

Mandated Meeting of General Assembly

General Assembly Resolution 75/224 on 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), Operational Paragraph 17

High-Level Meeting "requests the President of the General Assembly, within existing conference-servicing entitlements of the General Assembly, to convene a one-day high-level meeting during the seventy-six session, in collaboration with UN-Habitat, in New York in 2022, to assess progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Development (Habitat III)"

Secretary-General's Report "taking into account the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to be presented that year"

Preparatory Process "calls for voluntary contributions for the preparations of the meeting"

Regional Component "encourages the regional forums for sustainable development to include this topic in their deliberations as inputs for the meeting"



Dates, Sessions, and Preparations

28 April 2022 — As you are aware H.E. Abdulla Shahid, President of the 76th Session of the General Assembly in his memorandum of 21 October 2021 announced to Member States that the HLM will be held on 28 April 2021.

Morning Session - will begin with opening segment of Heads of State, President of General Assembly, Secretary - General, followed by inter-active dialogue, with select constituencies of New Urban Agenda

Afternoon Session — to include statements of Member State Delegations followed by adoption by the General Assembly of outcome document, "Quito+5 Declaration," following tradition, in 2001, of "Istanbul+5 Declaration."

Preparatory Meetings — in February-March 2022 Regional Forums for Sustainable Development; and in days prior to HLM events held by constituencies of New Urban Agenda: Local and Regional Governments, housing organizations; private industry, and ECOSOC (to formally receive SG's Report on New Urban Agenda and transmit to General Assembly HLM)



Prospective Outcomes

Decade of Action — Commitment by Member States to elevate the New Urban Agenda as a road map for accelerating the Paris Agreement and the Decade of Action for Sustainable Development.

Cities and Pandemics — Recognition of role of cities in COVID-19 response and contributing to and spearheading the implementation of healthy, just and sustainable national recovery pr

New Social Contract — Alignment of New Urban Agenda with Our Common Agenda on the future of multilateralism, with integration of housing, services, health, and basic incomes

Climate Action — Strengthening of local government contributions to nationally-determined commitments on climate mitigation and adaptation, with strategic focus on green infrastructure and resilience for the urban poor

Peace and Security — Call for Global Action Plan on inclusive urban planning in countries in post-conflict and disaster situations, strengthening social cohesion through the provision of durable solutions





Opportunities

Critical Juncture — at a time when urbanization prospects warrant investment in just, healthy and sustainable urban development, most Member States have all but ignored the New Urban Agenda National Reporting — only 18 countries are preparing national reports on New Urban Agenda **Voluntary National Review** — just a handful of governments include urban issues in VNRs Nationally Determined Commitments — very few governments incorporate cities in NDCs Opportunity -- HLM offers Member States opportunity to revive the New Urban Agenda Strengthening UN-Habitat -- high-level review of implementation of the New Urban Agenda will renew interest in the mandate of UN-Habitat with consideration of ways to strengthen UN-Habitat





Strategic Alignment

COP26 (Nov 2021)

SG's Report on New Urban Agenda (January-Feb 2022)

Regional Forums (Feb-March 2022)

HLM (28 April 2022)

World Urban Forum (27-30 June 2022)

Second Committee of General Assembly (October-December 2022)

Second Session of United Nations Habitat Assembly (June 2023) and Strategic Plan



Strong Preparation – National Reports

Strategic Alignment – SG's Report, Regional, HLM, WUF

Political Momentum - Agenda, Mandate, Organization



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