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2020-2023

PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES HIGH LEVEL MID TERM REVIEW 29 JUNE-1 JULY 2021

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KEY TOPICS

1. Background and Context of Governance reforms and the CPR.
2. Notification of the Executive Director and Documentation.
3. Briefing on the Provisional Agenda of the CPR high-level midterm review.
4. Proposed Organization of Work during the meeting and consultations draft decisions.
5. Briefing on Logistical Arrangements.
6. Questions and Answers.



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1. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT OF THE GOVERNANCE REFORMS AND THE CPR.



a. General Assembly Resolutions.

- 1. General Assembly resolution 72/226** which called for establishment by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat(CPR) of an open-ended Working Group in Nairobi to examine different options for strengthening Member States' oversight of UN-Habitat.
- 2. General Assembly document 73/726** which is the “Report on the work of the Open-ended Working Group established by the Chair of the CPR with the findings and recommendations of the open ended working group.
- 3. General Assembly resolution 73/239** which welcomed and endorsed document 73/726 on findings and recommendations of the open-ended Working Group established by the CPR Chair, with specific decisions on the “Governance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)”.
- 4. UN-Habitat Assembly decision 1/1** adopting the **Rules of Procedure** of the UN-Habitat Assembly.
- 5. Rule 23 of the Rules of procedure** of the UN-Habitat Assembly is specifically on the Committee of Permanent Representatives as an intersessional organ of the UN-Habitat Assembly



b. Rules of Procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly- Rule 23 and Rule 29.

Rule 23.1. “The Committee of Permanent Representatives is composed of all Permanent Representatives of **States Members of the United Nations** and members of the United Nations **specialized agencies** that are accredited to UN-Habitat”.

23. 2. “The Committee of Permanent Representatives shall **convene, in an open-ended manner, twice every four years:** once prior to the UN-Habitat Assembly, in preparation for that session, and **once for a high-level midterm review.** If necessary to efficiently implement its mandate to prepare the next session of the Assembly, the Committee may, on a basis of consensus, establish subcommittees”.

Rule 29. “The rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to all intersessional organs that do not have their own rules of procedure.....”



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2. NOTIFICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DOCUMENTATION.

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a. Notification of the Executive Director.

The Notification of the Executive Director was sent on **18 May 2021** in all **UN official languages** to all Member States informing of **the agenda and date of the meeting.**

The **Notification** communicated the following key elements of the Bureau's recommendations:

1. The meeting be **held three days from 29 June to 1 July 2021** possibly in a hybrid format should the prevailing COVID-19 situation permit.
2. The **provisional agenda** for the CPR high level midterm review as recommended by the Bureau on 8 December and 24 February 2021 with a highlight of the key issues to be discussed.
3. The format of the meeting being possibly a hybrid meeting combining in person participation and online participation should the global pandemic situation permit.

On 24 February and 28 April 2021, the Bureau recommended that the meeting be held in a hybrid format if possible. On 8 June 2021, however, the Bureau considered the possibility for both hybrid and fully online options. A final recommendation by the Bureau on the format will be made on 17 June 2021 and communicated.



2. NOTIFICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DOCUMENTATION

2b. Documentation.

1. Notification: [English](#) [Русский](#) [Español](#) [Français](#) [中文](#) [العربية](#)
2. Provisional Agenda: [English](#) [Русский](#) [Español](#) [Français](#) [中文](#) [العربية](#)
3. All other pre-session documents are ready in the six UN languages and have been available online at the meeting dedicated website at:
<https://unhabitat.org/High-level-mid-term-review-meeting-of-the-Committee-of-Permanent-Representatives-to-UN-Habitat>
4. A communication was sent to Member States with the Notification and Provisional Agenda on 18 May 2021 and another communication was sent on the confirming the availability of pre-session documents on 28 May 2021.
5. Rule 30.3 of Rules of Procedure of the Assembly guided the timelines for preparation and distribution of the documents as required of the Executive Director.



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3. BRIEFING ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE CPR HIGH-LEVEL MIDTERM REVIEW.

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a. Provisional Agenda as recommended by the Bureau on 8 December 2020 and 24 February 2021 (HSP/OECPR.2021/1).

1. Opening of the meeting:

(a) Organizational matters;

(b) Adoption of the agenda and the workplan for the first open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for a high-level midterm review.

2. Midterm review of the implementation of the strategic plan of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the period 2020–2023.

3. Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda:

(a) Preparation of the quadrennial report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;

(b) Implementation of the ministerial declaration adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its first session;

(c) High-level meeting to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

4. Progress in the implementation of the decisions and resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly at its first session.

3. BRIEFING ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE CPR HIGH-LEVEL MIDTERM REVIEW



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a. Provisional Agenda as recommended by the Bureau on 8 December 2020 and 24 February 2021(contd.)

5. Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme coronavirus disease (COVID-19) response plan
6. Preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum.
7. Alignment of the planning cycles of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process.
8. Review of the provisional agenda for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.
9. Dates and provisional agenda for the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
10. Election of officers of the Bureau.
11. Other matters.
12. Closure of the meeting.



3. BRIEFING ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE CPR HIGH-LEVEL MIDTERM REVIEW

3b. Dialogue.

The Bureau at its meeting held on 28 April 2021, approved the Dialogue on “**Cities and Pandemics**”.

It was also agreed specifically that:

- i. The related dialogue agenda item should be: **Agenda item 5** on ‘Report of the Executive Director on implementation of the UN-Habitat Covid-19 response plan’.
- ii. The Dialogue would be grounded on the UN-Habitat report: “**Cities and Pandemics: Towards a more just, green and healthy future**” recently launched on 31 March 2021 and as a current issue for sustainable urbanization.
- iii. The Dialogue duration would be **90 minutes** as part of plenary on day 2 which is 30 June 2021.

3. BRIEFING ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 2021 FIRST SESSION



b. Key issues to be discussed – Agenda items 2 to 7.

Key issues to be discussed.	Presentation by UN-Habitat followed by discussions and guidance by Member States.
Item 2: Midterm review of the implementation of the UN-Habitat strategic plan for the period 2020–2023;	<p>The focus will be, among others, to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Share progress and challenges in implementing the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan, including the decisions of the UN-Habitat Assembly2. Reflect on opportunities for course correction on the implementation of our strategic plan 2020-20233. Provide a global and regional picture of our activities and the catalytic role in localizing of SDG 11, implementation of the new the New urban Agenda, and building back better post Covid.4. Look ahead together, on important upcoming global events including the high level meeting in 2022, WUF 11 the UN-Habitat Assembly in 2023 and mobilize for a strengthened focus on sustainable urbanization and human settlements.
Item 3: Implementation of the New Urban Agenda;	
Item 4: Implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the UN-Habitat Assembly at its first session;	
Item 5: Implementation of the UN-Habitat COVID-19 response plan;	
Item 6: Preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum;	
Item 7: Alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process;	



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4. PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK DURING THE HIGH-LEVEL MIDTERM REVIEW MEETING AND CONSULTATIONS DRAFT DECISIONS.



4. PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

4a. Proposed Organization of work during the high-level mid-term review meeting.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Morning 9am – 12 noon	<p>1. Opening of the meeting.</p> <p>Regional Statements.</p> <p>2. Mid-term review of the implementation of UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2020-2023.</p>	<p>4. Briefing on the implementation of the decisions and resolutions of the UN-Habitat Assembly.</p> <p>5. Report on implementation of the UN-Habitat Covid-19 response plan.</p>	<p>6. Update on preparations for the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum.</p> <p>7. Update on the alignment of the planning cycles of UN-Habitat with the QCPR.</p> <p>Consultations on draft outcomes.</p>
Afternoon 2pm to 5pm	<p>3. Progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda</p> <p>a. SG quadrennial report</p> <p>b. Implementation of the Ministerial Declaration</p> <p>c. Quito +5.</p> <p>National Statements.</p>	<p>Dialogue on “Cities and Pandemics”.</p> <p>Consultations on draft outcomes.</p>	<p>8. Review of the provisional agenda for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.</p> <p>9. Dates and provisional agenda for the open-ended CPR meeting.</p> <p>10. Election of officers.</p> <p>Adoption of outcomes.</p> <p>11. Other matters.</p> <p>12. Closure of the session.</p>

4. PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS



4b. Areas of possible outcome.

The following are examples of **areas of possible outcome** for the high level mid term review meeting:

1. Recommendation on the progress in implementing the UN-Habitat Assembly resolutions and including specifically resolution 1/1 on the strategic plan.
2. Recommendation on financing the mandate of UN-Habitat through support for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, the New urban Agenda and SDGs.
3. Recommendation on the High Level meeting to assess progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda of the General Assembly in 2022 in line with GA resolution A/RES/75/224.
4. Recommendation on WUF 10 outcome and WUF 11 preparations in line with GC resolution 26/6 on the World urban Forum.
5. Recommendation on the dates and agenda of the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly and the dates and agenda for the next Open-Ended CPR meeting.
6. Recommendations to the Secretariat on work programme adjustments and reprioritization, for the remaining years of the Strategic Plan, based on gaps analysis.

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c. informal consultations on possible outcomes.

- 1. Prior to the meeting,** informal consultations may be held on Tuesday **22 June 2021**.
- 2.** There may be continuation of the informal consultations on Monday, **28 June 2021**.
- 3. During the meeting,** informal consultations will take place late in the afternoon of **30 June 2021** and during lunch break on **1 July 2021**.



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4. POTENTIAL OUTCOMES OF THE CPR HIGH-LEVEL MIDTERM REVIEW

d. Elections of the 2021/2023 Bureau of the CPR – Composition of the next CPR Bureau.

Chair: Western European and other States.

Vice Chairs: African States.

Latin America and Caribbean States.

Asia-Pacific States.

Rapporteur: Eastern European States.



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5. BRIEFING ON LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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a. Registration:

Registration is open from 18 May to **25 June 2021 at 14:00 hrs.** East Africa Time (EAT) and all delegates are encouraged to pre-register at the following link:

<https://unhabitat.org/form/committee-of-permanent-represent>

b. List of delegations:

Member States are encouraged to send **the list of their delegations** with **email addresses** for each delegate **purposes of access to the meeting**, to the Secretary of the Governing Bodies by 24 June 2021 using the emails Chris.Mensah@un.org and UNHabitat-SGB@un.org

c. Format of the Meeting:

The final **format** of the meeting, whether a hybrid meeting or a fully online meeting, will be communicated following the Bureau meeting on 17 June 2021.

d. Information for Participants:

An information for participants has been prepared and available on the website and will be continuously updated including with the details of the measures that would be put in place in the event of a hybrid meeting.

6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



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Additional information on the CPR high-level midterm review can be found on the meeting website at:

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6. ANY OTHER MATTERS.

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