparatively for Tanzania Elites Community Organizers.

29. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including the financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation, of decision 2026/1, on 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 decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16.

V. Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029

30. At the 2nd plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029.

A. Update on the structure and the division of responsibilities

31. Introducing the sub-item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director entitled “Update on the structure and the division of responsibilities for the implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029” (HSP/EB.2026/4) and the document entitled “Implications of the UN80 initiative for the structure, staffing, budgetary planning and work of UN-Habitat” (HSP/EB.2026/INF/3).

32. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the structure and division of responsibilities in UN-Habitat. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail, including on the impact of the UN80 initiative on the structure and division of responsibilities.
33. Following the statement and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Egypt, Germany, Mexico, Peru, Somalia, Sweden, Zimbabwe. Statements were also made by the representatives of Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Sierra Leone (speaking on behalf of the African States). The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
34. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda sub-item 5 (a) and the further information provided.
35. The Executive Board adopted paragraphs 5 and 7 of part (c), on implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029, of decision 2026/1, on 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 decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16.

B. Update on the monitoring framework for the strategic plan

36. Introducing the sub-item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director entitled “Monitoring framework of the strategic plan 2026–2029: baseline values and targets for indicators to be achieved by 2029” (HSP/EB.2026/5).
37. The Executive Director provided an update on the monitoring framework for the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail, including on the baselines and targets of the monitoring framework.
38. Following the briefing and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Somalia, Sweden. A statement was also made by the representative of Argentina. The Executive Director and representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
39. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda sub-item 5 (b) and the further information provided.
40. The Executive Board adopted paragraph 5 of part (c), on implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029, of decision 2026/1, on 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 decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16.

C. Resource mobilization strategy for the strategic plan

41. Introducing the sub-item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the draft resource mobilization strategy for the implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2026–2029 (HSP/EB.2026/6).
42. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the matter. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on the resource mobilization strategy, including on cross-cutting organizational support, feedback from Member States and lessons learned from the previous strategy.
43. Following the briefing and presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Germany, Indonesia, Peru, Sweden. A statement was also made by the representative of Argentina. The Executive Director responded to the issues raised.
44. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda sub-item 5 (c) and the further information provided.
45. The Executive Board adopted paragraph 6 of part (c), on implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029, of decision 2026/1, on 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 decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16.

VI. Status of and discussion on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2027

46. At the 2nd and 3rd plenary meetings, the Executive Board considered the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2027.

47. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on the status of the draft work programme of UN-Habitat and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2027 (HSP/EB.2026/7) and the draft work programme of UN-Habitat for 2027 set out in document HSP/EB.2026/INF/4.

48. The Executive Director provided a statement on the draft work programme of UN-Habitat for 2027, recalling that, following discussions with Member States during sessions of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, it had been resolved that the draft budget for 2027 would be submitted for the consideration of the Executive Board at its session to be held in November 2026, once the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions had submitted its report on the proposed budget. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing further detail on the matter.

49. Following the briefing and the presentation, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: China, France, Germany. A statement was also made by the representative of Sierra Leone (speaking on behalf of the African States). The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.

50. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 6 and the further information provided.

51. The Executive Board adopted section (b), on the 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, of decision 2026/1, on 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 decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16.

VII. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, including reporting on programmatic activities in 2025 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities

52. At the 3rd plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat.

53. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the reports of the Executive Director on normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including updates on the country programmes in Brazil and Tunisia and on urban crisis prevention and response initiatives (HSP/EB.2026/8); highlights of normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat for the period July–December 2025 (HSP/EB.2025/INF/5); the status of the development of the efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in the Gaza Strip (HSP/EB.2026/INF/6); and efforts to reconstruct human settlements in Ukraine affected by the conflict (HSP/EB.2025/INF/17/Rev.2). He also drew attention to a document entitled “UNITAC-Hamburg: People-centred digital innovation for sustainable urbanization” (HSP/EB.2026/INF/8).

54. The Executive Director delivered a statement on the implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat, and presented selected highlights of the report set out in

document HSP/EB.2026/8, including in relation to the country programmes in Brazil and Tunisia, and the work of the United Nations Innovation Technology Accelerator for Cities (UNITAC). Representatives of the secretariat gave presentations providing further detail, including on work in areas affected by conflict and disasters, especially Gaza and Ukraine.

55. Following the briefing and the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Brazil, Colombia, Germany, Japan, Indonesia, Russian Federation, Somalia, Ukraine, Zimbabwe. A statement was also delivered by the representatives of Finland, Israel, the League of Arab States (also on behalf of its member States), Sierra Leone (speaking on behalf of the African States), the State of Palestine and Tunisia.

56. The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the State of Palestine spoke in exercise of the right of reply.

57. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 7 and the further information provided.

58. The Executive Board adopted part (a), on implementation of normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, of decision 2026/2, on implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme". The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16.

VIII. Update on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

59. At the 4th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered an update on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly.

60. The Chair introduced the item.

61. The Executive Director, drawing attention to her report on the implementation of United Nations Habitat Assembly resolutions through the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 (HSP/EB.2026/9), made a statement on the matter. She recalled that highlights for all relevant resolutions would be clustered according to their alignment with the outcome areas of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029 and that a final update on the implementation of UN-Habitat Assembly resolution 1/1 would be provided once final evaluation of the strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 had been concluded. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing more detail, including on the status of the adoption of individual resolutions.

62. Following the briefing and the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Colombia, Peru, Somalia. Statements were also made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Finland, Sierra Leone (speaking on behalf of the African States) and Zambia. The Executive Director responded to the issues raised.

63. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 8 and the further information provided.

64. The Executive Board adopted decision 2026/3, entitled "Update on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly". The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16.

IX. Preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

65. At the 3rd plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the status of preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

66. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to 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, including a briefing on the preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (HSP/EB.2026/10).

67. Krzysztof Maria Szczerski (Poland), co-facilitator of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, speaking also on behalf of his fellow co-facilitator from Malawi, gave a presentation on the status of preparations for the high-level meeting, including on the road map and elements paper for the high-level meeting.
68. The Executive Director provided a briefing on the matter, including on the 2026 report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, engagement in the preparation process, and the importance of the coming months for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
69. Following the briefing and the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: China, Colombia, France, Germany, Mexico, Peru. The Executive Director, the co-facilitator and the representatives of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
70. The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, the State of Palestine and Ukraine spoke in exercise of the right of reply.
71. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 9 and the further information provided.
72. The Executive Board adopted part (c), on preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, of decision 2026/2, on implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16.

X. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum

73. At the 4th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum, to be held in Baku from 17 to 22 May 2026.
74. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (HSP/EB.2026/11).
75. The Executive Director provided an update on the preparations for the thirteenth session, including on the role of stakeholders, the importance of the timing of the thirteenth session, and plans for ministerial participation in the session. A representative of the secretariat gave a presentation providing more detailed information on the preparations.
76. Following the briefing and the presentations, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Azerbaijan, Colombia, France, Germany, Indonesia, Mexico, Somalia. A statement was also made by the representative of Costa Rica. The Executive Director and the representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
77. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 10 and the further information provided.
78. The Executive Board adopted part (b), on preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum, of decision 2026/2, on implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16.

XI. Implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations

79. At the 4th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations.
80. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the note by the secretariat on implementation by UN-Habitat of the reform of the development system and management of the United Nations (HSP/EB.2026/12) and the checklist on the implementation of the reform of the United Nations development system by UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2026/INF/7).

81. The Executive Director delivered a statement providing further information, including on the contributions of UN-Habitat to common country analyses and cooperation frameworks and regional collaborative platforms and issue-based coalitions within the framework of the management and accountability framework.
82. Following the briefing, a statement was made by the representative of the following State member of the Executive Board: Germany.
83. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 11 and the further information provided.
84. The Executive Board adopted part (d), on implementation by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of reforms of the development system and management of the United Nations, of decision 2026/2, on implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16.

XII. Action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual or any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace

85. At the 4th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual or any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace.
86. Introducing the item, the Chair drew attention to the report of the Executive Director on action by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual or any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace (HSP/EB.2026/13).
87. The Executive Director provided a briefing on the matter and submitted for the consideration of the Executive Board the measures taken by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace during the biennium 2025–2026. A representative of the secretariat provided further detail, including on relevant actions by UN-Habitat in 2025 and planned actions for 2026.
88. Following the briefing, statements were made by the representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board: Colombia, Peru. The representative of the secretariat responded to the issues raised.
89. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 12 and the further information provided.

XIII. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

90. At the 4th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on its activities for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (A/80/332, Part I).
91. Introducing the item, the Chair recalled that, at the third session of 2025 of the Executive Board, the Executive Director had indicated that the annual report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 had yet to be published and would therefore be presented for consideration by the Executive Board at its first session of 2026.
92. The Executive Director gave a briefing on the matter. Noting that the ethics-related activities of UN-Habitat would not be considered at the current session, she provided information on the audit by the Office of Internal Oversight Services of UN-Habitat and the recommendations of the Office and the Board of Auditors.
93. Kasonde Mwenya, Auditor and Officer-in-Charge, Nairobi Audit Section, Internal Audit Division, Office of Internal Oversight Services, gave a presentation on the internal audit activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services in relation to UN-Habitat during the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025.
94. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 13 and the further information provided.

XIV. Annual report on action by the Executive Director to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat

95. At the 4th plenary meeting, the Executive Board considered the report of the Executive Director on actions to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat (HSP/EB.2026/14).

96. The Chair introduced the item.

97. The Executive Director presented selected highlights of the report, including in relation to financial and human resources management, delegation of authority, procurement, digital workflow management and communications.

98. The Executive Board took note of the documentation presented under agenda item 14 and the further information provided.

XV. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the second session of 2026

99. At the 4th plenary meeting, the Executive Board adopted the following decisions, which are set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16:

(a) 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, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the Sustainable Cities and Communities Foundation;
- (ii) Part (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;
- (iii) Part (c): Implementation of the strategic plan for the period 2026–2029;

(b) Decision 2026/2: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Implementation of normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
- (ii) Part (b): Preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum;
- (iii) Part (c): Preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;
- (iv) Part (d): Implementation by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of reforms of the development system and management of the United Nations;

(c) Decision 2026/3: Update on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly;

(d) Decision 2026/4: Methods of work of the Executive Board and workplan of the Executive Board for 2026, comprising:

- (i) Part (a): Reports of the Executive Board and the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters;
- (ii) Part (b): Work of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All;
- (iii) Part (c): Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of sessions of the Board;

- (iv) Part (d): Date and agenda of the next session of the Executive Board and its workplan for 2026;
- (e) Decision 2026/5: Election of officers of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the term 2026–2027.

XVI. Election of officers of the Bureau

100. Introducing the item, the Chair recalled rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board.

101. At the 4th plenary meeting, in accordance with rule 9, the Executive Board elected by acclamation the following officers to the Bureau of the Executive Board for the term 2026–2027:

Chair: China (Asia-Pacific States)

Vice-Chairs: Germany (Western European and other States)

Mexico (Latin American and Caribbean States)

Mozambique (African States)

Rapporteur: Slovakia (Eastern European States)

102. The Executive Board adopted decision 2026/5, on the election of officers of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the term 2026–2027. The decision is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16.

103. The representative of China delivered a statement in her capacity as incoming Chair of the Executive Board. Representatives of the following States members of the Executive Board also delivered statements: Germany, Mozambique, Slovakia.

XVII. Other matters

104. The representative of the following non-governmental organization delivered a statement: Children and Youth International.

XVIII. Closure of the session

105. The Chair and the Executive Director delivered closing statements.

106. The Chair declared the session closed at 5.20 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 April 2026.