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2020-2023

PREPARATIONS FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATION OF THE CPR TO
UN-HABITAT

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ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT ASSEMBLY.



- i) Identify key issues and areas of focus for the normative and policy work of UN-Habitat;
- ii) Review major trends related to human settlements and urbanisation;
- iii) Examine global norms and standards in human settlements and sustainable urbanisation;
- iv) Adopt resolutions, declarations, recommendations, formal decisions, reports and other documents pertaining to strategic vision and political guidance in accordance with its mandate;
- v) Recommend strategies for coherent implementation of urban and human settlements dimensions of the 2030 Agenda, the New Urban Agenda and other global agendas, including of the work of the United Nations System;
- vi) Examine and approve UN-Habitat's strategic plan, to be prepared by the Executive Board;
- vii) Review the Secretary-General's quadrennial report on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

THE COMPOSITION OF THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY



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Universal body composed of the **193** member states of the United Nations. The Bureau was elected during the first session of UN-Habitat Assembly in May 2019 :

- **President:** Mexico
- **Vice President :** Ghana
- **Vice President :** Poland
- **Vice President :** Germany
- **Rapporteur:** China

OPEN-ENDED MEETING OF THE CPR TO PREPARE FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY.



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Dates of Open-ended meeting of the CPR to prepare for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly
: **29-31 May 2023 and 2 June 2023**

- Open-ended meeting** of the **CPR to prepare** for the second session of the **United Nations Habitat Assembly** (Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly)
- The CPR is expected to consider and **review, inter-alia, the draft resolutions** to be adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly



**Dates of the second session of the United Nations
Habitat Assembly: 5-9 June 2023**

**Venue of the session: Headquarters of UN-Habitat in
Nairobi**



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PREPARATIONS FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT ASSEMBLY.



Notification for the second session of the Assembly was shared on 31 December 2022 in all UN official languages

The Notification contained the **dates** and the **provisional Agenda** for the session. It also contained the **theme** of the session and other **preliminary information**.



1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Report of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
4. Credentials of representatives.
5. Elections of members of the Executive Board.
6. Adoption of the report of the Executive Board.
7. Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters.
8. Review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
9. Reports on the World Urban Forum.
10. Dialogue on the special theme for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
11. Strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2024–2027.
12. Adoption of the report of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
13. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the third session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
14. Election of officers.
15. Other matters.
16. Closure of the session.



The theme of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly is

“A sustainable urban future through inclusive and effective multilateralism : Achieving the SDGs in times of global crises”

EXPECTED STRUCTURE OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY.



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- ❑ Member States are encouraged to **participate fully in** the five-day session.
- ❑ Detailed discussions are expected **under each item** of the provisional Agenda
- ❑ **High-level segment on the special theme** of the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly with expected participation of Governments, Partners and Stakeholders
- ❑ Member States will have the opportunity to **deliver National Statements – most likely delivered at the Ministerial level.**
- ❑ It is expected that **various partners and stakeholders, notably subnational governments, parliamentarians and non-governmental organizations,** will convene their own informal consultations, **events and** activities prior to and during the session

The Bureau is expected to firm up the detailed organisation of work of the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly



- 8 February 2023
- 6 March 2023
- 25 April 2023 (morning & afternoon)
- 17 May 2023
- 24 May 2023 (morning & afternoon)

EXPECTED PARTICIPATION AT THE SESSION



Expected high-level representation at the **Ministerial level for the 193 State Members of the United Nations**, and for substantive representation at the session.

UN-HABITAT also expects participation at highest level of Government as has been in the past.

The first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly held in May 2019 was attended by 4000 participants, 60 Ministers and 4 Heads of States.

- Letters inviting Ministers of Foreign Affairs have been transmitted.**
- Letter inviting line Ministries are scheduled for transmission within the next one week.**



- **February 2023: Invitations** to high level Government officials for the second session of the Assembly, particularly Ministers of Foreign Affairs and line Ministers.
- **28-29 March 2023** : First session of the Executive Board for the year 2023 with possible recommendations for the UN-Habitat Assembly.
- **24 April 2023:** Transmission of **pre-session documents** for the UN-Habitat Assembly to all Member States in all languages.
- **29 May – 2 June 2023** : Open-ended meeting of the **CPR to prepare** for the second session of the **UN-Habitat Assembly**.
- **5-9 June 2023** : Second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly



1. Submission of draft resolutions for consideration by the UN-Habitat Assembly is the prerogative of Member States.
2. A Member State or group of Member States may submit draft resolutions for consideration.
3. Draft resolutions may be submitted for consideration by the UN-Habitat Assembly any time before or during the session. Guidance will be given by the Bureau of the UN-Habitat Assembly for consideration by the delegations at the first meeting of the session, on the deadline for submission of resolutions during the session.
4. Member States may wish start consultations on draft resolutions, guided by the provisional Agenda of the session.
5. Member States may also submit draft resolutions from mid-April 2023 after the pre-session documents, including reports of the Executive Director, have become available. Nothing, however, precludes the submission of resolutions prior to that date.
6. The objective of a resolution may be to offer guidance or recommendations to the Executive Director or to Member States or as a decision on a particular matter based upon the provisional Agenda or matters under discussions.



7. The Secretariat may offer technical and substantive support to Member States in preparing draft resolutions, if requested or as appropriate.

8. It is highly encouraged that resolutions be submitted early to allow sufficient time for negotiations and consensus-building including through informal consultations organized by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and through formal consultations during the open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives in preparation for the Assembly.

9. In this regard, the Bureau of the Assembly working with the Bureau of the CPR may issue guidance on the recommended deadline for submissions of resolutions, which may be first considered first by the CPR, under informal consultations and during the second open ended meeting of the CPR, for onward transmission to the Assembly.

10. Draft resolutions that are formally submitted will be considered by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its second session.

11. Draft resolutions may be addressed to the Chair of the CPR but submitted through the Secretary of the Governing Bodies at chris.mensah@un.org with a copy to unhabitat-sgb@un.org

Terms of Reference

The organization-wide task force on the preparations for the second session of the UN-Habitat will perform the following tasks.

1. Identifying expected outcomes and proposing innovative approaches to obtain them.
2. In-house and external resource mobilization for the organization of the Assembly.
3. Recommending high-level political representation at the Assembly. 4) Advising on the format of the components of the Assembly, such as the plenary, including dialogue on the theme, the sessional committee, and the opening and closing ceremonies.
4. Identifying which substantive documents are required.
5. Considering how UN-Habitat can best support the Committee of Permanent Representatives and the Executive Board as they prepare for the Assembly.
6. Advising on external and internal communications; and
7. Any other tasks as assigned by the Executive Director and Acting Deputy Executive Director



Three sub-groups have been proposed as follows:

Subgroup 1: high-level participation and protocol. Key Tasks:

1. High-level attendance;
2. regional mobilization for high-level participation

Subgroup 2: Substantive coordination, including support on dialogue and provision of technical language for draft resolutions. Key Tasks:

1. Reviewing the format and shaping the dialogue on the theme
2. Support preparation of draft technical inputs for draft resolutions and decisions to be considered by the UN-Habitat Assembly, in relation to the theme
3. Preparation of ED's statements
4. Clearance of reports
5. Quality control
6. Editing the daily journal



Subgroup 3: Communications, resource mobilization and budget, side-events, exhibitions and logistics of participation, including registration. Key Tasks:

1. Strategic communications towards attracting high-level attendance
2. Approving the nature of the side-events in relation to the theme
3. roundtables or fireplace discussions
4. Dissemination of information on the
5. Assembly and mobilization of participation at the high-level form the regions
6. Budgets and Finance
7. Pledging session
8. Resource mobilization
9. Registration
10. Liaison with the Host Government
11. Exhibition
12. Side Events
13. Webpage
14. Information desk
15. Press and Media
16. Airport reception
17. Advertisement/Design
18. General Support
19. Security

SUB GROUPS OF THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY TASK FORCE



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Coordination of the Sub-groups of the Task Force

Subgroup 1: high-level participation and protocol	Subgroup 2: Substantive coordination, including support on dialogue and provision of technical language for draft resolutions	Subgroup 3: Communications, resource mobilization and budget, side-events, exhibitions and logistics of participation, including registration
Coordinator: Erfan Ali Co-coordinators: Neil Khor, Chris Mensah	Coordinator: Shipra Narang - Suri Co-coordinator : Edlam Yemeru	Coordinator: Neil Khor Co-coordinator : Stephen Slawsky

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