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URBAN AGENDA

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SESSION 1 - THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF UN-HABITAT



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UN-HABITAT'S MANDATE AND ROLE IN THE UN-SYSTEM



WHAT IS A MANDATE?

A mandate refers to the decision that gives a body authority to carry out its functions and take specific actions. **UN-Habitat's mandate is outlined in :**

- **1962 : Committee on Housing, Building and Planning**, established by ECOSOC resolution 903 C (XXXIV) in New York, comprised of professional planners, architects, and engineers, addressing urgent housing shortages and challenges of urbanization.
- **1972 : Stockholm Declaration** on the Human Environment “Planning must be applied to human settlements and urbanization” A/CONF.48/4
- **1975 : Resolution 3327 (XXIX)** established the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation (UNHHSF) as part of UNEP, to mobilize finance for housing and human settlements.
- **1975 : A/RES/3438 (XXX)** The General Assembly endorses the decision of the United Nations Environment Programme which calls for a conference on human settlements.
- **1976 : Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements (Habitat I - A/CONF.10/15)**
- **1977 : A/RES/32/162** creating the **United Nations Commission on Human Settlements** and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements. Based in Nairobi, incorporating both the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning and the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation.



- **1996** : Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements (**Habitat II - Habitat Agenda**- A/CONF.165/14)
- **1996** : **A/RES/51/177** paragraph 2 endorsed the Istanbul Declaration and the Habitat Agenda adopted by the Conference on 14 June 1996
- **1997** : A/52/181 Implementation of the **outcomes of Habitat II**
- **2001-Istanbul +5** Resolution S25.2 on Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium reiterates that the **Istanbul Declaration** and the **Habitat Agenda** will remain the basic framework for sustainable human settlements development in the years to come.
- **2001** : A/RES/56/206 upgrading to a **programme** and **giving birth to UN-Habitat**. Creates the **Governing Council** of UN-Habitat **and** decides that the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN- Habitat shall serve as the Governing Council's intersessional subsidiary body. **Istanbul+5**.
- **2011** : A/RES/65/165 on implementation of **Habitat II**
- **2016** : The United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (**Habitat III – New Urban Agenda**). A/71/256 **endorses the New Urban Agenda** and creates **a high-level panel** to assess and enhance effectiveness of UN-Habitat [Panel's report A/71/1006]
- **2015** : Approval of the SDGs including **SDG 11**



- **2017** : A/72/226 Implementation of the outcomes of Habitat III and strengthening of UN-Habitat requesting the Chair of the CPR to establish an **Open-ended working group** to examine different options for strengthening Member States' oversight of UN-Habitat.
- **2018** : A/73/726 Report on the work of the Open-ended Working Group (WG) established by the Chair of the CPR to UN-Habitat
- **2018** : A/RES/73/239 of 20 December 2018 on strengthening of UN-Habitat endorsing the findings and recommendations of the Open-ended WG and **creating the new governance structure**.
- **2019 (27-31 May)** : First session of the UN-Habitat Assembly elects 36 members of the Executive Board and elects the Bureau of the CPR taking into account the distribution of seats described in the report on the work of the Open-ended Working Group (A/73/726) . **UN-Habitat Assembly decisions 1/1 and 1/2** adopting the **Rules of Procedure** of the UN-Habitat Assembly and those of the Executive Board.
- **2019 (30 May)** : First session of the Executive Board
- **2021 (29 June-1 July)** : First open-ended meeting of the CPR for a high-level midterm review



THE MANDATE OF UN-HABITAT IS ALSO FURTHER DERIVED FROM OTHER INTERNATIONALLY AGREED UPON DEVELOPMENT GOALS



- **United Nations Millennium Declaration (Assembly resolution 55/2)** : target on achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers by the year 2020, and the target to halve the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by the year 2015.
- **UN General Assembly resolution 65/1** : Member States also committed themselves to continue working towards cities without slums, beyond current targets, by reducing slum populations and improving the lives of slum-dwellers.
- **The Sustainable Development Goals** : dedicated goal for urban development, SDG11 which calls to "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable."
- **The New Urban Agenda** : action-oriented document which sets global standards of achieving SDG11.

MANDATE AND ROLE OF THE UN-HABITAT IN THE UN SYSTEM



Mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities, with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.



Focal point for all urbanization and human settlement matters within the UN system.



Supports Member States in the development of sustainable cities and human settlements through its normative and operational work at the global, regional, national and local levels.



Leads and coordinates the monitoring of and reporting on global progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and SDG 11.



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ROLE AND MANDATE OF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF UN-HABITAT

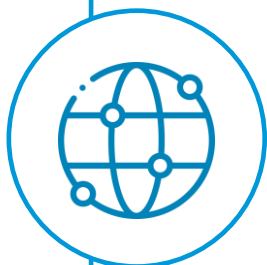


WHAT ARE THE MANDATES OF THE UN-HABITAT SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE BODIES?

THE COMPOSITION OF THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY AND SOURCE OF MANDATE



Guided by the rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly and the report A/73/726 on the work of the Open-ended Working Group established by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives UN-Habitat, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/226



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 :

Chair:	Mexico
Vice Chair:	Ghana
Vice Chair:	Poland
Vice Chair:	Germany
Rapporteur:	China

**UN-HABITAT
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THE FUNCTIONS OF THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY



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- Identify key issues and areas of focus for the normative and policy work of UN-Habitat;
- Review major trends related to human settlements and urbanization;
- Examine global norms and standards in human settlements and sustainable urbanisation;
- Adopt resolutions, declarations, recommendations, formal decisions, reports and other documents pertaining to strategic vision and political guidance in accordance with its mandate;
- 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;
- Examine and approve UN-Habitat's strategic plan, to be prepared by the Executive Board;
- Review the Secretary-General's quadrennial report on the implementation of the NUA
- Ensure the active engagement of local authorities and other stakeholders in the Assembly, in its subsidiary bodies and in intersessional meetings.

FUNCTIONS OF THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY



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THE FIRST SESSION OF THE UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY (MAY 2019)



During its first session held in May 2019, the UN-Habitat Assembly :

- Adopted its rules of procedure,
- Elected its Bureau,
- Elected the 36 members of the Executive Board,
- Approved UN-Habitat's strategic plan for the period 2020-2023,
- Adopted five resolutions and one decision on [UN-Habitat's Strategic Plan for the period 2020-2023](#), UN System-Wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements, enhancing capacity-building for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, achieving gender equality through the work of UN-Habitat to support inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements, on enhancing urban-rural linkages for sustainable urbanization and human settlements and on transitional arrangements towards the new governance structure of UN-Habitat,
- Concluded its five days of discussions with a [Ministerial Declaration](#) recognizing that the unprecedented rate of urbanization constitutes both a challenge and an opportunity.
- The second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly will be held from 5 to 9 June 2023

**FIRST
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- Permanent intersessional subsidiary body of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
- Universal and composed of all Permanent Representatives of Member States of the United Nations.



- The 2021-2023 Bureau was elected at the first open-ended meeting of the CPP for a high-level midterm review:
 - Chair:** Pakistan (Asia-Pacific States)
 - Vice-Chair:** United Republic of Tanzania (African States), Colombia (Latin American and Caribbean States), (vacant) (Western European and other States)
 - Rapporteur:** (vacant) (Eastern European States)

Guided by the Rules 22 and 23 of Procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly and the report A/73/726 on the work of the Open-ended Working Group established by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives UN-Habitat, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/226.

**COMMITTEE
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THE FINCTIONS OF CPR



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High-level mid-term review meetings to consider :

- i. Mid-term review of the implementation of UN-Habitat Strategic Plan;
- ii. Mid-term review of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;
- iii. Mid-term review on the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration as adopted during the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly;
- iv. Briefing by the Executive Director on the implementation of the outcomes of the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly and on the preparations of the upcoming session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.



Open-ended CPR session towards preparations for the UN-Habitat Assembly to consider:

- i. Review of the implementation of UN-Habitat Strategic Plan;
- ii. Review of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;
- iii. Review of the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration adopted during the first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly;
- iv. Review of the status of preparations for the upcoming session of the UN-Habitat Assembly;
- v. Review of draft resolutions, declarations, recommendations and decisions to be discussed during the upcoming session of the UN-Habitat Assembly;
- vi. Briefing by the Executive Director on preparations of the upcoming session of the UN-Habitat Assembly

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The CPR met for its first open-ended high-level midterm review meeting from 29 June to 1 July 2021. Among the key issues considered by the CPR at that meeting were :

- a) The midterm review of the implementation of the strategic plan of UN-Habitat for the period 2020–2023.
- b) The progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda
- c) The progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session.
- d) The preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum.
- e) The alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the QCPR

The CPR will meet again from 27 May to 2 June 2023 in preparations for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.

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THE COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SOURCE OF MANDATE



Composed of 36-members as follows:
10 seats for African States;
8 seats for Asia-Pacific States;
4 seats for Eastern European States;
6 seats for Latin American and Caribbean States; and
8 seats for Western European and other States.



Bureau 2021-2022: **Chair:** Poland (Eastern European States)
Vice-Chairs: Egypt (African States) , France (Western European and other States), Pakistan (Asia-Pacific States)
Rapporteur: Chile (Latin American and Caribbean States)

Guided by the rules of procedure of the Executive Board and the report A/73/726 on the work of the Open-ended Working Group established by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives UN-Habitat, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/226

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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THE COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD



Africa Group

1. Angola
2. Cameroon
3. Democratic Republic of Congo
4. Egypt
5. Ethiopia
6. Kenya
7. Malawi
8. Morocco
9. Nigeria
10. Senegal

Asia-Pacific Group

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| 1. China | 5. Japan |
| 2. India | 6. Republic of Korea |
| 3. Indonesia | 7. Pakistan |
| 4. Iran | 8. Sri Lanka |

Latin America and the Caribbean

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| 1. Argentina | 4. Costa Rica |
| 2. Brazil | 5. Mexico |
| 3. Chile | 6. Uruguay |

Eastern Europe Group

1. Poland
2. Romania
3. Russian Federation
4. Serbia

WEOG

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| 1. Canada | 5. Spain |
| 2. France | 6. Sweden |
| 3. Germany | 7. Turkey |
| 4. Portugal | 8. United States of America |

WHAT ARE THE MANDATES OF THE UN-HABITAT SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE BODIES?

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD



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- To oversee the **implementation of the normative and operational activities** of UN-Habitat;
- To ensure **accountability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness**;
- To approve and oversee the implementation of the **annual programme of work and budget and the resource mobilization strategy**, in accordance with the strategic plans and political guidelines provided by the UN-Habitat Assembly;
- To adopt decisions, within the scope of its mandate, on, among other things, **programmatic, operational and budgetary issues** for the adequate and effective implementation of resolutions and other decisions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly;
- To guide and support efforts **to finance** the work of UN-Habitat;
- To oversee the **compliance of UN-Habitat with evaluations** and support **auditing** functions;
- To collaborate with **the executive boards of other United Nations agencies, funds and programmes**, in accordance with the management reform programme of the Secretary-General.

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The Executive Board met five times since its establishment:

- It held one session in 2019 (May 2019 for its first session and November 2019 for its resumed first session)
- Twice in 2020 for its first and second sessions for the year 2020 (June and October 2020)
- Twice in 2021 for its first and second session for the year 2021 (April and November 2021).
- The first session of the Executive Board for the year 2022 is scheduled to take place from 29 to 31 March 2022.

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THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES: THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUPS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD



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Ad-Hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy:

Established by paragraph 11 of decision 2019/2 adopted by the Executive Board at its resumed first meeting in November 2019.

- Development of a [UN-Habitat stakeholder engagement policy](#) for presentation to the Executive Board for a consensual agreement and further possible approval by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its second session in June 2023.



Ad-Hoc working group on the working methods of the Executive Board:

Established by paragraph 5 of decision 2019/3 adopted by the Executive Board at its resumed first meeting in November 2019.

- Assistance and advice to the Executive Board on [working methods](#) to complete its work
- The Executive Board requested the ad hoc working group to complete its work no later than the second session of 2020. [It has now completed its mandate.](#)

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Ad-Hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters :

Established by paragraph 11 of decision 2019/2 adopted by the Executive Board at its resumed first meeting in November 2019.

Its functions include inter alia :

- Assistance and advice to the Executive Board on **programmatic, budgetary and administrative** matters (para 7, Decision 2019/2)
- Consultation with the Executive Director on additional information required by Member States on the work programme and budget of UN-Habitat
- Consultation with the Executive Director **to elaborate upon innovative programmes** within the Strategic Plan to be discussed with the Executive Board taking into account thematic and regional balance
- **para 7 Decision 2019/3**
- Elaboration in consultation with the Executive Director of a **prioritization process within normative and within operational activities** in line with the Strategic Plan **para 8 Decision 2019/3**
- Consultation with the Executive Director on the **on-going restructuring** of UN-Habitat **para 5 Decision 2019/2**

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