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on Adequate Housing for All
Third session**

Nairobi, 26–27 November 2026
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Annotated provisional agenda**

Item 1

Opening of the session

1. On 9 June 2023, the United Nations Habitat Assembly, in resolution 2/7, established the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All.
2. In the same resolution, the United Nations Habitat Assembly decided that the Working Group's activities and programme of work would be determined in consultation with the Executive Board, and that the Executive Board would decide on the timing and duration of the sessions of the Working Group.
3. The Working Group held its first session from 9 to 11 December 2024 and its second session on 22 and 23 October 2025, both in Nairobi.
4. The Executive Board at its first session of 2026 welcomed the briefing by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Group's work, including the report on the outcome of its second session held on 22 and 23 October 2025.
5. The Executive Board also decided that the third session of the Working Group would be held for a duration of two days, on 26 and 27 November 2026, and recommended that the provisional agenda for the 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.
6. Subsequently, the Co-Chairs of the Working Group prepared the provisional agenda for the third session of the Working Group which was shared, with Member States on 15 September 2026, in advance of the session.
7. It is anticipated that the session will be opened at 9 a.m. on Thursday, 26 November 2026.

* HSP/ OEWG-H.2026/1.

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Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

8. Under this item, the Working Group will adopt the agenda for its third session and thereafter decide on the organization of work for the session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (HSP/OEWG-H.2026/1) (for decision)

Annotated provisional agenda (HSP/OEWG-H.2026/1/Add.1)

List of documents (HSP/OEWG-H.2026/INF/1)

Item 3

Adoption of the report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All on the work of its second session

9. Under this item, the Working Group will consider and adopt the report on the work of its second session held in Nairobi on 22 and 23 October 2025.

10. The Working Group will also have before it the revised proposed recommendations of its second session in line with paragraph 2 of decision OEWG-H/2.

Documentation

Report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All on the work of its second session (HSP/OEWG-H.2025/5) (for decision)

Revised proposed recommendations of the second session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All (HSP/OEWG-H.2025/6)

Item 4

Consideration of the outcomes of expert group and intersessional meetings, including draft recommendations, and of global events.

11. Under this item, the Executive Director will report to the Working Group on the outcomes of the expert group meetings and intersessional meetings held in 2026, on progress made on ongoing workstreams, namely the definition of informal settlements, the housing monitoring framework and land management tools, and on the global events at which the mandate and activities of the Working Group were advanced.

12. The Working Group will have before it proposed recommendations on the definition of homelessness, on housing sustainability and resilience and on integrated housing policies, together with the corresponding background papers.

13. The Working Group may consider the report of the Executive Director and the proposed recommendations and formulate any recommendations.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the outcomes of the expert group meetings and intersessional meetings (HSP/OEWG-H.2026/2)

Proposed recommendations (HSP/OEWG-H.2026/2/Add.1)

Background paper on the definition of homelessness (HSP/OEWG-H.2026/INF/2)

Background paper on housing sustainability and resilience (HSP/OEWG-H.2026/INF/3)

Background paper on integrated housing policies (HSP/OEWG-H.2026/INF/4)

Item 5**Presentation of the work to establish a housing knowledge platform**

14. Under this item, the Executive Director will report on the progress made towards the establishment of a housing knowledge platform.
15. The Working Group will also have before it, for information, the report entitled “National Housing Policies: A global perspective”, prepared as a contribution to the knowledge base of the platform.
16. The Working Group may wish to take note of the progress made in establishing the platform, provide guidance on priority content for its expansion phase (2027–2028), and consider the modalities through which Member States may contribute national policies, data and practices.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on progress towards the establishment of a housing knowledge platform (HSP/OEWG-H.2026/3)

Summary on the report on National Housing Policies: A global perspective (HSP/OEWG-H.2026/INF/5)

Item 6**Implementation of the road map for the period 2025–2029 and resource mobilization**

17. Under this item, the Co-Chairs will update the Working Group on the implementation of the road map for the Working Group for the period 2025–2029.
18. The Executive Director will present a proposed resource mobilization strategy to support the activities of the Working Group until 2029, in line with the road map.
19. The Working Group may consider the proposed resource mobilization strategy and provide guidance on its implementation.

Documentation

Proposed Road map for the work of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group for the period 2025–2029 (HSP/OEWG-H.2025/4)

Proposed resource mobilization strategy to support the work of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All (HSP/OEWG-H.2026/4)

Item 7**Dates and provisional agenda of the fourth session of the Open-ended intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All**

20. Under this item, the Working Group may recommend the dates and duration of its fourth session, as well as the provisional agenda of that session, for further guidance by the Executive Board.

Item 8**Election of co-chairs**

21. Under this item, the Working Group will elect its co-chairs in accordance with the terms of reference adopted at its first session in decision OEWG-H/1.

Documentation

Decision OEWG-H/1: Terms of reference of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All established by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (contained in HSP/OEWG-H.2024/8, annex)

Rules of procedure of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (HSP/HA.1/HLS.2)

Item 9

Other matters

22. Under this item, the Working Group will consider matters which, although not covered under any particular agenda item, are thought to warrant its attention.

Item 10

Closure of the session

23. It is expected that the third session of the Working Group will conclude its work by 5 p.m. on Friday, 27 November 2026.

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