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Programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2023 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2024

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

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 for 2023.

The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management is invited to adopt this document and transmit it to the Economic Commission for Europe Executive Committee for its 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 (“Housing and Land Management component of the subprogramme”) for 2023. The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (“the Committee”) 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 United Nations 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 Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) proposed programme budget for 2023 (A/77/6 (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 cross-sectoral collaboration areas where multiple SDGs converge¹. 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 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.

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-

¹ The Economic Commission for Europe cross-sectoral collaboration areas are as follows: 1) Circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources; 2) Sustainable and smart cities for all ages; 3) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and 4) Measuring and monitoring progress towards achieving the SDGs.

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 nexus areas, as reflected in paragraph 3.

8. To contribute to the objective, the housing and land management component of the subprogramme will:

(a) Support member States' national, regional and local governments and other key stakeholders in the review of progress in achieving SDGs 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 12, and build their capacities for the implementation of measures to accelerate achieving the SDGs through technical assistance projects, thematic studies, trainings, exchange of experiences and best practices and policy advice on: affordable climate-neutral and decent housing for all; housing finance; smart sustainable cities, digitalisation in cities and innovative financial mechanisms for cities; land administration and management, including informal settlements; and urban strategies and programmes that integrate climate change measures and promote climate neutrality of buildings.

(b) Support local governments in the development of the evidence-based policies on sustainable housing and urban development through the application of the ECE/International Telecommunication Union (ITU) key performance indicators on smart sustainable cities, indicators on urban economic resilience and the United Nations system wide urban monitoring framework; and in the preparation of smart sustainable cities profiles and SDG Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) based on the assessments of achievement of the Goals.

(c) Provide assistance to national governments with the development of evidence-based urban and housing policies through the preparation of country profiles on urban development, housing and land management.

(d) Support the strengthening of governments' capacities to design, implement and monitor urban economic resilience and post-COVID-19 recovery and rebuilding plans and innovative financing instruments for their implementation, including support to the most vulnerable segments of population, especially those in informal settlements.

(e) Subject to a positive outcome of an evaluation of the First and Second forums of mayors, organize the Third Forum of Mayors to discuss the challenges for sustainable housing and urban development.

9. 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, adequacy and accessibility for all; the energy efficiency and climate neutrality of buildings; and sustainable and resilient urban development.

(b) Increased capacity of national and local governments for the development of housing and urban development policies and programmes, which integrate the concepts of the 2030 Agenda, the Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing, and the action plan "Place and Life in the UNECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in the region, city, neighbourhood and homes".

(c) Improved understanding by city authorities of their socioeconomic development priorities through the preparation of smart sustainable cities profiles and SDG VLRs based on the use of ECE/ITU key performance indicators for smart sustainable cities, urban economic resilience indicators and the UN system wide urban monitoring framework.

(d) Increased capacity of land administration authorities to develop national land administration and management systems based on thematic studies and capacity building activities in land administration and management.

(e) More effective local urban development and housing policies and economic recovery plans related to COVID-19, in particular for the most vulnerable segments of population living in informal settlements.

IV. Planned result for 2023

10. The subprogramme will aim at achieving the following result: **Acceleration of the city level implementation of the SDGs.**

(a) Proposed programme plan for 2023

11. While the Sustainable Development Goals are a global framework used at the national level, their implementation relies heavily on cities and regions. The preparation of smart sustainable cities profiles and voluntary local reviews of the implementation of the Goals enables the localization of the Goals, ensures a more detailed and nuanced assessment of progress towards implementing the 2030 Agenda at the city level and supports building local capacities for achieving the Goals. The subprogramme assessed the experience of cities in the ECE region in the development of profiles and voluntary local reviews and their impact on urban sustainability. Based on the assessment, it elaborated regional guidelines for the development of VLRs and online training to support their implementation. Implementation of the guidelines will assist local and regional governments in the ECE region in the development of their voluntary local reviews and, through that, in promoting urban sustainability and resilience.

(b) Lessons learned and planned change

12. The lesson for the subprogramme was that it needed to ground its work on solid evidence, the local context, multi-level governance and partnerships and holistic approaches to urban development to further promote the use of smart cities profiles and/or VLRs so they become a tool to create long-term strategies for sustainable development; support regions and cities in addressing the socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and promote value creation, measurable opportunities and ecosystem-based solutions for the community, in order to leave no one behind. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will support city governments in the development of profiles and SDG VLRs based on rigorous data analysis, in cooperation with national governments and in partnerships with other international organizations and financial institutions.

13. The expected progress is presented in the performance measure below (see Table 1).

Table 1
Performance measure

<i>2019 (actual)</i>	<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (planned)</i>	<i>2023 (planned)</i>
One smart sustainable cities profile (for Voznesensk, Ukraine) using evidence-based approaches developed	One smart sustainable cities profile (for NurSultan, Kazakhstan) using evidence-based approaches developed	Two smart sustainable cities profiles using evidence-based approaches developed (for Grodno, Belarus, and Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)	Three additional smart sustainable cities profiles and VLRs using evidence-based approaches developed	Four additional smart sustainable cities profiles and VLRs using evidence-based approaches developed

V. External factors

14. The Housing and Land Management component of 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 2023

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

Table 2
Subprogramme 8: Housing and Land Management component deliverables for 2023 by category and subcategory

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies	
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	18
Documentation for the:	
1. Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management	11
2. Working Party on Land Administration	7
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	24
Meetings of the:	
3. Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and its Bureau	14
4. Working Party on Land Administration and its Bureau	10

B. Generation and transfer of knowledge	
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	1
5. Country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning	1
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	8
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	8
Publications (number of publications)	4
7. On housing and land management	4
Technical materials (number of materials)	2
8. Technical guidelines on housing and land management	2
Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions (number of missions)	1
9. Fact-finding missions for policymakers in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning	1
C. Substantive deliverables	
Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services for policymakers in up to 4 member States, 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 (2)	
External and media relations: press releases related to housing and land management activities	
Digital platforms and multimedia content: websites related to housing, land management for global and regional access	

Annex I

I. Details of proposed publications for 2023

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	Country Profile on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management	The mandate, including for language editions, is expected to be provided by the 83rd session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management in October 2022 and reflected in its report (doc. ECE/HBP/213).	Print and electronic	A4	120	E	R (RB)	200E, 200R
2	Smart Sustainable Cities Profile	The mandate, including for language editions, is expected to be provided by the 83rd session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management in October 2022 and reflected in its report (doc. ECE/HBP/213).	Print and electronic	A4	70	E	R (RB)	200E, 200R
3	Smart Sustainable Cities Profile	The mandate, including for language editions, is expected to be provided by the 83rd session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management in October 2022 and reflected in its report (doc. ECE/HBP/213).	Electronic	A4	70	E		No hard copies, only digital version
4	Study on Housing Finance	The mandate, including for language editions, is expected to be provided by the 83rd session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management in October 2022 and reflected in its report (doc. ECE/HBP/213).	Electronic	A4	100	E		No hard copies, only digital version

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 on the activities of Committee on Housing and Land Management	A/77/6 (Sect.20)	Electronic	A4	4	E	R	
2	Fact sheets on the activities Working Party on Land Administration	A/77/6 (Sect.20)	Electronic	A4	4	E	R	

Annex II

I. Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

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
69/283	Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
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
71/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
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, 76/215	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, 76/204	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
75/290 B	Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level
75/324	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
76/221	South-South cooperation
<hr/> <i>Economic and Social Council resolutions</i> <hr/>	
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

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

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 (69)	High-level statement
B (69)	Circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources
C (69)	Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

General Assembly resolutions

70/107	International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development
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)

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2020/7	Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness
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Economic Commission for Europe decisions

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 th session (Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development)

ECE/HBP/208

Report of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management on its eighty-second session (Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes)
