

**United Nations Habitat Assembly of the  
United Nations Human Settlements Programme  
First session (Nairobi, 27–31 May 2019)**

**Notification by the Executive Director**

**I. General information for member States**

**A. Strengthening the governance of UN-Habitat**

1. On 20 December 2018, the General Assembly, in its resolution 73/239, decided to dissolve the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and to replace it with a United Nations Habitat Assembly composed of universal membership.
2. In that resolution, the General Assembly welcomed the work of the open-ended working group established by the chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UN-Habitat pursuant to its resolution 72/226 of 20 December 2018, and also endorsed the findings and recommendations of the open-ended working group on changing the governance structure of UN-Habitat.
3. By the same resolution, the General Assembly also decided that the first session of the Habitat Assembly would be held in May 2019, building on the preparations already carried out for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council.
4. In the resolution, the General Assembly further decided that in 2019 the Executive Board of the Assembly, after the election of its members by the Habitat Assembly, would meet for its first session in Nairobi for a duration of three days.
5. Finally, the General Assembly requested the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UN-Habitat to prepare draft rules of procedure for the Habitat Assembly, to be completed no later than April or May 2019, with a view to their adoption at the first session of the Assembly.

**B. Dates, venue and participation**

6. Based on the provisions of the above-mentioned resolution and on the decision by the Governing Council on 14 December 2018 to alter the dates of the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council from 8–12 April 2019 to 27–31 May 2019, the present notification is to confirm that the first session of the Habitat Assembly will be held from 27 to 31 May 2019 at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi. The provisional agenda and the list of documents for the session are attached to the present notification (annexes I and II). The substantive documents for the session will be issued six weeks prior to the beginning of the session.
7. The session will be opened at 9 a.m. on Monday, 27 May 2019.
8. Pursuant to the relevant rules of the General Assembly, States Members of the United Nations may participate in the deliberations of the Habitat Assembly. States that are members of a specialized agency and States that are not members of the United Nations may participate in the deliberations of the Assembly as observers.

**II. Theme of the first session of the Habitat Assembly**

9. In line with the relevant paragraphs of resolution 20/21 of the Governing Council (see annex III), the special theme for the Habitat Assembly is “Innovation for better quality of life in cities and communities”, while the sub-theme is “Accelerated implementation of the New Urban Agenda towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals”.

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### **III. Key issues to be discussed**

10. Among the key issues to be considered by the Habitat Assembly at its first session are the following:

- (a) Approval of the draft strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2025 and a decision on the alignment of the strategic plan with cycles of the Habitat Assembly;
- (b) Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including a review of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Agenda;
- (c) Review of major trends related to human settlements and urbanization;
- (d) Examination of global norms and standards for human settlements and sustainable urbanization;
- (e) Recommendation of strategies for coherent implementation of the urban and human settlements dimensions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the New Urban Agenda and other global agendas, including of the work of the United Nations system;
- (f) Adoption of the report of the Executive Board, including the work programme of UN-Habitat for the year 2020 as approved by the Executive Board at its first meeting during the session.

### **IV. Informal consultations**

11. To facilitate the work of the Habitat Assembly, arrangements will be made for informal consultations to be held between the regional groups on various matters, in particular on the election of officers, on Sunday, 26 May 2019, beginning provisionally at 11 a.m. The first issue of the journal for the session will be published on 26 May and will include information on the rooms and times for meetings. Attention is drawn to the document on the geographical distribution of officers elected at sessions of the Governing Council (see annex IV).

12. In addition, 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. Detailed information on those events will be communicated to all participants by the secretariat as soon as it is available.

### **V. Composition of government delegations for consideration**

13. The Executive Director urges all States to participate fully in the session. Given that the Habitat Assembly is expected to deliberate on matters relevant to the governance of UN-Habitat, it is anticipated that States will attach great significance to the need for high-level and substantive representation, including at the policymaking level.

14. The Executive Director wishes to bring to the attention of Governments resolution 16/12 of the Governing Council, in which Governments were invited to include in their delegations to future sessions of the Governing Council (now the Habitat Assembly) representatives of subnational governments and relevant civil society actors, in particular from the private sector, and of non-governmental organizations and research organizations in the fields of adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development. The Executive Director also wishes to highlight the importance given by the Governing Council to the decisions of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held in Istanbul from 3 to 14 June 1996, and to the decisions of the third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016, with regard to the roles of subnational governments and members of civil society.

15. It should be noted that, pursuant to the request by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/206, the rules of procedure of the Governing Council were amended to provide for the effective participation of subnational governments and other Habitat Agenda partners in its deliberations. Those provisions were set out in rules 64 to 67 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council.

16. The Executive Director would also like to emphasize that both UN-Habitat and member States would benefit greatly if States were to include in their delegations their permanent representatives to UN-Habitat or representatives of other focal points in Nairobi with whom UN-Habitat is continuously engaged. The Executive Director would therefore be grateful if States would provide information on the composition of their delegations as soon as possible, preferably by 15 April 2019. In accordance

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with rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives should be submitted to the Executive Director by no later than the end of the first meeting of the session, on 27 May 2019.

## **VI. Proposed organizational arrangements for the first session of the Habitat Assembly**

17. For the efficient conduct of work during the Habitat Assembly, the Executive Director proposes for consideration by the member States the organizational arrangements and timetable set out in annex V. This proposal is in line with General Assembly resolution 73/239, according to which preparations for the first session of the Habitat Assembly should build on the preparations already carried out for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council. Those preparations have been guided by the recommendations of Governing Council resolution 20/21 on the organization and themes for its future sessions, in which it called on the Committee of Permanent Representatives, acting as the intersessional subsidiary body of the Governing Council, to recommend further proposals for improving the structure and organization of the twenty-first and future sessions of the Governing Council. At its twenty-third meeting, on 7 December 2006, the Committee of Permanent Representatives approved a set of proposals (reflected in the present notification) for the twenty-first and all future sessions, in particular with regard to the high-level segment, the dialogue and the theme. The Habitat Assembly may also wish to consider its own organizational arrangements at the appropriate time.

### **A. Bureau**

18. It is anticipated that, in line with rule 17 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the Bureau of the Habitat Assembly will comprise a president, vice-presidents and a rapporteur elected with due regard for the principle of equitable geographical distribution by rotation among the regional groups of States. Annex IV shows the geographical distribution of officers elected at the sessions of the Governing Council. The Assembly may wish to consider the size of the incoming Bureau in the light of the universal nature of the Assembly.

19. Further to rule 18 of the rules of procedure, it is recommended that one vice-president be designated to chair the sessional committee of the whole referred to in paragraph 33 below. The remaining vice-presidents would assist the president directly in his or her duties in plenary meetings and in the chairing of the ad hoc drafting committee referred to in paragraph 34 below.

### **B. Plenary**

20. Following previous practice of the Governing Council, it is recommended that work in the plenary meetings be divided into two segments: first, a high-level segment, with interventions primarily by ministers and other heads of delegation, to be held on the first and second days; and second, a dialogue between Governments, subnational governments and other Habitat Agenda partners, to be held on the third day. It should be noted that part of the morning meeting on the first day will be devoted to organizational matters, including elections.

### **C. High-level segment**

21. It is suggested that discussions during the high-level segment focus on the theme for the session, along with matters related to item 9 of the provisional agenda, "Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters", and item 13, "Strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme". In accordance with the findings and recommendations of the open-ended working group, the work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the year 2020 are expected to be referred to the executive board for consideration.

22. To accommodate the many delegations expected to attend the sessions of the Habitat Assembly, it is recommended that during the high-level segment each delegation be allowed a maximum of five minutes of speaking time and that this limit be strictly adhered to.

23. In establishing the list of speakers for the high-level segment, precedence will be given to Heads of State and Government, ministers and deputy ministers, followed by other heads of government delegations, then by a limited number of representatives of subnational governments, other Habitat Agenda partners and other stakeholders, in accordance with rules 64 and 65 of the rules of procedure.

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## **D. Dialogue with local authorities and other partners**

24. It should be recalled that in paragraph 2 of its resolution 16/12 the Governing Council decided to provide, at future sessions, opportunities for partners to engage in a dialogue among themselves and with Governments. Such dialogues may, as appropriate, serve as input to the deliberations of the Habitat Assembly.

25. In line with the relevant paragraphs of resolution 20/21 of the Governing Council, the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, has chosen the theme of the Habitat Assembly, “Innovation for better quality of life in cities and communities”, which will form the basis of the dialogue.

26. With a view to increasing the participation in and contribution of subnational governments and other partners to the work of the Habitat Assembly, and to the attainment of common goals to achieve the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda, arrangements have been made for a dialogue with subnational Governments and other partners to be held during the plenary meeting on the third day of the session (see annex V).

27. To that end, subnational governments and other partners are encouraged to submit to the secretariat, in advance, written summaries of their presentations for distribution to all participants ahead of the dialogue.

28. It should further be recalled that resolution 20/21 of the Governing Council provided that the theme of the dialogue should establish a link between the high-level segment and the dialogue among Governments, subnational governments and other Habitat Agenda partners and provide for cohesion in the policy discussions in plenary meetings.

29. It is expected that the presentations made by representatives of subnational governments and other partners will be the outcome of consultations by those groups with non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians, private-sector representatives, professionals, researchers, grassroots organizations, trade unions and other constituency groups and urban stakeholders. Arrangements will be made for subnational governments and other partners, should they so wish, to hold consultations in Nairobi immediately prior to the session.

30. Detailed information on the organization of the dialogue will be provided in due course.

## **E. Summary by the President**

31. At the end of the high-level segment and the dialogue, the president of the Habitat Assembly, drawing on the deliberations of the two plenary meetings, will prepare a summary of the main issues raised in the high-level segment and of the conclusions drawn or recommendations made during the dialogue. The summary will reflect the main thrust of the discussions and key positions set out during the high-level segment and the dialogue, and will be submitted for endorsement in the plenary meetings. Any draft resolution that may emerge from the discussions at those plenary meetings will be referred to the drafting committee for action.

32. Once endorsed by the Habitat Assembly as an accurate reflection of discussions during the high-level segment and the dialogue, and subsequent to the required legislative process, the conclusions and recommendations will serve as guidelines for follow-up action by Governments, subnational governments and other partners and the secretariat, specifically in support of the current focus areas of the UN-Habitat work programme and strategic plan.

## **F. Sessional committee of the whole**

33. Bearing in mind the organization of work from previous sessions of the Governing Council and the above-mentioned recommendations on the work in plenary meetings, the Habitat Assembly may wish to establish a sessional committee of the whole that would be accorded responsibility for the detailed consideration of agenda items 9, 10, 11 and 13.

## **G. Drafting committee**

34. At its nineteenth session, the Governing Council established an ad hoc open-ended drafting committee on an informal basis, chaired by one of the vice-presidents, to pre-screen draft resolutions submitted by delegations, with a view to merging, reconciling or clarifying them, as necessary, prior to their consideration by the Governing Council at the plenary meeting. The Habitat Assembly may wish to continue this practice, which was widely considered to have enhanced the efficiency of the work of the Governing Council, with the report of the drafting committee first passing through the committee of the whole for endorsement prior to its final adoption by the Assembly.

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## H. Overview of main activities at the Habitat Assembly

35. The proposed organizational arrangements and timetable for the Habitat Assembly are provided in annex V. While the provisional agenda has yet to be adopted, below is a tentative overview of the expected activities:

*Saturday, 25 May 2019*

- Stakeholders' forum

*Sunday, 26 May 2019*

- Stakeholders' forum
- Private-sector dialogue
- Meetings of regional groups

*Monday, 27 May 2019*

- Election of the president of the Habitat Assembly and other officials of the bureau
- Election of members of the Executive Board
- Adoption of rules of procedure of the Habitat Assembly and the Executive Board
- Opening ceremony
- Policy statement of the Executive Director
- Statements by member States
- Review of the progress report of the Executive Director of UN-Habitat
- Press conference
- Opening of the exhibition
- Side events

*Tuesday, 28 May 2019*

- High-level financing dialogue, followed by a pledging session
- Review of the progress report of the Executive Director of UN-Habitat (*continued*)
- Review of the progress report on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals
- Statements by member States and observers
- Side events
- Exhibition

*Wednesday, 29 May 2019*

- Interactive strategic dialogue between member States, local authorities and other partners on the theme of the Assembly, "Innovation for better quality of life in cities and communities"
- Review of the progress report on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (*continued*)
- Review of the report on the World Urban Forum
- Review of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2025
- Deliberations on Habitat Assembly draft resolutions
- Side events and exhibition

*Thursday, 30 May 2019*

- First meeting of the Executive Board
- Review of the UN-Habitat work programme and budget for 2020
- Review of the report on the World Urban Forum
- Review of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2025
- Deliberations on Habitat Assembly draft resolutions
- Side events and exhibition

*Friday, 31 May 2019*

- Adoption of Habitat Assembly decisions and resolutions
- Exhibition
- Press conference
- Closing ceremony

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## **VII. First meeting of the Executive Board**

36. Following consultations with the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, it is recommended that, upon the establishment of the Executive Board, the election of its members and the adoption of its rules of procedure by the Habitat Assembly, the first meeting of the Board be held in the margins of the Habitat Assembly. It is proposed that a one-day meeting be held, primarily to consider organizational matters and review and approve the annual work programme and 2020 budget for the organization. The Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives has also recommended that the meeting of the Executive Board be scheduled so as not to conflict with the plenary meeting of the Assembly.

37. The Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives has recommended a provisional agenda for the first meeting of the Executive Board (see annex VI). A list of documents recommended for the Board is also attached (see annex VII).

38. In the light of the first meeting of the Executive Board and pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/239, member States, through their regional groups of States, are encouraged to begin caucusing on nominations to the 36-member Board to be elected during the first plenary meeting of the Habitat Assembly.

## **VIII. Registration for the session**

39. Participants are encouraged to pre-register online at <https://unhabitat.org/habitatassembly/>. Participation in the official sessions of the Habitat Assembly is restricted to member States, subnational governments and other Habitat Agenda partners and accredited stakeholders. On-site registration will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 23 May 2019. To avoid long queues on the opening day, please see the schedule of the operating hours for on-site registration on the website. Participants from civil society organizations and other stakeholders that were not accredited to Habitat II, the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Istanbul +5) or Habitat III, or do not have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, will be required to submit an online application for ad hoc accreditation and must attach all required documents indicated on the website.

40. Information regarding such matters as accommodation, visas and medical requirements will be available on the UN-Habitat website (<https://unhabitat.org/habitatassembly-information-package/>). Enquiries regarding these or any other matters concerning the organizational aspects of the session should be directed to:

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## Annex I

### **Provisional agenda for the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly**

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of the President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
4. Adoption of the agenda.
5. Election of officers.
6. Credentials of representatives and appointment of members of the credentials committee.
7. Organization of work, including the establishment of an executive board and the adoption of its rules of procedure.
8. Election of the members of the Executive Board.
9. Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters.
10. Review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
11. Report of the World Urban Forum.
12. Dialogue on the special theme for the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
13. Strategic plan for the period 2020–2025 of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.
14. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
15. Adoption of the report of the session and the report of the first meeting of the Executive Board.
16. Other matters.
17. Closure of the session.

## Annex II

### List of documents before the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its first session

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Description</i>
1	A/RES/73/239	General Assembly resolution 73/239 on the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
1	A/73/239	Findings and recommendations of the open-ended working group
4	HSP/HA/1/1	Provisional agenda for the United Nations Habitat Assembly
4	HSP/HA/1/1/Add. 1	Annotations to the provisional agenda, including organization of work
7	HSP/HA/1/INF/1	List of documents before the United Nations Habitat Assembly
9	HSP/HA/1/2	Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
9	HSP/HA/1/2/Add. 1	Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: joint activities in the urban environment: joint progress report of the Executive Directors of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
9	HSP/HA/1/2/Add. 2	Cooperation with agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and other UN-Habitat partners in the implementation of the strategic plan 2014–2019: addendum to the report of the Executive Director
9	HSP/HA/1/2/Add. 3	Draft United Nations system-wide guidelines on safer cities and human settlements
9	HSP/HA/1/2/Add. 4	Draft stakeholder engagement policy
9	HSP/HA/1/INF/2	Annual report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the strategic plan 2014–2019 for the year 2018
9	HSP/HA/1/INF/3	Country activities report 2018
9	HSP/HA/1/3	Work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the intersessional period
9	HSP/HA/1/3/Add. 1	Work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the intersessional period: report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on its work during the intersessional period –72nd regular meeting of the CPR
9	HSP/HA/1/3/Add. 2	Work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the intersessional period: report of the chair of the working group on programme and budget
9	HSP/HA/1/3/Add. 3	Note by the secretariat on draft resolutions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives: addendum to the report of the Committee
10	HSP/HA/1/4	Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
11	HSP/HA/1/INF/4	Report of the activities of the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities
11	HSP/HA/1/5	Ninth session of the World Urban Forum: report of the Executive Director
11	HSP/HA/1/INF/5	Report on the ninth session of the World Urban Forum
12	HSP/HA/1/INF/6	Independent evaluation of the ninth session of the World Urban Forum
12	HSP/HA/1/6	Dialogue on the special theme of the first session of the Habitat Assembly: report of the Executive Director
13	HSP/HA/1/7	Report of the Executive Director on the proposed strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2025
13	HSP/HA/1/INF/7	Note by the secretariat on the status of voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation as at 1 March 2019

### **Resolution 20/21: Organization and themes for future sessions of the Governing Council**

*The Governing Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 5/15 of 7 May 1982, in which it decided to designate the subjects of the special themes of its sessions two years in advance,

*Also recalling* its resolution 16/12 of 7 May 1997, in which it decided to provide, at future sessions of the Council, opportunities for partners to engage in a dialogue among themselves and with Governments,

*Further recalling* its resolution 19/5 of 9 May 2003, in which it decided that a continuing focus of its twentieth and future sessions should be the implementation and monitoring of the goal of the United Nations Millennium Declaration<sup>1</sup> on improving the lives of slum-dwellers,

*Noting* that the World Urban Forum now provides an opportunity for extensive dialogue among Governments, local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners,

*Recognizing* the importance during sessions of the Governing Council of a focused, interactive high-level segment on priority policy issues,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on improving preparations for the Governing Council, which are contained in the appendix to the present resolution;
2. *Decides* that the special themes referred to in resolution 5/15 shall no longer be chosen two years in advance, but shall instead be selected by the Bureau of the Governing Council at least six months before the start of each session of the Governing Council, on the basis of advice from the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, taking into account the outcome of the sessions of the World Urban Forum and the requirement for a continuing focus on the implementation and monitoring of the goal of the Millennium Declaration on improving the lives of slum dwellers;
3. *Also decides* that the high-level segment and the dialogues referred to in its resolution 16/12 should normally focus on those special themes and should constitute the substantive debate on the special themes;
4. *Requests* the Committee of Permanent Representatives to recommend to the Governing Council at its twenty-first session, through the Bureau of the Governing Council, further proposals for improving the structure and organizational arrangements of the twenty-first and future sessions of the Governing Council including, in particular, the high-level segment;
5. *Also requests* the Executive Director to prepare a background paper for use by the Committee of Permanent Representatives in complying with the request set forth in the preceding paragraph.

8 April 2005

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 55/2.

## Annex IV

### Geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat,\* which may inform the geographical distribution of the Bureau of the Habitat Assembly

<i>Year</i>	<i>Session of the Governing Council</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
1978	First	Western European and other States (Sweden)	African States (Malawi), Eastern European States (Poland), Latin American States (Mexico)	Asian States (Philippines)
1979	Second	African States (Kenya)	Asian States (Pakistan), Latin American States (Mexico), Western European and other States (Sweden)	Eastern European States (Poland)
1980	Third	Latin American States (Mexico)	African States (Nigeria), Asian States (Iraq), Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	Western European and other States (Netherlands)
1981	Fourth	Asian States (Philippines)	African States (Lesotho), Eastern European States (Hungary), Western European and other States (Federal Republic of Germany)	Latin American States (Jamaica)
1982	Fifth	Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	Asian States (Sri Lanka), Latin American States (Jamaica), Western European and other States (Canada)	African States (Egypt)
1983	Sixth	Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Zambia), Eastern European States (Bulgaria), Latin American States (Argentina)	Asian States (Bangladesh)
1984	Seventh	African States (Gabon)	Asian States (India), Latin American States (Chile), Western European and other States (United States of America)	Eastern European States (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
1985	Eighth	Latin American States (Jamaica)	African States (Tunisia), Asian States (Sri Lanka), Eastern European States (Hungary)	Western European and other States (Greece)
1986	Ninth	Western European and other States (Turkey)	African States (Kenya), Asian States (Bangladesh), Eastern European States (Poland)	Latin American States (Chile)
1987	Tenth	Eastern European States (Bulgaria)	Asian States (Indonesia), Latin American States (Colombia), Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Kenya)
1988	Eleventh	Asian States (India)	African States (Botswana), Latin American States (Brazil), Western European and other States (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	Eastern European States (Poland)
1989	Twelfth	Latin American States (Colombia)	African States (Gabon), Eastern European States (Hungary), Western European and other States (United States of America)	Asian States (Sri Lanka)
1991	Thirteenth	African States (Zimbabwe)	Asian States (Sri Lanka), Eastern European States (Soviet Union,) Latin American States (Brazil)	Western European and other States (Netherlands)

\* Sessions prior to 2003 were sessions of the Commission on Human Settlements.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Session of the Governing Council</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
1993	Fourteenth	Western European and other States (Finland)	African States (Uganda), Asian States (Philippines), Eastern European States (Romania)	Latin American States (Chile)
1995	Fifteenth	Eastern European States (Russian Federation)	Asian States (Indonesia), Latin American States (Venezuela), Western European and other States (United Kingdom)	African States (Cameroon)
1997	Sixteenth	Asian States (Bangladesh)	African States (Kenya), Latin American States (Mexico), Western European and other States (Norway)	Eastern European States (Romania)
1999	Seventeenth	Latin American States (Colombia)	African States (Senegal), Eastern European States (Bulgaria), Western European and other States (Sweden)	Asian States (Iran (Islamic Republic of))
2001	Eighteenth	African States (Algeria)	Asian States (Bangladesh), Eastern European States (Russian Federation), Latin American States (Argentina)	Western European and other States (Turkey)
2003	Nineteenth	Western European and other States (Sweden)	African States (Malawi), Asian States (Sri Lanka), Eastern European States (Poland)	Latin American States (Chile)
2005	Twentieth	Eastern European States (Czech Republic)	Asian States (Philippines), Latin American States (Argentina), Western European and other States (Germany)	African States (Nigeria)
2007	Twenty-first	Asian States (India)	African States (Uganda), Latin American States (Argentina), Western European and other States (Canada)	Eastern European States (Russian Federation)
2009	Twenty-second	Latin American States (Jamaica)	African States (Zambia), Eastern European States (Czech Republic), Western European and other States (Germany)	Asian States (Pakistan)
2011	Twenty-third	African States (Rwanda)	Asian States (China), Eastern European States (Russian Federation), Latin American States (Chile)	Western European and other States (Finland)
2013	Twenty-fourth	African States (Nigeria)	Eastern European States (Russian Federation), Latin American States (Argentina), Asia-Pacific States (Bangladesh)	Western European and other States (Germany)
2015	Twenty-fifth	Eastern European States (Slovakia)	African States (Ghana), Western European and other States (Germany), Asia-Pacific States (India)	Latin American States (Uruguay)
2017	Twenty-sixth	Asia-Pacific States (India)	African States (Kenya), Western European and other States (Germany), Latin American States (Guatemala)	Eastern European States (Russian Federation)

Under the principle of geographical rotation provided for in paragraph 2 of rule 17 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the following regional groups should provide candidates for the offices in question for the first session of the Habitat Assembly:

#### **Officers for the first session of the Habitat Assembly**

2019	<i>President</i>	<i>Latin American States</i>
	<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	African States, Eastern European States, Western European and other States
	<i>Rapporteur</i>	Asia-Pacific States

## Annex V

### Proposed organization of work and timetable for the first session of the Habitat Assembly, 27–31 May 2019

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the whole</i>	<i>Drafting committee</i>
Monday, 27 May	a.m.	Opening of the session Organizational matters High-level segment Agenda items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6		
	p.m.	High-level segment Agenda items 6, 7, 8 and 9	Agenda items 9 and 10	Consultations on draft resolutions
Tuesday, 28 May	a.m.	High-level segment Agenda items 9, 10 and 11	Agenda item 9 Agenda item 10 Agenda item 11	Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.	Continuation of the high-level segment		
Wednesday, 29 May	a.m./p.m.	Dialogue among Governments and other Habitat Agenda partners Special theme, agenda item 12	Agenda item 10 Agenda item 11 Agenda item 13	Consultations on draft resolutions
Thursday, 30 May	a.m.	First meeting of the Executive Board (plenary format)	Review of draft resolutions from the drafting committee	Consultations on draft resolutions
	p.m.	(regular plenary resumes) Approval of draft reports on items 9, 10 and 11 and the report on the draft decision on item 14		
Friday, 31 May	a.m./p.m.	Chair's summary of the high- level segment and dialogue Draft reports of plenary on items 12 and 13 Draft reports of the Committee of the Whole Report on draft resolutions and agenda item 15	Review of draft resolutions from the drafting committee	

**Proposed provisional agenda for the first meeting of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, 30 May 2019**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (b) Election of the Bureau;
  - (c) Consideration and approval of the draft workplan of the Executive Board for 2019–2020, including the schedule of the Bureau’s meetings, items to be regularly considered by the Board, and the date of the Board’s next meeting.
3. Approval of the annual work programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2020.
4. Other matters.

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## Annex VII

### List of documents before the first session of the Executive Board

Agenda item	Symbol	Title
2	HSP/EB/1/1	Provisional agenda for the first meeting of the Executive Board
2	HSP/EB/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
3	HSP/HA/1/2	Report of the Executive Director on the proposed annual work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the proposed budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the year 2020
3	HSP/HA/1/2/Add.2	Note by the secretariat on the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
3	HSP/EB/INF/1	Report of the United Nations Board of Auditors