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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for 2026

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Programme 12 Human settlements

1. At its 7th meeting, on 15 May 2025, the Committee considered programme 12, Human settlements, of the proposed programme plan for 2026 and programme performance in 2024 ([A/80/6 \(Sect. 15\)](#)).

Discussion

2. Delegations expressed appreciation for the presentation of the programme plan for 2026.
3. Several delegations expressed their views about the importance of the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and praised the programme plan for being informative, comprehensive and coherent.
4. A delegation expressed that it valued highly the fact of being the host country to UN-Habitat.
5. A delegation commended UN-Habitat for proposing a programme plan that was technically sound and aligned with multilateral commitments.
6. A delegation welcomed the efforts of UN-Habitat to focus on areas where it had demonstrable expertise in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda, as well as on measures that delivered measurable impact in vulnerable urban settings, especially in the least developed countries.
7. Some delegations commended UN-Habitat for an improved programme plan showing the Programme's move away from a siloed approach to urban development.



8. Recognition for advancing significant governance reforms to ensure financial sustainability and increased Member State oversight of the organization and its Executive Director was voiced.
9. A delegation reaffirmed its country's commitment to strengthening the governance of UN-Habitat and ensuring that its programmes were well financed to advance its mandated work.
10. UN-Habitat was commended for its deliberate and strategic efforts to leverage partnerships with regional and subregional organizations, especially across Africa, that were essential in contextualizing and accelerating the implementation of its mandate at a scale that met the unique needs of that continent.
11. The use of metrics and goals that more specifically tracked the impact of cooperation with other international and regional organizations and development banks was encouraged.
12. It was noted that sustainable urbanization did not receive enough attention in the discussions on sustainable development.
13. Support for UN-Habitat initiatives, such as World Cities Day and the Global Award for Sustainable Development in Cities ("Shanghai Award") was voiced.
14. Appreciation for the Programme's work in Ukraine was voiced.
15. A delegation showed appreciation for UN-Habitat mobilizing significant investments in the "RISE-UP: resilient settlements for the urban poor" programme as well as for its complementary programme focused on building climate resilience for the urban poor.
16. Support for the contribution of UN-Habitat to paragraph 83 (e) of the Pact for the Future, under action 55, on the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals, was voiced.
17. Some delegations encouraged UN-Habitat to continue to expand its engagement with African countries, both at the policy and programmatic levels, and to include partners from the private, public and philanthropic sectors.
18. Information was sought about cooperation between UN-Habitat and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.
19. Information was sought about the Building Climate Resilience for the Urban Poor initiative.
20. The importance of acting appropriately on recommendations from oversight bodies was highlighted.
21. Information was sought about how the recommendations from oversight bodies helped to strengthen the programmatic and operational effectiveness and the accountability frameworks of UN-Habitat.
22. With regard to paragraph 15.54, under subprogramme 3, Strengthened climate action and improved urban environment, clarification was sought regarding the 160 knowledge gaps and 259 action priorities for climate action in cities, as well as the target group of the activity.
23. With regard to subprogramme 4, Effective urban crisis prevention and response, information was sought about efforts or guidelines put in place to improve collaboration with and avoid overlap of humanitarian and development activities of other local actors or international organizations in the context of handling displaced populations in urban areas.

Conclusions and recommendations

24. The Committee recommended that the plenary or the relevant Main Committee or Main Committees of the General Assembly, in line with Assembly resolution [79/247](#), consider the programme plan for programme 12, Human settlements, of the proposed programme budget for 2026 under the agenda item entitled “Programme planning” at the eightieth session of the Assembly.
