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Induction Seminar for Member States

Agenda item 6. OEWG-H



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What is the OEWG-H

- Established by Resolution 2/7, adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly in June 2023
- The first UN-mandated intergovernmental platform dedicated specifically to adequate housing
- Two pillars: normative — the OEWG-H ; knowledge — the Housing Knowledge Platform

→ **Recognised beyond UN-Habitat's own governing bodies:** the resolution on the midterm review of the New Urban Agenda underlined the importance of the Working Group.

What is the OEWG-H

- 1. Annual sessions** Rotating co-chairmanship — Azerbaijan and Somalia in 2026, succeeding France and Kenya.
- 2. Between sessions** Expert and intersessional meetings where documents are developed through successive rounds of input.
- 3. National Focal Points** Government-designated experts who contribute technical input, follow workstreams and relay outcomes nationally.

→ **83 Member States** have nominated National Focal Points

What it delivers, and where it lands

Agreed

Second session, 2025

- housing finance
- social housing
- security of tenure
- transformation of informal settlements

For validation

Third session, 2026

- integrated housing policies
- housing sustainability and resilience
- homelessness

Progress updates

Third session, 2026

- definition of informal settlements
- monitoring framework
- land management tools

→ **Usable from validation** Agreed language feeds directly into global forums, UN-Habitat policy guidance and country programmes.

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→ **National Focal Point:** If not yet designated, please nominate by 30 September 2026.

→ **Support the process:** Consider financial, in-kind and technical contributions ahead of the session.

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