
First Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat for the year 2023

Wednesday, 12 April 2023

14:30 hrs – 16:00 hrs East Africa Time (EAT)

Hybrid meeting-UN-Habitat OED Boardroom

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda item 1: Adoption of the provisional Agenda

1. H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, opened the meeting at 14:40 hrs EAT.

The following members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives were present:

H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to UN-Habitat (in-person)

H.E. Mr. Peter Maddens, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Belgium to UN-Habitat (in-person)

H.E. Mr. Dragos Viorel Radu Tigau, Permanent Representative of Romania to UN-Habitat (online)

Mr. Sergio Salazar Alzate Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Colombia to UN-Habitat (in-person)

Ms. Felista Rugambwa, Head of Chancellery of the United Republic of Tanzania (in-person)

The following UN Habitat Secretariat members were also present:

Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director.

Mr. Michal Mlynar, Deputy Executive Director.

Mr. Raf Tuts, Director, Global Solutions Division.

Mr. Chris Mensah, Secretary to the Governing Bodies.

Mr. Erfan Ali, Chief of Staff.

2. The Chair welcomed all participants to the meeting. The provisional Agenda was adopted without any changes and can be accessed [here](#).
3. The Executive Director introduced and welcomed Mr. Michal Mlynar as the new Deputy Executive Director to UN-Habitat.

Agenda item 2: Status of submission of draft resolutions to be considered by the second open-ended meeting of the CPR in preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.

4. The Chair recalled that the Bureau of the United Nations Habitat Assembly during its meeting held on 15 February 2023 highly encouraged Members States to submit any draft resolutions to be considered by the second open-ended meeting for the Committee of Representatives to UN-Habitat in preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (OECPR) by 15 April 2023. A revised guidance note on the submission of resolutions including the recommendations formulated by the Bureau at that meeting can be accessed [here](#).
5. The Secretariat informed that it had received eight ideas towards substantive resolutions in addition to the set of procedural resolutions. The list of the ideas towards the substantive

resolutions can be accessed [here](#). The list of the proposed procedural resolutions can be accessed [here](#).

6. The presentation was followed by an exchange of views among Bureau members.
7. The Bureau emphasized the importance of time management in the preparations for the OECPR and the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly. It recommended that the Secretariat shares, well in advance, the background documents supporting the Agenda of the informal consultations of the CPR so to provide adequate time for delegations to prepare and consult their capitals.
8. The Bureau noted with concern the projected number of possible substantive draft resolutions and encouraged that some substantive areas could be merged so that Member States are able to meet the recommended deadline for the submission of draft resolutions which was 15 April 2023.

Agenda item 3: Organization of work during the second open-ended meeting of the CPR

9. Under this item and upon invitation by the Chair, the Executive Director recalled that the Notification of the Executive Director and the Provisional Agenda in all UN official languages, towards the upcoming OECPR were shared on 5 April 2023 with all Member States and can be accessed [here](#).
10. The Secretariat presented the organization of work for the second open-ended meeting of the CPR. The detailed presentation can be accessed [here](#).
11. The presentation was followed by an exchange of views among Bureau members.
12. The Bureau recommended that parallel negotiations on draft resolutions be limited due to the small number of some delegations.
13. The Bureau recommended that parallel negotiations on draft resolutions should, to the extent possible, be avoided but should it be warranted due to the number of projected draft resolutions, the Secretariat should come up with suggestions on creation of contact groups for that purpose.

Agenda item 4: Scenarios associated with the upcoming elections to be held during the second open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat (OECPR) and during the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.

14. Upon invitation by the Chair, the Secretariat briefed the Bureau on the possible scenarios for aligning the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review process (QCPR) with UN-Habitat strategic planning cycles as well as the scenario associated with the upcoming elections to be held during the second OECPR and during the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly. It can be accessed [here](#).
15. The presentation was followed by an exchange of views among Bureau members.
16. Subsequently, the Bureau :
 - a) requested the Secretariat to further options for aligning the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review process (QCPR) with UN-Habitat strategic planning cycles as well as the scenario associated with the upcoming elections to be held during the second OECPR and during the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.

- b) Recommended that the Secretariat briefs the Bureau at a special meeting during the week of 17 to 21 April 2023 to discuss further the scenarios.
- c) Recommended that the Secretariat briefs Member States accordingly during the informal consultation of the CPR to be held on 24 April.

Agenda item 5: Vacant position of Rapporteur in the 2021-2023 Bureau of the CPR.

17. The Chair recalled that pursuant to Rule 27 of rules of procedure of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the current Bureau was elected at the end of the open-ended meeting for a high-level mid-term review of the CPR held in June 2021 for 2 years until the end of the second open-ended meeting of the CPR in preparation for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly. The Chair recalled that the composition of the current Bureau is as follows:

Chair: Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Vice-Chairs: United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Colombia and the Kingdom of Belgium.

Rapporteur: The position of Rapporteur remained vacant given that there was one objection to the nomination received from the Eastern European Group.

18. Upon the invitation of the Chair, the legal officer clarified that in the absence of a Rapporteur, the Chair of the CPR will have the authority to clear the report of the CPR on the work of its open-ended meeting in preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly.

Agenda item 6: Any other matters

There were no other matters under discussion and the first meeting of the Bureau of the CPR for the year 2023 was adjourned at 16:30 East African Time (EAT).