



HABITAT III PREPARATIONS





KEY ELEMENTS FOR A NEW URBAN AGENDA

KEY ELEMENTS to be considered at Habitat III

To create a pattern of sustainable urban development fostering a new model of city

- ✓ National Urban Policy. Establishing a connection between the dynamics of urbanization and the overall process of national development (20-30 years or more);
- ✓ Laws, institutions and systems of governance. Creating the normative basis of action, operational principles, organizational structures, institutional and societal relationships underlying the process of urbanization;
- ✓ Urban economy. While there is a strong positive correlation between economic growth and urbanization, this potential relationship is not spontaneous and self generating. Habitat III could be the means to guide a robust urban economic development;

Other operational factors to maximize the advantages of the urbanization process:

a) Urban Planning b) Local fiscal systems c) Investment in urban basic services

HABITAT III ROAD MAP 2015-2016

2015												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Knowledge				PrepCom2					SDGs			COP21
	Issue papers											
	National reports											
					Regional reports							
Policy				PrepCom2	Policy Units				SDGs			COP21
					Regional meetings							
					Thematic meetings							

2016														
		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Knowledge					Zero Draft			PrepCom3			HABITAT III			
		Global report												
Policy		Policy Units												
		Regional meetings												
		Thematic meetings												

PREPCOM2

Nairobi, 14-16 April 2015



Provisional Agenda for PrepCom2

14-16 April 2015

The agenda of the second session of the Preparatory Committee will be adopted at the opening meeting on 14 April 2015.


The provisional agenda is as follows:

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work
4. Preparations for the Conference
5. Organizational matters
6. Progress to date in the implementation of the outcomes of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the New Urban Agenda
7. Arrangements for the third session of the Preparatory Committee
8. Other matters
9. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its second session
10. Conclusion of the session

Official meetings will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Consult the draft provisional agenda

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Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban
Development (Habitat III)**
Second session
Nairobi, 14-16 April 2015
Item 3 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Provisional agenda and annotations

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work.
4. Preparations for the Conference.
5. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference;
 - (b) Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III).
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Participation

The PrepCom2 is open to the following:

- All States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency;
- Representatives of the interested organs of the United Nations;
- Representatives of intergovernmental organizations;
- Accredited stakeholders; among them parliamentarians, civil society organizations, regional and local government and municipality representatives, professionals and researchers, academia, foundations, women and youth groups, trade unions, and the private sector;
- Media accredited by the United Nations.

☐ Consult the letter of convocation [here](#)

**Deadline for NVs from Member States:
13 April 2015**



Stakeholders

In its resolution 69/226, the General Assembly emphasized the importance on wide participation of all relevant stakeholders, including local authorities, in the promotion of sustainable urbanization and settlements; as well as called upon member states to ensure effective participation in the preparatory process and in the Conference itself of local governments and all other stakeholders.

Which stakeholders can participate?

1. Organizations in consultative status with the ECOSOC.
2. Organizations that were accredited in Habitat II.
3. Organizations that will be accredited in the post-2015 summit.
4. Organizations requesting special accreditation, subject to the approval of the Preparatory Committee in plenary meeting, and that, while respecting fully the provisions contained in rule 57 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, such a decision should be made by consensus.

- ☐ Consult the list of organizations with ECOSOC status [here](#)
- ☐ Consult the list of organizations accredited to the Habitat II Conference in 1996 [here](#)



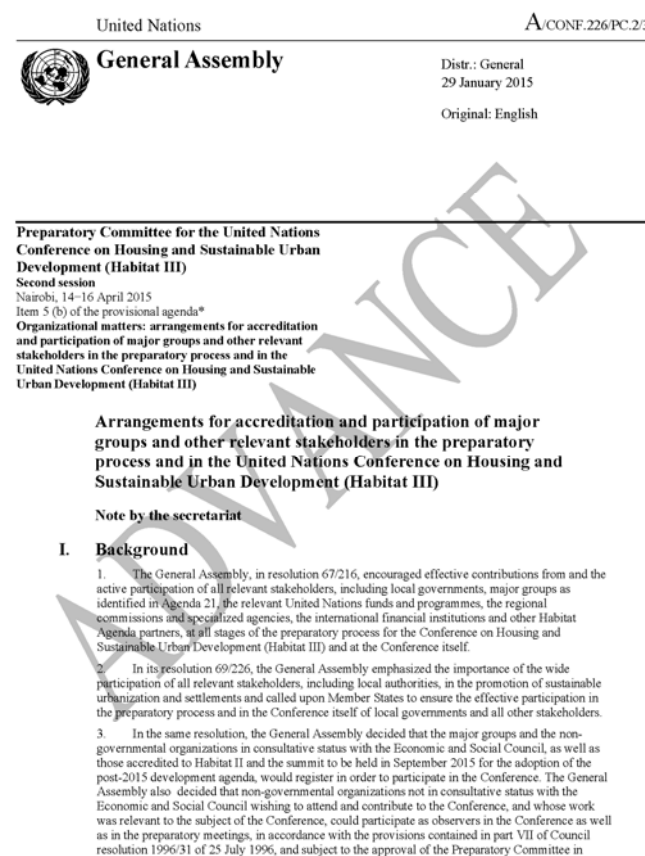
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Same resolution established modalities on stakeholders' participation.

Consult the draft document



* A/CONF.226/PC.2/1.

Guiding Questions

- What is your vision for the New Urban Agenda? Which are the key aspects to be considered?
- The New Urban Agenda should be focused on implementation. Which would be your priorities for action?
- What formulations can you provide to help guide actions on the proposed areas of work of the New Urban Agenda (see Issue Papers and Policy Matrix)?
- As a national government, how will you support implementation of voluntary and concrete commitments in your country? What types of mechanisms will help in the design and implementation of those commitments?
- Can regional and local governments accelerate and promote implementation of national strategies?
- There is increasing recognition of the importance of having national urban policies as a key element for sustainable urban development. How can the creation and implementation of national urban policies be promoted?
- Is there a system of information sufficiently robust to ensure accountability in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda? How can we ensure coherence with the Post 2015 Development Agenda process?
- How can stakeholders be part of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda?
- In your view, how should we regularly review the implementation of the New Urban Agenda after 2016?





ISSUE PAPERS AND POLICY UNITS MATRIX

THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

AREAS	ISSUE PAPERS	POLICY UNITS
1. Social Cohesion and Equity – Livable Cities	1. Inclusive cities (a.o. Pro-poor, Gender, Youth, Ageing) 2. Migration and refugees in urban areas 3. Safer Cities 4. Urban Culture and Heritage	1. Right to the City and Cities for All 2. Socio-Cultural Urban Framework

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2. Urban Frameworks	5. Urban Rules and Legislation 6. Urban Governance 7. Municipal Finance	3. National Urban Policies 4. Urban Governance, Capacity and Institutional Development 5. Municipal Finance and Local Fiscal Systems
3. Spatial Development	8. Urban and Spatial Planning and Design 9. Urban Land 10. Urban-rural linkages 11. Public Space	6. Urban Spatial Strategies: Land Market and Segregation
4. Urban Economy	12. Local Economic Development 13. Jobs and Livelihoods 14. Informal Sector	7. Urban Economic Development Strategies
5. Urban Ecology and Environment	15. Urban Resilience 16. Urban Ecosystems and Resource Management 17. Cities and Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management	8. Urban Ecology and Resilience
6. Urban Housing and Basic Services	18. Urban Infrastructure and Basic Services, including energy 19. Transport and Mobility 20. Housing 21. Smart Cities 22. Informal Settlements	9. Urban Services and Technology 10. Housing Policies

December 2014

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Regional and thematic meetings for the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

Habitat III is the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development which will take place in 2016. In resolution 66/207 and in line with the bi-decennial cycle (1976, 1996 and 2016), the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene, the Habitat III Conference to reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urbanization, to focus on the implementation of a “New Urban Agenda”, building on the Habitat Agenda of Istanbul in 1996.

The General Assembly in resolution 67/216 decided that the objective of the Conference will be to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable urban development, assess accomplishments to date, address poverty and identify and address new and emerging challenges. And that the Conference will result in a concise, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented outcome document.

Delegations

- NVs with members of the Delegation before 13 March 2015
- LDCs to communicate the delegate to be covered by the Habitat III Trust Fund
- Official documentation six weeks before the opening of the PrepCom
- List of speakers (statements 3 minutes)
- Accreditation/badge from 10 April 2015
- Vehicles accreditation
- Seating arrangements (1+1)
- Distribution of documents (paper smart)
- Booking of rooms for regional groups or bilaterals
- Exhibition area
- Webstreaming of plenary sessions
- Legacy project – interview schedule -

❑ Consult the practical information [here](#)





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