



**Executive Board of the United Nations
Human Settlements Programme
Second session of 2022
21-23 November 2022
Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda
Organizational matters**

Update on the work of the 2022- 2023 Bureau of the Executive Board towards preparations of the session

1. The first session of the Executive Board for the year 2022 was held from 29 to 31 March 2022. At that session, in its Decision 2022/3, the Executive Board decided that the second session of the Executive Board for the year 2022 would be held from 17 to 19 November 2022 with the understanding that the Bureau would subsequently recommend the number of days and any change required to the Provisional Agenda.
2. Subsequently, the Bureau of the Executive Board met four times on 8 June 2022, 12 September 2022, 7 November 2022 and 18 November 2022 to review the preparations for the second session of the year 2022. During these meetings, the Bureau recommended the following:
 - a) That the second session of the Executive Board for the year 2022 should take place from Monday, 21 November to Wednesday, 23 November 2022, based on the fact that the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 27) would be held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, from 7 to 18 November 2022.
 - b) An amendment to the provisional Agenda as reflected in paragraph 6 of decision 2022/3 of the Board to include two additional items on the report of the UN Board of Auditors for 2021 and on the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation as new Agenda item 15 and 16 respectively.
 - c) An amendment to organisation of work to include under Agenda item 4 of the provisional Agenda a briefing by the Secretariat on actions by UN-Habitat to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and against sexual harassment in the workplace. In order to avoid a revision of the provisional Agenda and the Notification of the Executive Director, the Bureau further recommended that these amendments be made from the floor.
 - d) That the first session of the Board for 2022 be held in a hybrid format. The Bureau further acknowledged that there are no longer limitations with respect to delegates' in-person participation to the session. The Bureau encouraged in-person participation to the session, with the understanding that the choice and level of representation remains at the discretion of State Members of the United Nations, United Nations Specialized Agencies, intergovernmental

organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or accredited to the UN-Habitat Assembly.

- e) That future sessions of the Executive Board move gradually into full in-person format, so as to follow the practice of other fora and organizations.
- f) That the Executive Director invites beneficiaries such as mayors or governors to give testimony under Agenda item 7 of the provisional Agenda of the upcoming session of the Executive Board on UN-Habitat's initiatives and projects under discussions on the agenda item on normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat. The Bureau felt and appreciated that the Executive Board would benefit from concrete examples of the work done on the ground as well as the tangible impact.
- g) The organization of work during the session including informal consultations.
- h) That with the technical input from the Secretariat, the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters consider a set of draft decisions and outcomes a priori then subsequently forward such draft decisions and outcomes to the Executive Board for further consideration at this second session. The Bureau also noted that considering that the ad hoc working group ended its discussions only 7 working days prior to the second session of the Executive Board, it was not practicable to send the draft decisions for translation by the Division of Conference Services and recommended that the draft decisions be forwarded to the Chair of the Executive Board so that they can be circulated on time prior to the session of the Board as Conference Room paper.

3. The detailed summaries of discussions emanating from the meetings of the Bureau of the Executive Board held on 8 June 2022, 12 September 2022, 7 November 2022 and 18 November 2022 can be accessed on the following link <https://unhabitat.org/governance/executive-board> under "Bureau" > "Bureau meetings of the Executive Board".
