



Journal

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Programme of meetings

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8.30–9.20 a.m.	Fifth meeting of the Bureau room CE 112 Chaired by the President of the Council
10 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole conference room 2 Discussion of: Report of the Committee of the Whole Report of the drafting committee
12.30.–2.45 p.m.	Adjournment
1–1.30 pm	Press Conference press centre Closing press conference with the President of the Governing Council and UN-Habitat Executive Director
3–6 p.m.	Plenary conference room 2 Chair's summary of the high-level segment and dialogue Draft reports of plenary on items 1, 2, 3 and 4 Draft reports of the Committee of the Whole Report on draft resolutions and agenda: Agenda item 8: Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-third session of the Governing Council; Agenda item 9: Other matters; Agenda item 10: Adoption of the report of the session; Agenda item 11: Closure of the session.

Caucus meetings

Monday, 30 March–Friday, 3 April 2009

8–9 a.m.	Youth caucus (conference room 6)
	Civil society organizations caucus (conference room 11)
	Women’s caucus (conference room 7)

Summary of meetings held on Thursday, 2 April 2009

Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole reconvened at 9.45 a.m. chaired by Ms. Margita Fuchsová, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to UN-Habitat, and vice-president of the twenty-second session of the Governing Council, and concluded the deliberations on agenda item 8: “Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-third session of the Governing Council”. It adjourned at 10.30 a.m., until Friday 10 a.m., when it will consider the reports of the Committee of the Whole and the drafting committee.

Drafting committee

The drafting committee convened in formal morning and afternoon sessions. It reached agreement on resolutions: “Affordable housing finance” (HSP/GC/22/CRP.2); “Strengthening the development of urban young people” (HSP/GC/22/CRP.4); “Governance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme” (HSP/GC/22/CRP.5); and “International guidelines on access to basic services for all” (HSP/GC/22/CRP.8).

After the contact group had reached agreement, the drafting committee reconvened in a brief formal session at 9.15 p.m. and formally approved the text of a draft resolution on cities and climate change (HSP/GC/22/CRP.3).

Parallel events

Five ministers of housing (Namibia, Swaziland, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe) and senior government officials (Malawi, South Africa) attended a meeting organized by Shack Dwellers International. The discussion focused on the cooperation between the organized groups of slum dwellers in Shack Dwellers International with their respective Governments. It highlighted the involvement of organized groups of slum dwellers by their Governments to create sustainable solutions for eliminating slums. It was agreed to develop this cooperation further between organized slum dwellers and their Governments during the Shelter Africa conference to be held in Namibia from 3 to 5 June 2009.

A round-table discussion on the theme: “Microfinance for water and sanitation: a new approach” was held in conference room 3. The panellists included Mr. K. Muralidharan from the National Housing Bank, India, Mr. Kulwant Singh, from the Association of Municipalities and Development Authorities, India, and Mr. Andre Dzikus and Mr. George Deikun of UN-Habitat. Presentations were made on UN-Habitat initiatives in water and sanitation and National Housing Bank experiences in housing microfinance. A discussion followed between the panellists and participants from Afghanistan, India, Kenya, Maldives, Uganda, and United Republic of Tanzania.

The side event on a rights-based approach to development and its implications for UN-Habitat work on housing had 75 participants. In their presentation on the objectives, achievements and challenges of the United Nations Housing Rights Programme (UNHRP) and the Advisory Group on Forced Evictions (AGFE), Mr. Rasmus Precht (AGFE secretariat) and Mr. Malick Gaye (AGFE member) highlighted the need to create linkages with other UN-Habitat activities on slum upgrading and prevention and to mobilize resources. Mr. Urban Jonsson, in his keynote presentation, explained the rights-based approach to development. The question was not if housing rights should be mainstreamed in UN-Habitat work, but how that should be achieved, he said.

Information for delegates

Venue

The meetings are held at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, United Nations Avenue, Gigiri, Nairobi. The main telephone number is +254 (0) 20 762 1234.

Receptions

Delegations who wish to hold receptions may obtain assistance in scheduling them from the secretariat. They should contact Mr. N. Reece-Evans, room M-229, ext. 3134.

Registration

Delegates are requested to register, on arrival, at the registration desk in the Visitors Pavilion at the entrance of the United Nations complex. Registration will be open from Thursday, 26 March 2009, from 2 to 6 p.m. and other days from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. until noon on Friday, 3 April 2009.

Badges

Badges will be issued to delegates upon registration. For security reasons, delegates are requested to wear their badges at all times while in the complex.

List of participants

A provisional list of participants will be available from Wednesday, 1 April 2009, at the documents distribution area. Delegates are requested to check the information on the list pertaining to them carefully and notify the information desk of any required corrections.

Written text of interventions

Delegates are requested to provide written texts of their interventions to the secretariat for the record of the meeting and for the use of the interpreters and report-writers.

Proposals

Members of the Governing Council wishing to introduce proposals may do so by submitting them, in paper and, when possible, in electronic form, to the Secretary of the Governing Council, Mr. R. Wichmann, room M-2 Open Space, ext. 3066, e-mail: Rolf.Wichmann@unhabitat.org. Proposals should be submitted by noon on Monday, 30 March 2009.

Credentials

Pursuant to rules 15 and 16 of the Governing Council's rules of procedure, delegates must present their credentials to the registration desk by the end of the first meeting of the session. Credentials will be examined by the Bureau of the Governing Council and approved by it if found to be in order. Questions may be addressed to the Secretary of the Governing Council, Mr. R. Wichmann, room M-2 Open Space, ext. 3066, e-mail: Rolf.Wichmann@unhabitat.org.

NGO registration and facilities

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) should register at the NGO desk at the Visitors Pavilion. Registration will start on Thursday, 26 March 2009 from 2 to 6 p.m. and will continue until noon on Thursday, 2 April 2009. All NGO queries should be directed to the civil society desk or to the NGO Liaison Officer, Mr. A. Krishnan, room N-1 Open Space, ext. 3870, e-mail: Anantha.Krishnan@unhabitat.org. Only accredited NGOs may attend the session.

Media registration and facilities

Correspondents who already have a valid United Nations grounds pass for Nairobi or New York will not need additional accreditation for the meeting. All others will require United Nations accreditation. For this, media representatives will be required to present a letter of assignment, one form of valid identification (e.g., press card, work identification document, driver's licence or passport) and proof of media affiliation. These items should be presented when registering for the session at the Visitors Pavilion.

For online accreditation, please visit www.unicnairobi.org and click on media accreditation. A media registration desk will be available at the Visitors Pavilion at the entrance of the United Nations complex.

Press conferences

The Media Centre in the upper library will be open during meeting hours. For more information on press materials and on how to organize press conferences and interviews with delegates to the Governing Council, please contact by e-mail Habitat.press@unhabitat.org or Mr. S. Shankardass, room N-125, ext. 3153, mobile number +254 733 760 332, e-mail: Sharad.Shankardass@unhabitat.org, or Ms. Z. Hassan, room N-131B, ext. 3151, mobile number +254 724 857 186, e-mail: Zahra.Hassan@unhabitat.org.

Video viewings

Delegates who wish to show videos or obtain copies of UN-Habitat videos should contact Mr. G. Katani, lower library, ext. 2261, e-mail: Gift.Katani@unhabitat.org.

Regional group meetings

The following meeting rooms have been allocated for regional group meetings from Monday to Friday between 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.

African group	Conference room 9 (rooftop)
Asian and Pacific group	Conference room 8
Central and Eastern European group	Conference room 5
Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries	Conference room 14 (rooftop)
Western European and others group	Conference room 10 (rooftop)
Group of 77 and China	Conference room 9 (rooftop)

Other group meeting rooms

European Union	UNESCO meeting room (Room C 226)
Japan, United States of America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand (JUSCANZ)	Conference room 13 (rooftop) Monday to Friday 8–9.30 a.m.
Civil society organizations	Conference room 11 (rooftop)

Other allocated rooms and offices

President of the Governing Council	CE 112 (behind conference room 2)
Secretary to the President of the Governing Council	CE 111 (behind conference room 2)
Rapporteur	CE 110 (behind conference room 2)
Press and media centre	Upper library
Press conference room	Lower library
Prayer/meditation room	CW 107 (behind delegates lounge)
UNON Conference Services	R and S block, ground floor

Reservation of meeting rooms

Meeting rooms are available for regional groups every day before 9.30 a.m. Because meeting rooms are required for drafting groups and parallel events, availability during lunch hours and after the regular meeting hours must be confirmed on a daily basis with Mr. F. Vasquez, room R-109, ext. 3134, or Ms. C. Langendorf, room R-103, ext. 3324.

Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation is available for the official plenary meetings of the Governing Council and the meetings of the Committee of the Whole in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Interpretation is not available for regional or group meetings.

Seating arrangements

Charts indicating the seating arrangements for Plenary meetings and for meetings of the Committee of the Whole are attached for information.

Meeting times

The normal meeting times will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. with the exception of the opening day, Monday, 30 March 2009, when the meeting times will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., the Dialogue session on Wednesday, 1 April 2009, will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. and on Friday, 3 April 2009, will be from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. The daily programme will be posted on the electronic notice boards at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and will appear in the daily Journal.

Documentation

Official Governing Council documents will be available at the documents distribution centre from 10 a.m. on Saturday, 28 March 2009. Thereafter, the centre will remain open every day of the session from 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Special tables have been placed in the corridors near conference rooms 1 and 2 for non-official documentation and information material.

Previous Governing Council documents

Delegates who require documents of previous Governing Council sessions or other United Nations documentation may request them at the library or call the reference desk staff members Ms. S. Muthoka, in the lower library, at ext. 1017, Mr. D. Mukangura, room N-135B, at ext. 1214 and Mr. J. Gichuki, room N-135A, at ext. 3043.

Documents distribution for delegates

Participants must inform the secretariat of the number of documents required for use by their delegations by completing a form for that purpose which will be available at the documents distribution centre.

Distribution of statements and other documents by delegations

It is essential that the text of any prepared speech be made available to the secretariat before delivery. Seventeen copies of the text should be handed to the Conference Officer in the meeting room for the use of the interpreters, translators and report writers. Delegations wishing to have the texts of their representative's statements generally distributed are requested to supply 150 copies to the Conference Officer.

Delegations wishing to distribute other documents (monographs, national reports, etc.) should bring them to the attention of the Secretariat and should provide at least 200 copies. Please contact Ms. S. Ragoss, room M-211A, ext. 3017.

Journal

A daily Journal will be published during the twenty-second session of the Governing Council. Any delegation wishing to place an announcement in the Journal should contact Mr. R. Rollnick, room N-123, ext. 3988, e-mail. Roman.Rollnick@unhabitat.org or Ms. C. Gaceru, room N-130A, ext. 4532, e-mail. caroline.gacheru@unhabitat.org.

Exhibition

Exhibits are on display in the upper and lower lobbies. Those wishing to mount exhibits should contact Mr. V. Mgendi, room N-128, ext. 3397. Requests will be considered on a first come, first served basis. For customs and clearing services please contact the UNON preferred agent, Global Freight, at ext. 4756. The parking lot in front of the United Nations commissary will be made available for delivery of exhibition material on 26 and 27 March 2009 only and for removals on 4 April 2009. Exhibitors must use the service entrance for deliveries and removals and must provide in advance the names of the people who will deliver the items and the number plates of vehicles that come into the compound.

List of speakers

Participants wishing to speak in the general debate during plenary meetings of the Governing Council are requested to contact the secretariat through Ms. R. Kottonya, room M-206, ext. 4690. Each delegation will be limited to one intervention of a maximum of five minutes. This limit will be adhered to strictly. In establishing the list of speakers for the high-level segment, precedence will be given to ministers and deputy ministers. They will be followed by other heads of Government delegations, local authorities and Habitat Agenda partners.

Delegates wishing to place their names on the list of speakers for the debate on specific items during the meetings of the Committee of the Whole should contact the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. M. Halfani, room P-313, ext. 4723.

Bilateral meetings with the Executive Director

Delegations seeking bilateral meetings with the Executive Director should contact the Assistant to the Executive Director, Ms. R. Kalaule, in room M-305, ext. 5002, or Ms. T. Mwaisaka in room M-305, ext. 5003.

Transport

Delegates will be met at the airport by UN-Habitat staff, who will assist them in processing their entry into Kenya. The United Nations has contracted Glory Tours and Travel to help provide transport, and delegates will be required to pay their fares. Their rates per vehicle are given below.

	Rates in KSh	Rates in US\$
From airport to hotel by car		
Hotel in the central business district	1,500	20
Hotel in Runda/Muthaiga area	2,000	25
Taxi from Gigiri to hotels in central business district	1,500	20
Taxi from Gigiri to hotels in Runda/Muthaiga area	500	7
Full-day hire of chauffeur-driven Mercedes-Benz	20,000	190

within Nairobi city limits

Parking

Access to the Gigiri compound for the period of the twenty-second session of the UN-Habitat Governing Council will remain open to all official embassy vehicles and drivers. For those vehicles used by embassies without diplomatic number plates, please forward details of the vehicle and driver, in advance, to UNON Security (Fax. +254 20 762 3939) to the attention of Mr. J. Mkunde in room G-223, ext. 4534, e-mail: joram.mkunde@unon.org.

Parking of embassy vehicles is restricted to the delegates' parking area. Because of the limited parking facilities within the complex, it is preferred that embassy vehicles without diplomatic number plates limit their business within the complex to dropping off and collecting passengers. Such vehicles should depart the complex immediately upon completion of such tasks.

Services for delegates

Internet café

Free internet access is available at the internet café located at the upper concourse in front of the travel agency. Free wireless internet access will be available in the lower and upper concourse areas, in and around the conference areas, lounges and meeting rooms.

Television monitors

The proceedings of public meetings in conference rooms 1 and 2 and press conferences may be viewed on the television monitors situated in the upper and lower concourse areas.

Business centre

The business centre, located on the lower concourse opposite the lower library, will provide services to delegates for a fee. Services available include word processing, low volume photocopying, telephone and fax. Video-conferencing facility. Video-conferencing facilities are available at the conference centre. For bookings please contact Mr. F. Gichomo, ext. 3081.

UN-Habitat shop

The UN-Habitat shop, located on the upper concourse near the main lobby, will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. It will stock UN-Habitat publications and souvenirs, including gift items made in Kenya.

Commissary

Access to the United Nations commissary will be available to all registered heads and deputy heads of Government delegations and of United Nations and intergovernmental organizations. Commissary passes will be provided at the registration desk. The commissary is situated on the lower concourse and will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. For large quantities of supplies, particularly of alcoholic drinks, a letter to Mr. S. Stannah, room G-213, ext. 4569, Head of Commercial Operations, United Nations Office at Nairobi, is required.

Hotel reservations, airport transfers and transport for delegates

Participants should make their own hotel reservations. A list of recommended hotels in Nairobi, their rates and indication of some complementary services (including transfers to and from the airport) is available on the UN-Habitat website, www.unhabitat.org/gc22.

Travel agencies

The United Nations travel agents are located on the upper concourse (Express Travel) and on the lower concourse next to the Kenya Commercial Bank (BCD Travel Agency). They will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for all local and international travel including excursions and safaris. The United Nations Travel Unit Supervisor, Mr. P. Ikiara, Central Area, ext. 3841, e-mail: patrick.ikiara@unon.org, will also be available to provide assistance and handle queries.

First aid

Emergency first aid is available and a doctor is on hand if needed. A nurse will be on duty during meeting hours and may be contacted in room F-109, ext.2267/8. An ambulance is available 24 hours a day.

Postal services

The post office, which has telegram, telex, fax and international telephone facilities, will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Saturday and Sunday. During office hours, public phones are available inside the post office for which cash payments may be made at the counter. Payphones, for use with phone cards that may be purchased from the post office, are available on a 24-hour basis outside the post office.

Courier services

The DHL office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during weekdays. DHL is located on the lower concourse, inside the post office adjacent to the Kenya Commercial Bank. They may be contacted on ext. 2579 or 2580.

Telephone calls

Delegates should refrain from using the telephones at the registration desk, which are for internal use only. Calls to Nairobi city can be made from the telephone facility near the post office and from the business centre.

Banking services

The Kenya Commercial Bank on the lower concourse will be open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Catering services

There are three caterers on the United Nations complex who provide meals, snacks, tea and coffee. The caterers can also organize food and drinks for private functions, dinners and receptions.

Café Royale

Contact person: Amina

Location: Central area, main restaurant

Time: 7 a.m.–9 p.m. every day. (Coffee lounge, 24 hours)

Offers: Buffet breakfast. At Jiko La Mama, local dishes, chicken, beef, fish, BBQ and french fries. At La Cucina, Mediterranean pizzas, pastas, French, German, British classic cuisines. At Flash in the Pan, Indian, vegetarian, Chinese, Mongolian, Far Eastern cuisines, soups, assorted snacks, assorted salad bar, assorted fresh juices, assorted fresh fruits, assorted yogurts, assorted beverages, teas, coffee lattes and cappuccinos.

Ext.: 2463, cell phone number: +254 (0)735 564 547

E-mail: cafe.royale@unon.org

Caz Creole

Contact person: Monique

Location: Old Cafeteria

Time: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. every day

Offers: Continental buffet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. BBQ, including full salad bar on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fresh sandwiches made to order (French bread or toasted). Assorted pastries and cakes, soups, full salad bar. Fresh fruit salads and yogurts. Beverages, tea and coffee.

Ext.: 2647, cell phone number: +254 (0) 737 152 100

Savanna – the coffee lounge

Contact person: Manoj

Location: United Nations Recreation Centre

Time: 7 a.m.–8 p.m. every day

Offers: Breakfast, snacks, quick bites, vegetarian and non-vegetarian salads, sandwiches, burgers, soups, variety of main courses and desserts. Coffees, fresh juices, smoothies and milkshakes.

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