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**Programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2022 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2023**

### **Draft programme of work of the housing and land management component of Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2022**

#### **Note by the secretariat**

##### *Summary*

This document contains the draft programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme (“the subprogramme HLM component”) for 2022.

The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management is invited to adopt it and transmit to the Executive Committee for approval.



## I. Introduction

1. The present document contains the draft programme of work of the housing and land management component of Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme (“the subprogramme HLM component”) for 2022. The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management is invited to adopt it and transmit it to the Executive Committee for approval. Any subsequent additional, discontinued or carried over outputs will be reflected in the Umoja system used by the UN Secretariat for planning, monitoring and reporting of the implementation of the programme.
2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based management (RBM) approach, a broad management approach which establishes a logical relationship between the hierarchical results (deliverables – outcomes – impact) known as ‘results chain’, the resources (human and financial) known as ‘inputs’, and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) which can prevent from achieving the objective.
3. The objective, the strategy, the planned results and the deliverables in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2022 (A/76/6 (Sect.20)). The work of the subprogramme is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In attaining its objective, the subprogramme builds on cross-sectoral collaboration with other subprogrammes in relevant ECE nexus areas where multiple SDGs converge<sup>1</sup>. This type of collaboration enables the subprogramme to maximize existing synergies, increase the efficiency of its work and have a multiplying effect on the impact of its actions to support countries to implement SDGs. The deliverables of the subprogramme fall into the following main categories: (a) facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies; (b) generation and transfer of knowledge, including technical cooperation projects, training events, seminars, workshops, and publications; (c) other substantive deliverables, and (d) communication deliverables.
4. The details of the proposed publications are provided in Annex I. The overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme are listed in Annex II.

## II. Objective

5. The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen member State-owned programmes and policies promoting decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all, smart sustainable cities, sustainable urban development and land management.

## III. Strategy

6. The responsibility for the housing and land management component of the subprogramme is vested in the Forests, Land and Housing Division.
7. The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of the core interlinked functions, namely, international policy dialogue, normative work and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in all areas of the subprogramme’s work. Through its work, the subprogramme will contribute to the four ECE nexuses, as reflected in paragraph 3.

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<sup>1</sup> The ECE nexus areas are as follows: 1) Sustainable use of natural resources; 2) Sustainable and smart cities for all ages; 3) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and 4) Measuring and monitoring SDGs.

8. To contribute to the objective, the housing and land management component of the subprogramme will continue to support member States, including national, regional and local governments and other key stakeholders, in the review of progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including the implementation of measures to accelerate the achievement of the Goals, and in exchanging experiences and best practices in these areas.

9. The subprogramme will also support local governments in the assessment of the achievement of the Goals at the local level through the application of the ECE/International Telecommunication Union (ITU) key performance indicators on smart sustainable cities.

10. The subprogramme will provide technical assistance and disseminate best practices on the achievement of the housing, city and land-related Goals, especially Goal 11, and, to a lesser extent, Goals 3, 5, 7, 9 and 12. This will be done through the development of country profiles on urban development, housing and land management, profiles of smart sustainable cities, pilot projects on innovative financial mechanisms for smart sustainable cities and thematic studies on affordable decent housing for all, sustainable urban development and land management, including informal settlements. Furthermore, it will support governments in the development of their national and local evidence-based urban, housing policies and land administration.

11. It will also organize Second Forum of Mayors to discuss the challenges that local authorities/governments face in achieving sustainable urban development.

12. Due consideration will be given to the integration of climate change measures into urban policies, strategies and planning. Furthermore, the subprogramme will facilitate the maintenance, management and refurbishment of existing housing stock in ECE member States.

13. The housing and land management component of the subprogramme plans to support member States on issues related to COVID-19 by strengthening capacity to design, implement and monitor urban economic resilience and recovery and rebuilding plans, including on innovative financing instruments and informal settlements to build back better and promote sustainable smart cities.

14. The above-mentioned work in the area of housing and land management is expected to result in:

(a) Improved national and local policies for housing affordability and accessibility for all, energy efficiency and climate neutrality of buildings;

(b) Increased support for local governments in the development of sustainable real estate markets and smart sustainable cities that integrate the concepts of the 2030 Agenda and the Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing;

(c) Improved understanding by city authorities of priorities for socioeconomic development and the development of smart sustainable cities based on the ECE/ITU key performance indicators for smart sustainable cities standard; and

(d) More efficient and resilient land administration systems.

15. The planned support on issues related to COVID-19 is expected to result in more effective local urban development and housing policies and economic recovery plans that address the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular for the most vulnerable groups of population living in informal settlements.

## IV. Planned results for 2022

16. The planned results for 2022 includes updates of results presented in the preceding proposed programme plans and therefore show both the programme performance in 2020 and the proposed programme plan for 2022.

### (a) Result: Regional observatory on urban-related Sustainable Development Goals

17. The subprogramme actively supported the exchange of experiences and building the capacities of national and local governments on the formulation and implementation of evidence-based housing and urban development policies. Following the launch of the guidelines on evidence-based policies and decision-making for sustainable housing and urban development at the eightieth session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, in October 2019, implementation of the guidelines began through the organization of national capacity-building workshops. In 2020, the subprogramme prepared a smart sustainable city profile for the cities of Grodno, Belarus, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, and Rana and Trondheim, Norway, to promote evidence-based housing and urban development policies at the city level. The subprogramme has also begun preparations to conduct a second country profile on housing and land management for Albania.

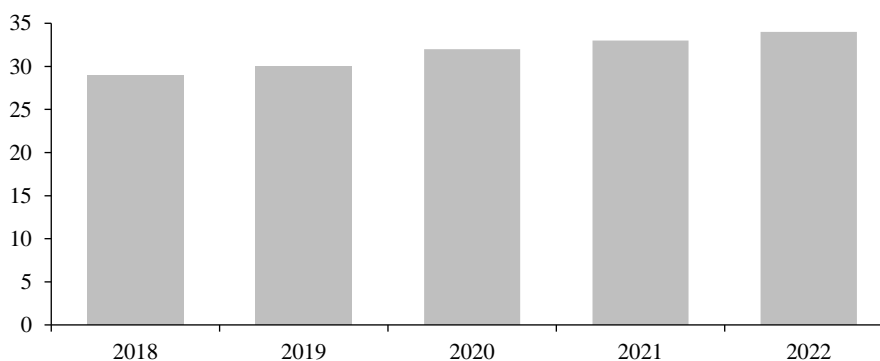
18. The above-mentioned work contributed to 32 ECE member States applying ECE guidelines on urban development, housing and land management at the national and local levels, which met the planned target, reflected in the proposed programme budget for 2020.

### (b) Proposed programme plan for 2022

19. The subprogramme will continue the work related to the planned result, in line with its mandate. To contribute to further progress towards the objective, the subprogramme will assist governments in strengthening their capacity to develop evidence-based policies in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by promoting the application of ECE guidelines on urban development, sustainable smart cities, and housing and land management through a virtual platform with e-learning materials, and regional and national capacity-building events, including training on sustainable real estate markets. The expected progress is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 1).

Figure 1

**Performance measure: number of ECE member States that apply ECE guidelines on urban development, housing and land management at the national and local levels (cumulative)**



## V. External factors

20. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives on the assumption that:
- (a) Member States continue to support the work of ECE and give high priority to regional and subregional cooperation and integration, with a view to achieving sustainable development;
  - (b) All relevant stakeholders at the national level have the political will to cooperate in implementing the ECE legal instruments, norms and standards; and
  - (c) Voluntary resources continue to be available.

## VI. Deliverables to be implemented in 2022

21. The below table lists all deliverables, by category and subcategory, that would contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>	
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>10</b>
1. Documentation for the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management	10
2. Documentation for Working Party on Land Administration	
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>22</b>
3. Meetings of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and its Bureau	14
4. Meetings of the Working Party on Land Administration and its Bureau	6
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>	
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>1</b>
5. Projects on country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning	1
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>4</b>
6. Workshops, seminars and training courses for policymakers and/or experts in the ECE region on housing and land administration (including real estate) and spatial planning	4
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>4</b>
7. Publications on housing and land management	4
<b>Technical material</b> (number of materials)	<b>1</b>
8. Technical guidelines on housing and land management	1

### <sup>1</sup> Non-qualified deliverables

#### C. Substantive deliverables

Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services for policymakers, in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning (2)

Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions: fact-finding missions for policymakers in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning (2)

#### D. Communication deliverables

Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: booklet/fact sheets of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land management and the Working Party on Land Administration

External and media relations: Annual sets of press releases related to housing and land management activities

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<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>
Digital platforms and multimedia content: Update and maintenance of the websites related to housing and land management component	

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## Annex I

## I. Details of proposed publications for 2022

## A. Non-recurrent publications

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s) and source of funding (RB or XB)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Smart Sustainable City Profile: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	The mandate, including for language editions, is expected to be provided by the 82nd session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management in October 2021 and reflected in its report (doc. ECE/HBP/208).	Print and electronic	A4	40	E	R (RB)	200E, 200R
2	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	The mandate, including for language editions, is expected to be provided by the 82nd session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management in October 2021 and reflected in its report (doc. ECE/HBP/208).	Electronic	A4	50	E	R (translation organized as of an official document) (RB)	
3	COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region	WPLA 12th session report : ECE/HBP/WP.7/2021/2 para 13c.	Print and electronic	A4	70	E	R (RB)	200E, 200R
4	Sharing economy and its effects on the housing market	The mandate, including for language editions, is expected to be provided by the 82nd session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management in October 2021 and reflected in its report (doc. ECE/HBP/208).	Print and electronic	A4	60	E	R (RB)	200E, 200R

**B. Promotional material**

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Fact sheets of the Committee on Housing and Land Management	A/74/6 (Sect.20)	Electronic	A4	4	E	R	
2	Fact sheets of the Working Party on Land Administration	A/74/6 (Sect.20)	Electronic	A4	4	E	R	



## Annex II

### I. Legislative mandates

#### A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

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##### *General Assembly resolutions*

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66/288	The future we want
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
67/290	Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development
69/277	Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations
69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
71/14	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
71/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
72/237	South-South Cooperation
72/279	Repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
73/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
73/195	Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
74/122	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
74/128	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

74/144	Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto: accessibility
74/216	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
74/231	Development cooperation with middle-income countries
74/235	Women in development
74/271	Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat
74/297	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
74/306	Comprehensive and coordinated response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic
75/8	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM
75/9	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
75/12	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
75/216	Disaster risk reduction
75/221	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
75/233	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

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1998/46	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2013/1	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of the Economic Commission for Europe

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***Economic Commission for Europe decisions***


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A (64)	The work of the Economic Commission for Europe
A (65)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE
A (66)	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region
A (68)	High-level statement
B (68)	Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

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**B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme**


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***General Assembly resolutions***


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71/256	New Urban Agenda
71/235	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
72/226	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

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ECE/HBP/173	Report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its seventy-fourth session, which adopted the Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020 (ECE/HBP/2013/3)
B (66)	Endorsement of the Geneva United Nations Charter on Sustainable Housing
ECE/HBP/190	Report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its 78 <sup>th</sup> session (Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development)

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