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Outline of key components of the programme of work of the housing and land management component of Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2023

Note by the secretariat

Summary

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Introduction

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Outline of key components of the programme of work

I. Objective

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

II. Strategy

8. The responsibility for the housing and land management component of the subprogramme is vested in the Forests, Land and Housing Division.
9. 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 nexuses¹.
10. 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.
11. 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, indicators on urban economic resilience, and in the preparation of SDG Volunteer Local Reviews.
12. 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

¹ 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.

management, profiles of smart sustainable cities, pilot projects on innovative financial mechanisms for smart sustainable cities, thematic studies and capacity building activities on affordable decent housing for all, housing finance, urban economic resilience, 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.

13. Subject to a positive outcome of an evaluation of the First and Second forums of mayors, the subprogramme may also organize a Third Forum of Mayors to discuss the challenges that local authorities/governments face in achieving sustainable urban development.

14. Due consideration will be given to the integration of climate change and urban resilience 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 to promote decarbonization of the housing stock.

15. The housing and land management component of the subprogramme plans to support member States and cities on issues related to COVID-19 pandemic recovery 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.

16. 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, the Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing and "Place and Life in the UNECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes";

(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 SDG Volunteer Local Reviews;

(d) More efficient and resilient land administration and management systems.

17. 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.

III. Deliverables to be implemented in 2023

18. 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> | <i>2023 planned</i> |
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A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies

| <i>Category and subcategory</i> | <i>2022 planned</i> | <i>2023 planned</i> |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Parliamentary documentation (number of documents) | 10 | 19 |
| 1. Documentation for the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management | 10 | 12 |
| 2. Documentation for Working Party on Land Administration | 0 | 7 |
| Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings) | 22 | 24 |
| 3. Meetings of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and its Bureau | 14 | 14 |
| 4. Meetings of the Working Party on Land Administration and its Bureau | 6 | 10 |
| B. Generation and transfer of knowledge | | |
| Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects) | 1 | 1 |
| 5. Projects on country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning | 1 | 1 |
| Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days) | 4 | 6 |
| 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 | 4 |
| Publications (number of publications) | 4 | 4 |
| 7. Publications on housing and land management | 4 | 4 |
| Technical material (number of materials) | 1 | 2 |
| 8. Technical guidelines on housing and land management | 1 | 2 |
| ¹ 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 | | |
| 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 | | |
| 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 | | |
| Digital platforms and multimedia content: Update and maintenance of the websites related to urban development, housing and land management | | |