

Matters arising from the 80th and 81st sessions of the CUDHLM relevant to the WPLA



WPLA 12th session

1 June 2021

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Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management 2021

The Committee at its eighty first session (ECE/HBP/206 para 52) agreed to organize its Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management in 2021 entitled “*Affordable, adequate, and resilient housing in liveable cities, including cities which face extreme weather conditions*” as part of the Committee’s 82nd session.

It is expected that the Ministerial Meeting will:

- Welcome key conclusions and recommendations of the study “#Housing2030: Effective policies for affordable housing in the UNECE region”
- Endorse the “*Place and Life in the UNECE – A Regional Action Plan 2021: Tackling challenges from Covid, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes*” and invite national and local governments, all relevant stakeholders in the ECE region to support the Regional Action Plan implementation.



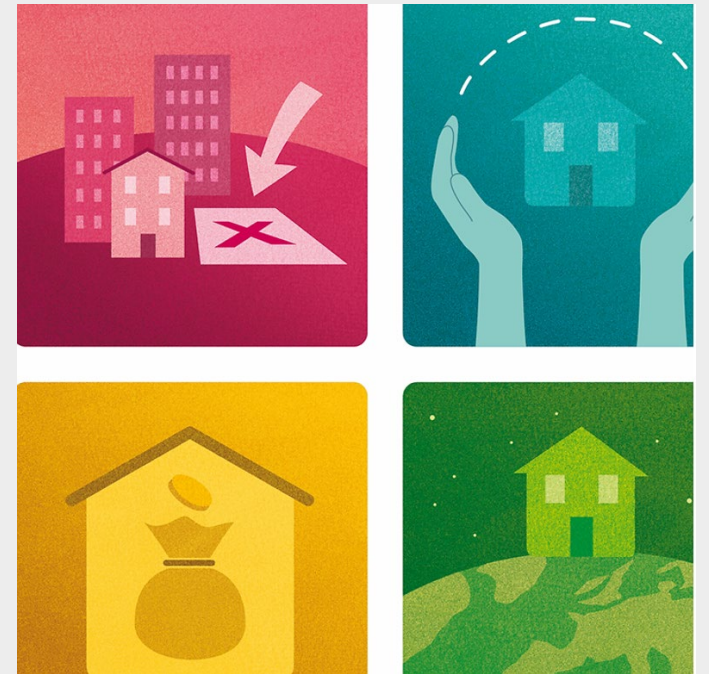
Report “#Housing2030: Effective policies for affordable housing in the UNECE region”

- Is being developed within Housing2030, a joint international initiative of UNECE, Housing Europe and UN Habitat.
- The report under preparation enables exchange of tools and their illustrations to improve affordability
- Will strengthen capacity to shape more effective housing systems
- An interactive version will be launched at Housing2030.org webpage



Key themes of the #Housing2030 report

- Policy tools and good illustrations – *not universal blueprints*
- Four key chapters:
 - **Governance** of housing policies and institutions
 - Access and **availability of land** for affordable housing
 - **Finance and funding** to invest in affordable housing
 - **Climate-neutral** housing that is affordable and inclusive



Place and Life in the UNECE: Regional Action Plan 2030. Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood, and home

Policy Area A: CITIES, NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOMES and RURAL LIFE

Goal A1: Coordinated national, sub-national and local action through multi-level governance and strategic plans and frameworks.

Goal A2: City-wide and integrated action

Goal A3: Sustainable neighbourhoods and local living environments

Policy Area B: SUSTAINABLE HOUSING and HOME`S

Goal B1: Governance

Goal B2: Land Policy

Goal B3: Finance & Funding

Goal B4: Climate Neutral Housing



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Committee's support to building smart sustainable cities (including promoting digitalization)

Activities of the UNECE as part of the U4SSC Initiatives to promote use of the Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities:

- Field project “Improved sustainable urban development in 17 Norwegian cities”. Smart sustainable city profiles developed for four cities.
- UNDA project “Smart Sustainable Cities for the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda in the UNECE Region” support the transition of cities towards becoming smart and sustainable. The beneficiary countries are Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Montenegro.
- Guidelines and Compendium on Innovative Financing of City Projects.



Forum of Mayors

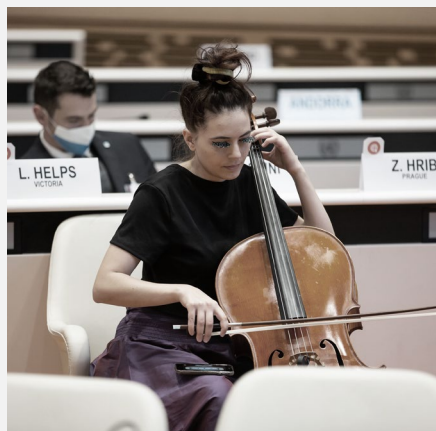
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40 Mayors and Vice-Mayors,
representing **36 countries** in the UNECE region



Over **1,000 people** participated in the Forum in-person and remotely.

13 million people read about it through social media and traditional media channels.



Geneva Declaration of Mayors



Strengthen the resilience of our cities



Make our cities greener



Ensure urban transport is sustainable



Make cities more equitable and inclusive



Take ambitious climate action



Accelerate the transition to sustainable energy



Ensure housing is affordable, healthy and adequate



Turn these aspirations into reality



Organization of the Second Forum of Mayors

The Forum will be organized in 4 sessions, focusing on the Geneva Declaration, related SDGs and COVID-19 recover action cover the following aspects of urban development:

1. Built environment
2. Public and green spaces
3. Mobility and connectivity
4. The neighbourhood /15-minute city

Will include visual statements from Mayors. Each session will consist of 10-12 visual presentations from different Mayors. Each mayor will have about 10 to 12 minutes to describe 2/4 photographs of his/her city



Save the date



April 4-5, 2022

Join us at the **Second** UN Forum of Mayors in Geneva!

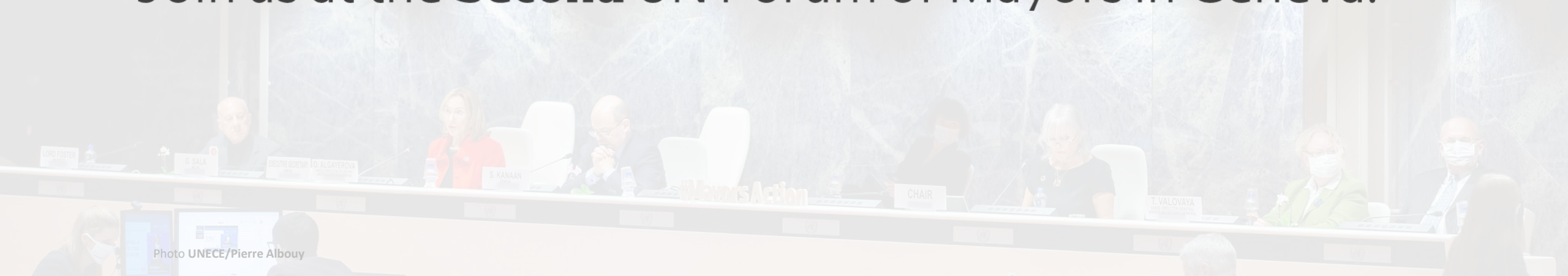


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