



Second session of 2026 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

24 and 25 November 2026

Notification by the Executive Director

I. Dates, agenda, venue and participation

1. The Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) held its first session of 2026 on 21 and 22 April 2026. The draft report of that session is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/15, and the decisions adopted by the Board at the session are set out in document HSP/EB.2026/16.
2. At that session, in decision 2026/4, the Executive Board decided that its second session of 2026 would be held for a duration of two days, on 24 and 25 November 2026. The Board also decided on the provisional agenda for the second session of 2026, subject to further review by the Bureau in accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 10 of the [rules of procedure](#) of the Executive Board.
3. As entrusted by the Executive Board, the Bureau on 1 September 2026 further reviewed and recommended the provisional agenda for the second session of 2026, taking into account the standing agenda items listed in the annex to decision 2026/4. The provisional agenda is set out in document HSP/EB.2026/17 and can be accessed [here](#).
4. Pursuant to rule 6 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board, the working documents for the session will be issued in the six official languages of the United Nations by 27 October 2026, four weeks prior to the opening of the session.
5. The session will be held fully in person at the headquarters of UN-Habitat, located at the United Nations Office at Nairobi.
6. The session will be opened at 9 a.m. (Nairobi time (UTC + 3)) on Tuesday, 24 November 2026. Participants should be seated by 8.45 a.m. in conference room 2.
7. All [members](#) of the Executive Board are expected to participate in the session.
8. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board, the sessions of the Executive Board are also open to any State Member of the United Nations that is not a member of the Executive Board and to any member of a specialized agency. In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure, each member of the Executive Board and any observers should forward to the secretariat of the Executive Board, as soon as possible but no later than 21 November 2026, the names of their accredited representatives, alternate representatives and advisers. Each delegation should consist of an accredited representative and such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

II. Key issues to be discussed

9. Among the key issues to be considered by the Executive Board at its second session of 2026 are the following:
 - (a) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters;
 - (b) 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;

- (c) Normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat;
- (d) Outcomes of the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum;
- (e) Outcomes of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

III. Proposed organizational arrangements for the second session of 2026

10. The Bureau has recommended the organizational arrangements and timetable set out in the annex to the present notification for consideration by Member States. It is expected that most of the work of the two-day session will be conducted in plenary meetings.

A. Bureau

11. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Executive Board consists of a chair, three vice-chairs and a rapporteur. The members of the Bureau who were elected by the Executive Board at its first session of 2026 for the term 2026–2027 will preside over the conduct of the second session of 2026. The current geographical distribution of Bureau members is as follows:

- Chair: China (Asia-Pacific States)
- Vice-Chairs: Mozambique (African States)
- Mexico (Latin American and Caribbean States)
- Germany (Western European and other States)
- Rapporteur: Slovakia (Eastern European States)

B. Meetings during the session

1. Day 1 of the session

12. It is proposed that the first day of the session be devoted to agenda items 1–6 (see annex).

2. Day 2 of the session

13. It is proposed that the second day of the session be devoted to agenda items 7–12 (see annex).

C. Consultations on draft outcomes to be considered by the Executive Board

14. It is recommended, in the interest of efficiency, that the draft outcomes to be considered by the Executive Board at its second session of 2026 be discussed prior to the opening of the session by the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, established by the Executive Board in paragraph 7 of its decision 2019/2. Thereafter, it is anticipated that the Chair of the ad hoc working group will forward the draft outcomes, including draft decisions, based on those preliminary discussions to the Executive Board for further consideration and possible adoption.

15. It is also anticipated that part of the session will be dedicated to informal negotiations on the draft decisions with a view to merging, reconciling or clarifying them, as necessary, prior to their consideration by the Executive Board during a plenary meeting at the session.

D. Informal consultations

16. To facilitate the work of the Executive Board, arrangements will be made, upon request, for informal consultations within the regional groups on various matters, including any draft outcomes, such as any draft decisions for consideration and possible adoption by the Executive Board. Requests for such arrangements should be sent to unhabitat-sgb@un.org.

E. Registration

17. All delegates are encouraged to pre-register for the session at <https://unhabitat.org/meetings/second-session-of-2026-of-the-executive-board> starting from Tuesday, 2 September 2026. All participants should register online before 2 p.m. (Nairobi time (UTC + 3)) on Friday, 20 November 2026.

18. In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board, Member States are requested to communicate the names of the members of their respective delegations to the session of

the Executive Board by uploading to the UN-Habitat online registration portal a note verbale (or another formal communication) listing the members of their respective delegations before 2 p.m. (Nairobi time (UTC + 3)) on Friday, 20 November 2026.

19. Additional information will be made available on the session website at <https://unhabitat.org/meetings/second-session-of-2026-of-the-executive-board> and at <https://unhabitat.org/governance/executive-board>. Enquiries about the session should be directed to:

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Annex

Proposed organization of work and timetable for the second session of 2026 of the Executive Board (24 and 25 November 2026)

<i>Day/date</i>	<i>Time (UTC + 3)</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
Tuesday, 24 November	9 a.m.	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. 3. Reports of the chairs of working groups: (a) Report by the Chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters; (b) Report by the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All. 4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters: (a) Financial status of UN-Habitat, including an update on resource mobilization; (b) Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; (c) Update on the implications of the UN80 initiative for the structure, staffing, budgetary planning and work of UN-Habitat.
	2 p.m.	<i>Informal consultations on draft outcomes</i> 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, including activities in areas affected by conflict and disasters. <i>Informal consultations on draft outcomes</i>
Wednesday, 25 November	9 a.m.	7. Reports from relevant United Nations oversight bodies: (a) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services; (b) Report of the Ethics Office. 8. Outcomes of the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum. 9. Outcomes of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the New Urban Agenda. <i>Informal consultations on draft outcomes</i>
	2 p.m.	10. Consideration and adoption of outcomes of the session, including on the dates and provisional agenda of the first session of 2027. 11. Other matters. 12. Closure of the session.