



UN-HABITAT

2023 SEVENTH MEETING OF BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Date: 13 OCTOBER 2023

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1. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the provisional Agenda.
2. Status of Preparations for the 2023 third session of the Executive Board including:
 - i. Documentation for the session.
 - ii. Technical inputs into the proposed draft outcomes of the session.
3. Review of the roadmap towards the 2023 third session of the Executive Board.
4. Leadership of the ad hoc working groups of the Executive Board:
 - i. Status of nominations to chair of the ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters.
 - ii. Consideration of the leadership of the ad hoc working group on the development of a Stakeholder Engagement Policy.
5. Composition of the Bureau of the Executive Board.
6. Any other matters.

2. STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2023 THIRD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD INCLUDING:

- i. Documentation for the session.**
- ii. Technical inputs into the proposed draft outcomes of the session.**

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2. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2023 THIRD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2 (i). Documentation for the session -Actions taken to rationalize pre-session documents and ensure universality:

1. Significant reduction in the total number of pages for pre-session documents from approximately **180 pages to less than 150 pages.**
2. Re-prioritization of the documents that need to be translated to ensure that all **agenda items will have the supporting core pre-session documents being translated. Only one item will have the supporting document as an in-session document in English** subject to discussions at the ad hoc working group
3. Due to the need to limit the number of words, **some items are further supported with additional information documents that will remain in English.**
4. Through negotiation, **UNON Conference services has accepted to process more than 90 pages of documents, UN-Habitat will pay for costs** that fall outside the available regular budget resources
5. To further reduce costs as well as the capacity challenge **certain documents will be translated without editing**, and this is a normal practice.
6. **82 % of the core pre-session documents** are now covered under the available **Regular Budget allocation** and the rest will be paid for by UN-Habitat using extra budgetary resources.

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2 (ii). Technical inputs into the proposed draft outcomes of the session

- Draft Decision 2023/A: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); Implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit based on the findings of its review of the management and administration of UN-Habitat; and draft work programme and budget for 2024.
- Draft Decision 2023/B: Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat; reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2022; implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities.
- Draft Decision 2023/C: Implementation of the outcomes of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly including preparation of the Strategic Plan for the period 2026 to 2029.
- Draft Decision 2023/D: Methods of work of the Executive Board in 2023 and the workplan of the Executive Board for 2024.

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2 (ii). Some expectations on the outcomes of the session

- i. Consideration and approval of our work programme and budget for the year 2024.
- ii. A way forward on the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation.
- iii. consideration and possible approval of the scalability model.
- iv. guidance of the SDG Cities initiative.
- v. An agreement on the roadmaps for the development of the strategic plan 2026 to 2029, as well as the Smart Cities guidelines, both of which need to be approved by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its second regular resumed session in 2025.

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2 (ii). Other pertinent information of preparations for the session

- i. **Partners** may join us to share testimonials on our work particularly as related to normative and operational activities.
- ii. Expected **participation of the UN Under- Secretary General for OIOS** in person.
- iii. Travel of the five LDCs who are Members of the Executive Board is being organised.
- iv. The **registration** for the session will open on Tuesday, 17 October and will close on Friday, 24 November 2023.
- v. **Pre-session documents** are being uploaded on the website as they become available at: <https://unhabitat.org/meetings/third-session-of-2023-of-the-executive-board>
- vi. An “**information for participants**” document will shortly be shared and also placed on the dedicated website.

3. REVIEW OF THE ROADMAP TOWARDS THE 2023 THIRD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD



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(a). Reviewed dates for the period 30 October to 2 November 2023

- i. **Monday 30 October 2023:** ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary, and administrative matters from **14:30 -16:30 EAT** - on the Sustainable Urban Resilience for the next Generation (SURGe) initiative and the draft terms of reference of the urban action funding window towards the need to achieve the implementation of United Nations Habitat Assembly resolutions in a balanced manner.
- ii. **Wednesday 1 November 2023:** ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters from **09:30 -12:00 EAT** – on Informal consultations on the draft outcomes to be considered by the Executive Board at its 2023 third session (tbc).
- iii. **Thursday 2 November 2023:** Technical briefing to Member States on implementation of UN-Habitat Assembly resolutions led by the Deputy Executive Director from **10:00-12:30 noon EAT**.
- iv. **Thursday 2 November 2023:** ad hoc working group on the development of a stakeholder engagement policy from **14:30-16:00 EAT** – on general discussion on the draft stakeholder engagement policy including leadership of the ad-hoc working group.

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(b). Dates that remain unchanged in the Roadmap

- i. **Monday 6 November 2023:** Briefing by the Executive Director on the status of preparations of the 2023 third session of the Executive Board **from 3:00 – 4:30 EAT**
- ii. **Monday 6 November 2023– in the morning** and **Tuesday 7 November the whole day** will be the consultation by the Executive Director with the Regional Groups.
- iii. **Monday 27 November 2023, from 10:00-12:00 noon** Bureau meeting in preparations for the 2023 third session of the Executive Board.
- iv. **Monday 27 November 2023:** ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters from **14:30 -16:30 EAT on third** Informal consultations on the draft outcomes to be considered by the Executive Board at its 2023 third session.

4. **LEADERSHIP OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUPS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:**
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 - ii. **Consideration of the leadership of the ad hoc working group on the development of a Stakeholder Engagement Policy.**
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5. COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD



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Rule 9.3 of the rules of Procedure of the Executive Board on Rotation of the Chair and Rapporteur

Rule 9.3: “The offices of Chair and Rapporteur shall rotate each year to a different regional group. Each regional group shall occupy the office of Chair and Rapporteur once during a period of five years”.

5. COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Executive Board since 2019

Year	Chair	Rapporteur
2019-2020	WEOG (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	AFRICAN STATES (MALAWI)
2020-2021	ASIA PACIFIC STATES (IRAN)	EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES (SERBIA)
2021-2022	EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES (POLAND)	GRULAC (CHILE)
2022-2023	GRULAC (BRAZIL)	WEOG (FRANCE)
2023-2024? 2023-2025 ? 2024-2025?	GRULAC (BRAZIL) AFRICAN STATES (?)	WEOG (FRANCE) ASIA PACIFIC STATES(?)



5. COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Expected composition of the next Bureau of the Executive Board

Chair : African States

Vice-chairs:

1. Eastern European Group
2. Latin American and Caribbean Group
3. Western European and Others Group

Rapporteur:

Asia-Pacific Group

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

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Thank you!

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