



Executive Board of the United Nations
Human Settlements Programme
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Proposed draft outcomes for consideration by the Executive Board at its second session of 2022

Draft decision 2022/[A]: Draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023, and financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat

The Executive Board

- (a) **The status of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023**

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023;¹

2. *Recalls* its decision 2021/6, in particular paragraph 11, in which it requested the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters of the Executive Board to discuss a draft work programme and draft budget for UN-Habitat for 2023, in line with the Executive Director's recommended budget of \$12 million for the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked budget for 2023 and other extrabudgetary resources;

3. *Takes note of* the recommendation by the Executive Director for the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked budget for 2023 to be at a baseline of \$3M as a reflection of liquidity constraints and of the discussions by the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters in that regard and *recommends* that the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked budget for 2023 to be at a baseline of \$3M, which may be scaled up to a level of \$12M should adequate funds be received;

¹ HSP/EB.2022/4.

4. *Further requests* the Executive Director to finalise a draft annual work programme and budget of UN-Habitat for 2023 based on feedback from the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to present those for further consideration by the Executive Board at its second session of 2022, taking into account the need to ensure that UN-Habitat is fit for purpose and delivers on its normative mandate;

5. *Further requests* the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board at its second session of 2022 on the Secretariat's scalability model for the non-earmarked Foundation budget subject to different funding levels up to \$12 million;

6. *Welcomes* the continued efforts by the Executive Director for the prioritization of UN-Habitat by the Secretary-General for a proposed increase of the regular budget allocation of the United Nations to UN-Habitat for 2023, as well as for the resource mobilization strategy to strengthen the Foundation non-earmarked resources as per the annual approved budget of UN-Habitat, including through innovative sources of financing ;

(b) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN-Habitat, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy and geographical and gender balance

5. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2021,² the report of the Executive Director on progress on the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme strategic plan for the period 2020–2023,³ the report of the Executive Director on the staffing of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 December 2021,⁴ the report of the Executive Director on the interim financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 28 February 2022,⁵ the report of the Executive Director on recruitment, equitable geographical distribution and gender parity;⁶ and further encourages the Executive Director to continue the efforts to strengthen non-earmarked Foundation funding;

6. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the ongoing restructuring of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;⁷

7. *Takes note* of the report of the secretariat on actions to update and improve the internal management, policies and procedures of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;⁸

8. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director on action by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to strengthen protection against sexual and any other type of exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the workplace.⁹

² HSP/EB.2022/2.

³ HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.2.

⁴ HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.1.

⁵ HSP/EB.2022/CRP.1.

⁶ HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.3.

⁷ HSP/EB.2022/2/Add.4.

⁸ HSP/EB.2022/11.

⁹ HSP/EB.2022/10.

Draft decision 2022/[B]: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Executive Board

(a) Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the status of implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) at its first session¹⁰ and the report of the Executive Director on the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat;¹¹

2. *Welcomes* the development of the Global Urban Monitoring Framework, which is designed to enable localization of the Sustainable Development Goals and to assist cities in tracking how they are progressing in their efforts to meet the Goals and New Urban Agenda commitments and inform local action, ensuring that data is comparable; Further welcomes its endorsement by the United Nations Statistical Commission and encourages the timely implementation of the Global Urban Monitoring Framework as part of a harmonized global urban United Nations system-wide strategy;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director to actively provide support to Member States by means of normative guidance, technical assistance and strategic partnerships to contribute to the achievement of the goals of the Paris Agreement, and further requests the Executive Director to strengthen collaboration with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change towards its 7th assessment cycle and the special report on cities and climate change;

4. *Encourages* the Executive Director to explore with the Presidency of the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the possibility of the convening of a housing and urban development ministerial meeting on cities and climate change to be held on the margins of the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties and to highlight the importance of climate action in urban areas in the development and achievement of nationally determined contributions;

5. *Welcomes* the past and ongoing work in advancing inclusive participatory processes, which put people at the centre of community driven approaches to contribute to resilient human settlements and advance the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including in countries affected by conflict and disasters, as exemplified by the Afghanistan People's Process, and recommends the further use of this approach when appropriate;

[6. *Taking note* of UN Habitat key role in supporting [governments and where appropriate] local governments and building their capacity to manage urban displacement,

¹⁰ HSP/EB.2022/8.

¹¹ HSP/EB.2022/5.

drawing on its strong experience and expertise in the humanitarian, development and peace nexus;]

[7.*Recalling* Resolution of the 26 session of the Governing Council “Enhancing UN-Habitat’s role in urban crisis response”, in particular, reaffirming UN-Habitat’s mandate ref: 26/2 OP 2.b to ensure that UN-Habitat’s work contributes, in a coordinated manner, to the United Nations system commitment to sustaining peace and a comprehensive whole-of-system response to complex emergencies; ref: 26/2 2.d);

[8. *Further recalling* the Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 and in particular, UN Habitat role in effective urban crisis prevention and response, and UN Habitat’s position to offer integrated solutions in support of broader humanitarian, development and political efforts led by the other United Nations entities; Strategic Plan, Domain of Change 4. Page 46 ;]

[9.*Requests* the Executive Director to support the efforts of reconstruction of the settlements in countries [, territories and areas] affected by [new] conflicts [and everlasting] [ongoing conflicts] and man-made disasters through a comprehensive whole-of-system response, by actively assessing and monitoring the impact of such conflicts and resulting [continued] displacement of people on cities[as a result]];

[10. *Also requests* the Executive Director to activate and use all relevant tools at her disposal to provide emergency assistance [to Ukraine] and other countries [, territories and areas] [every area] affected by [long-lasting conflict] [conflict and] war, in particular urban profiling to assess the needs, vulnerabilities and capacities of urban areas, and establishment of urban recovery frameworks where relevant, and subject to the availability of funding.]

(b) Preparations for and follow-up to the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum

11. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director on the preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum;¹²

12. Welcomes the selection of the City of Cairo, Egypt to host the 12th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF12) in 2024.

(c) High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

13. *Welcomes* efforts by UN-Habitat to support the development of the Secretary-General’s quadrennial report on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and other meetings related to the preparations of the high-level meeting and *takes note* that the outcome of the high-level meeting may inform deliberations at the ECOSOC and the second committee of the General Assembly in 2022, the World Urban Forum in 2022, the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in November 2022; and the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly in June 2023;

(d) Implementation by UN-Habitat of reforms of the development system and management of the United Nations

14. *Welcomes* efforts by UN-Habitat to contribute to the implementation of the reform of the United Nations development system, utilizing the UN systemwide strategy for sustainable urban development, to assist UNDP, UNICEF, and other UN entities to achieve the urban dimensions of their respective mandates, and to elevate urban policy in the Chief Executives Board, Senior Management Group, Executive Board, UN

¹² HSP/EB.2022/6.

Sustainable Development Group, and Inter-Agency Standing Committee among other inter-agency mechanisms;

15. *[Recognizes]* the importance of the Secretariat's 2020 organizational structure to facilitate at country level the implementation of the United Nations system-wide strategy on sustainable urban development [noting the funding challenges of the non-earmarked Foundation that are needed to support the implementation of the strategy] [and takes note of the role played by offices other than Nairobi] [noting the absence of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation non-earmarked funding necessary to finance the positions of Director of the Regional Programme Division, Chief and Subprogramme Officers of the Programme Development Branch, Regional Representatives, and Non-Project Staff of Subregional and Country Offices that are needed to support the United Nations resident coordinators in the development of joint urban programming;] [noting with concern the financial challenges related to the lack of non-earmarked funding necessary of the UN-Habitat regional structure to support the UN Resident Coordinators in the development of joint urban programming] and *[calls upon]* [invites] [invites] [Member States and UN-Habitat partners] [to provide] non-earmarked and soft-earmarked funding to enable UN-Habitat to [further] contribute to the reforms of the development system of the United Nations.

Draft decision 2022/[C]: Methods of work of the Executive Board and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2022

The Executive Board

(a) **Reports of the Executive Board and its ad hoc working groups**

1. *Adopts* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its second session of 2021;¹³

2. *Takes note* of the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters on the work of that working group;

3. *Also takes note* of the briefing by the chair of the ad hoc working group on the development of a draft stakeholder engagement policy;

(b) **Working methods of the Executive Board to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the meetings of the Board**

4. *Takes note* of the results of the survey conducted by the Secretariat following the second session of the Executive Board of 2021 to evaluate the effectiveness of that session, so as to further improve the process and outcome of future sessions;¹⁴

(c) **Dates and provisional agenda for the second session of 2022 of the Executive Board**

5. *Decides* that the second session of 2022 of the Executive Board will be held for a duration of two [or three] days between 15 and 17 November 2022;

6. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for the second session of 2022 shall be as follows:

1. Opening of the session.

¹³ HSP/EB.2021/21.

¹⁴ HSP/EB.2022/INF.2.

2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the second session of 2022;
 - (b) Adoption of the report of the first session of 2022.

[2.bis UN-Habitat engagement with Ukraine]

[Alt 2 bis. Report on UN-Habitat engagement with countries, territories and areas affected by conflict]

3. Reports of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.
4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy in accordance with the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023 and action by UN-Habitat to address geographical and gender imbalances in the composition of its staff.
5. Discussion and possible approval of the draft work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and draft budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for 2023.
6. Annual report for 2021 on the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023.
7. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including reporting on the programmatic activities of UN-Habitat in 2021 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, and update on the response of UN-Habitat to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

[Placeholder: Report on UN-Habitat engagement with countries, territories and areas affected by conflict]
8. Outcome of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
9. Outcome of the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum.
10. Update by the Executive Director on the preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.
11. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Executive Board.
12. Report of the Ethics Office to the Executive Board.

[12. bis Working methods of the Executive board including review of the survey results following the first Executive Board session of 2022]
13. Findings of the management and administration review of UN-Habitat by the Joint Inspection Unit.
14. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the first session of 2023 of the Executive Board.

15. Other matters.
16. Closure of the session.

Draft decision 2022/[D]: Election of officers of the Bureau of the Executive Board for the term 2022–2023

The Executive Board

[*Decides*] to elect from among its members, with terms of office from the end of the first session of 2022 to the end of the first session of 2023, taking into consideration the need to ensure equitable geographical representation, the new Bureau of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, as follows:

Chair: [--] (Latin American and Caribbean States)

Vice-Chairs: [--] (Eastern European States)

 [--] (African States)

 [--] (Asia-Pacific States)

Rapporteur: [--] (Western European and other States)