



## HIGH-LEVEL MEETING TO ASSESS PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY HALL, UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS

### INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

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#### I. Introduction.

The High-Level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly to assess progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda will be convened by the President of the 76th session of the General Assembly His Excellency Mr. Abdulla Shahid, on 28 April 2022, at the General Assembly Hall, United Nations Headquarters in New York. This is pursuant to the General Assembly resolution 75/224, specifically, Operational Paragraph 17, which “requests the President of the General Assembly (PGA), within existing conference-servicing entitlements of the General Assembly, to convene a one-day high-level meeting during the 76th session, in collaboration with UN-Habitat, in New York in 2022, to assess progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda”.

The New Urban Agenda was adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Development (Habitat III) in October 2016 in Ecuador Quito and subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly in December 2016 through resolution 71/256.

#### II. Important documents for the High-Level Meeting.

1. The key pre-session document for the High-Level Meeting is the **quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda**. The Quadrennial Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda is available in the six official UN Languages [ العربية | 中文 | English | Français | Русский | Español ]; at <https://www.un.org/pga/76/high-level-meeting-on-the-implementation-of-the-new-urban-agenda/>.
2. The **Concept Note** for the High-Level Meeting released by the President of the General Assembly on 23 March 2022 and shared with all Member States is available at: <https://www.un.org/pga/76/high-level-meeting-on-the-implementation-of-the-new-urban-agenda/>.
3. The **Provisional Programme** for the High-Level Meeting as released by the President of the General Assembly on 23 March 2022 shared with all Member States is available at : <https://www.un.org/pga/76/high-level-meeting-on-the-implementation-of-the-new-urban-agenda/>.
4. The **New Urban Agenda** adopted in 2016 is available in six UN official languages and numerous other languages at: <https://www.urbanagendaplatform.org/about>
5. The reports of the meetings of the **Advisory Committee on Sustainable Urbanization** established by the President of the General Assembly to elevate the New Urban Agenda at the HLM and throughout the 76th Session of the General Assembly can be found at: <https://www.un.org/pga/76/high-level-meeting-on-the-implementation-of-the-new-urban-agenda/>.
6. **National Reports** on progress on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda can be found on the New Urban Agenda platform at: <https://www.urbanagendaplatform.org/member-states>.

### III. Participation by Member States of the United Nations.

#### 7. High Level Representation:

The President of the General Assembly in his letter to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations dated 23 March 2022 requested Member States **to participate in-person and at the highest political level**. He encouraged Member States to participate in the plenary segment at the Heads of State and Government or Ministerial level.

#### 8. Speakers Lists and Statements:

- i. Member States wishing to deliver statements in the plenary segment of the High-Level Meeting are invited to **register in the e-deleGATE portal through their Permanent Missions based in New York** who are authorized to register speaking slots in the e-deleGATE portal (<https://edelegate.un.int/>).
- ii. The time limit for statements will be **three minutes** for individual delegations and **five minutes** for statements delivered on behalf of groups of States.
- iii. The list of speakers will be established in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. The provisional list of speakers, to be circulated prior to the meeting, will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the level of representation.
- iv. In view of the limited time available for the plenary segment, the texts of statements submitted by speakers inscribed on the list that are not delivered by the end of the meeting will be posted on “eStatements” in the Journal of the United Nations. In this regard, delegations are encouraged to send their statements to [estatements@un.org](mailto:estatements@un.org) to facilitate interpretation and for posting on “eStatements”.

#### 9. List of Delegations and Credentials:

- i. All Member States are requested to liaise with their respective **Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations in New York** who are authorized to register their respective **delegations through e-deleGATE system** at <https://edelegate.un.int/> **by 21 April 2022 at 12pm New York time**. Letters of Credence are not required.

### IV. Access to the United Nations General Assembly.

10. The UN Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) will provide access to all delegations and accredited partners to participate in the High-Level Meeting in person on 28 April 2022 at the General Assembly Hall. In this regard, all Member States are requested to liaise with their respective Permanent and Observer Missions in New York who will support with collection of delegates badges for their specific delegations.

### V. Format of the Meeting.

11. As indicated above, the President of the General Assembly has requested **for in-person participation of Member States and at the highest level**. Member States participating virtually will only follow the proceedings, without the benefit of making statements virtually.
12. Statements from non-state actors can be submitted in the form of pre-recorded video messages. A webcast will allow those observers who cannot attend the meeting in person to follow the proceedings.

## **VI. Information for representatives of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to be sponsored by United Nations/ UN-Habitat.**

13. Through the generous support of Member States, UN-Habitat has offered support to one delegate per each LDC to participate in the High-Level Meeting. Delegates nominated by the Governments will receive an Economy class air ticket in the most economic route to and from New York within the official dates of travel.
14. Tickets will be issued upon receipt of all required documentation, latest by 15 April 2022. Applicable daily subsistence allowance (DSA) will be issued to each nominated delegate within 48 hours following their arrival in New York.
15. The nominated LDC delegates are requested to contact Belinda.Idewa@un.org and unhabitat-sgb@un.org for additional specific information on tickets and DSA.

## **VII. Information on Side Events complimenting the High-level Meeting.**

16. A number of events are being organised as part of the roadmap towards the High-Level Meeting by the different constituents of the New Urban Agenda. These include:
  - i. The ECOSOC special Meeting on Revitalizing the New Urban Agenda to fight rising inequalities, taking place on 21 April 2022, will provide a platform for Member States to review select aspects of the New Urban Agenda based on the findings of the 2022 Quadrennial Report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Emphasis will be placed on inequality and UN coordination. See details at: <https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/events/2022/revitalizing-new-urban-agenda-fight-rising-inequalities-nua2030>
  - ii. Floating Cities Roundtable (26 April, 9:30am-12:30pm).
  - iii. Financing Climate Adaptation Lunch (26 April, 1:00pm-3pm).
  - iv. Urban Resilience in SIDS (26 April, 3-6).
  - v. Housing and Homelessness (27 April, 1pm – 3pm).
  - vi. World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments (27 April, 3pm – 6pm).
17. These events may be limited in participation and may require an invitation. Further information on each event will be made available on the following website in the week before the High-Level Meeting at: <https://unhabitat.org/hlm-new-urban-agenda>

## **VIII. Participation by Partners and Stakeholders.**

18. Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) can participate in the High-Level Meeting as observers. Reflected herein are links to the list of organizations [in consultative status with ECOSOC](#). The focal point for the participation by accredited partners is Ms. Lucia Kiwala\_(email: Lucia.Kiwala@un.org).
19. Partners and Stakeholders may also reach out to the members of the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Urbanization established by the President of the general Assembly to share ideas and provide input that can inform the presentations of these members at the High-Level Meeting. Inputs may be channeled to respective partners in the Advisory Committee by working with UN-Habitat focal points as follows: Laura.Patrella@un.org (Habitat Professionals Forum and International Chamber of Commerce); Francesca.Calisesi@un.org" (Global Task Force on Local and Regional Governments); Fee.Stehle@un.org (Huairou Commission, SDI, and WEIGO), Christopher.Williams@un.org (UN system including RECs), and Chris.Mensah@un.org (Member States).

20. All partners, stakeholders and the public may follow proceedings of the High-level Meeting through the UNTV. The High-Level Meeting will be live streamed on UNTV and is open to all persons interested in learning from the High-Level Meeting.

#### **IX. Further information about the High-Level Meeting.**

21. Information on High-Level Meeting can be found at the following links:

<https://www.un.org/pga/76/high-level-meeting-on-the-implementation-of-the-new-urban-agenda/>.

<https://unhabitat.org/hlm-new-urban-agenda>

23. Requests for specific information about the Advisory Committee established by the President of the General Assembly and the High-Level Meeting may be directed to Mr. Mohammed Amin Shaker, Senior Adviser for Sustainable Development (mohammed.shaker@un.org) and Ms. Feryal Adel Almuharraqi, Adviser for Sustainable Development (feryal.almuharraqi@un.org), Office of the President of the General Assembly.

24. General information on the High-Level Meeting may be directed to Mr. Chris Mensah, Secretary to the UN-Habitat Governing Bodies (Telephone: 254 732 689199, emails: chris.mensah@un.org; unhabitat-sgb@un.org) and Mr Christopher Williams, Director, UN-Habitat New York Office ; email: christopher.williams@un.org).