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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighty-fourth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Wednesday, 4 October 2023, in Room Tempus

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5. Matters arising since the last Committee session:
 - (a) Recent developments in the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Europe;
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6. Review of the implementation of the programmes of work 2022 and 2023:
 - (a) Implementation of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities initiative;
 - (b) Building urban resilience through action plans, nature-based solutions, and innovative and green financing;
 - (c) Voluntary Local Reviews: measuring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals at the local level;
 - (d) Activities of the network of the Geneva UN Charter Centres for Sustainable Housing and Smart Sustainable Cities;
 - (e) Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for Sustainable, Climate-Neutral and Energy-Efficient Buildings and Cities;
 - (f) Affordable, carbon-neutral and energy-efficient housing in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe;
 - (g) Land administration and management;



- (h) Country profiles on urban development, housing and land management.
- 7. Update on technical cooperation activities.
- 8. Programmes of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2024 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2025.
- 9. Election of the Bureau.
- 10. Other business.
- 11. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda for the eighty-fourth session (ECE/HBP/218)

1. The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (CUDHLM) who will present the agenda, prepared in consultation with the Committee Bureau, for adoption.

2. Report on the outcomes of the Third Forum of Mayors and related recommendations

Documentation: Draft recommendations from the Third Forum of Mayors to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (ECE/HBP/2023/1)

2. In January 2023, the Executive Committee (EXCOM) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) established the Forum of Mayors as a subsidiary body of CUDHLM in the form of a Team of Specialists (ECE/EX/2023/L.4). The EXCOM also decided that the Forum of Mayors would convene its meetings annually in Geneva immediately prior to the session of CUDHLM. According to the decision, the Third Forum of Mayors will take place in Geneva on 2 and 3 October 2023.¹

3. The Chair of the Forum of Mayors will inform the Committee of its outcomes and will present recommendations from the Forum to the Committee (ECE/HBP/2023/1).

4. The Committee will be invited to:

- (a) Take note of the information provided about the Forum;
- (b) Discuss and agree on the recommendations of the Forum of Mayors, as appropriate;
- (c) Make recommendations regarding the organization of the Fourth Forum of Mayors in 2024.

3. Follow-up to the adoption of the San Marino Declaration on principles for sustainable and inclusive urban design and architecture

Documentation: San Marino Declaration on Principles for Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Design and Architecture in Support of Sustainable, Safe, Healthy, Socially Inclusive, Climate-neutral and Circular Homes, Urban Infrastructure and Cities (ECE/HBP/2022/2)

¹ Please see details on the Third Forum of Mayors at its web page <https://forumofmayors.unecce.org/>.

5. At its eighty-third session, the Committee adopted the San Marino Declaration.² Delegates will be informed of events where the San Marino Declaration was discussed as well as of relevant actions by member States.

6. The Committee will be invited to formulate recommendations for activities under the Committee's 2024 programme to support sustainable and inclusive urban design and architecture in the ECE region.

4. Update on the implementation of the “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”

Documentation: “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” (ECE/HBP/215)

7. The Place and Life in the ECE was endorsed by the ECE Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management on 6 October 2021.

8. A panel discussion on the implementation of the Regional Action Plan will be held. The panel will include representatives from national and subnational governments, academia, and civil society who will share experiences and best practices in implementing the Regional Action Plan in their respective countries, cities, and communities.

9. The Committee will be invited to take note of activities that supported the implementation of the Regional Action Plan 2030.

5. Matters arising since the last Committee session

Documentation: Economic Commission for Europe Biennial Report (20 April 2021-18 April 2023) (E/ECE/1503)

10. Delegates will be informed of recent developments in ECE and other United Nations organizations which will have an impact on the work of the Committee and will need to be considered in planning the implementation of the Committee programmes of work for 2023 and 2024.

(a) Recent developments in the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Europe

11. The secretariat will inform the Committee about the outcomes and relevant decisions of the ECE Commission session (Geneva, 18-19 April 2023), including the initiative to strengthen cooperation between the ECE sectoral committees.

12. The secretariat will inform delegates of recent developments at the United Nations, including the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE Region (Geneva, 29-30 March 2023),³ the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (New York, 10-19 July 2023)⁴ and the Second United Nations Habitat Assembly (Nairobi, Kenya, 5-9 June 2023).⁵ Delegates will be also informed of ECE engagement in the Local2030 Coalition.⁶

13. The secretariat will inform the Committee of the preparations for the following upcoming global events: the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (Dubai,

² <https://unece.org/isu/documents/2022/12/post-session-documents/san-marino-declaration>

³ <https://regionalforum.unece.org/events/regional-forum-2023>

⁴ <https://hlpf.un.org/2023>

⁵ <https://unhabitat.org/events/second-un-habitat-assembly>

⁶ Local2030 Coalition, <https://www.local2030.org/>

United Arab Emirates, 30 November-12 December 2023)⁷ and the Twelfth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF12) (Cairo, November 2024).⁸

(b) Recent developments in other organizations

14. The secretariat will inform the Committee on relevant developments which may have a bearing on the Committee's work.

15. Representatives of UN-Habitat, other United Nations agencies and United Nations Regional Economic Commissions, the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and other organizations and networks outside the United Nations will provide information about their activities of relevance to the Committee.

16. The Committee will be invited to take note of the information provided and make recommendations for its future work.

6. Review of the implementation of the programmes of work 2022 and 2023

Documentation: Draft programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2022 (ECE/HBP/2021/9)

Draft programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2023 (ECE/HBP/2022/9)

Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-third session (ECE/HBP/2023/2)

17. The Committee will be invited to review the implementation of the 2022 and 2023 programmes of work as detailed under subitems 6 (a)-6 (h).

(a) Implementation of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities initiative

Documentation: Smart Sustainable Cities Profile: Podgorica, Montenegro (ECE/HBP/2023/Inf. 1)

Smart Sustainable Cities Profile: Almaty, Kazakhstan (ECE/HBP/2023/Inf. 2)

18. The secretariat will inform the Committee about ongoing activities of ECE within the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) initiative, including the: (a) finalization of activities under the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) 12th tranche project "Sustainable Smart Cities with Innovative Financing";⁹ and (b) organization of the U4SSC annual meeting on 20 June 2023.

19. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Take note of the information provided;

(b) Welcome the development of smart sustainable city profiles for the cities of Almaty, Kazakhstan, and Podgorica, Montenegro;

⁷ <https://unfccc.int/cop28>

⁸ <https://wuf.unhabitat.org/>

⁹ The project was supported by the UNDA 12 tranche projects, see more at <https://unece.org/housing/innovativefinancing-sustainablesmartcities> and <https://unece.org/housing/projects/NUA-implementation>; and through a project "Strengthening capacities of selected CIS countries to implement urban related SDGs through Country Profiles on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and innovative financing mechanisms" funded by the Russian Federation

(c) Approve the profiles as official publications in English and Russian, digital and print formats.

(b) Building urban resilience through action plans, nature-based solutions, innovative and green financing

Documentation: COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region (ECE/HBP/214)

Principles for Green Financing for Sustainable Real Estate, Infrastructure and Urban Transformation Projects (ECE/HBP/2023/3)

Informal Network of Experts on Urban Nature (ECE/HBP/2023/4)

20. The secretariat will inform delegates of (a) outcomes of the UNDA “rapid response” project “Building Urban Economic Resilience during and after COVID-19”¹⁰ and results of the project evaluation;¹¹ (b) urban action work by the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI), including the urban trees and forests work, the Trees in Cities Challenge,¹² the Informal Network on Urban Nature;¹³ forests for food in cities (NaturEatTown (NET)), as well as low-carbon buildings; and (c) ECE instruments to support cities in the use of innovative and green financial instruments for urban recovery.¹⁴

21. In addition, to develop further guidance to cities on green financing, the CUDHLM Bureau elaborated the “Principles for Green Financing for Sustainable Real Estate, Infrastructure and Urban Transformation Projects”. The Principles will be presented to the Committee.

22. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Welcome the secretariat’s work in support of building urban resilience and sustainability; and invite the secretariat to continue this work as part of the future project “Supporting member States in urban economic resilience-building for inclusive responses and recovery regarding natural, man-made disasters, climate change, internal and external shocks”;

(b) Take note of the urban action work of COFFI;

(c) Engage in activities of the Informal Network on Urban Nature of COFFI managed by the ECE Forestry and Timber Section, given the existing synergies with COFFI in the areas of greening cities and urban forests;

(d) Endorse the “Principles for Green Financing for Sustainable Real Estate, Infrastructure and Urban Transformation Projects” and approve it as an official publication in English and Russian, digital format only.

(c) Voluntary Local Reviews: measuring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals at the local level

Documentation: Guidelines for the development of Voluntary Local Reviews in the ECE Region (ECE/HBP/2022/6)

23. The secretariat will update the Committee on the testing of the Guidelines for the Development of Voluntary Local Reviews in the ECE Region through the implementation

¹⁰ Project web page is at www.urbaneconomicresilience.org

¹¹ Evaluation brief of the project is under the [link](#)

¹² <https://treesincities.unece.org/>

¹³ <https://treesincities.unece.org/informal-network-experts-sustainable-urban-forestry>

¹⁴ Guidelines on tools and mechanisms to finance Smart Sustainable Cities projects, <https://unece.org/info/Housing-and-Land-Management/pub/368918>; and Compendium of Practices on Innovative Financing for Smart Sustainable Cities Projects, <https://www.itu.int/en/publications/Documents/tsb/2023-U4SSC-Compendium-Practices-Innovative-Financing-SSC-Projects/index.html#p=1>

of related projects; and the development of an online training programme on Voluntary Local Reviews.¹⁵

24. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Take note of the information provided;

(b) Welcome the activities of the secretariat on the development of the online training portal, the testing of the Guidelines in pilot cities and the organization of capacity-building activities.

(d) Activities of the network of the Geneva UN Charter Centres for Sustainable Housing and Smart Sustainable Cities

25. Information on the activities of the network of eight Centres of Excellence¹⁶ which support the Committee in the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and the “Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030” will be presented to the Committee.

26. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Welcome the activities of the Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence that support the Committee in the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and the Regional Action Plan 2030;

(b) Reiterate the central role of the Centres of Excellence in the implementation of the programmes of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme;

(c) Invite the Centres of Excellence to continue their activities, in coordination with the secretariat, in line with relevant ECE guidance documents.

(e) Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for Sustainable, Climate-Neutral and Energy-Efficient Buildings and Cities

Documentation: Programme of Work of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for 2023-2024 (ECE/HBP/2022/8)

27. The Real Estate Market Advisory Group (REM) supports the Committee and the Working Party on Land Administration in the implementation of their work programmes. The REM Chair will present a report on the activities of the Advisory Group to the Committee.

28. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Take note of the report on the REM activities since the eighty-third Committee session;

(b) Welcome the activities of REM in the implementation of the programmes of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme.

(f) Affordable, carbon-neutral and energy-efficient housing in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe

Documentation: "#Housing2030: Effective policies for affordable housing in the UNECE region" (ECE/HBP/204)

Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency for 2024-2025 (ECE/ENERGY/2023/10)

¹⁵ Support to the development of the online portal was provided by the project “Improved sustainable urban development in Norwegian cities”, <https://unece.org/housing/norwegian-project>. The project evaluation report is available at https://unece.org/evaluation-reports#accordion_9 under Housing, Land Management and Population

¹⁶ <https://unece.org/housing/charter-centres>

29. The secretariat will provide a report on activities under the #Housing2030 Initiative,¹⁷ including a side event organized at the International Social Housing Festival (Barcelona, Spain, 7-9 June 2023).

30. Representatives of the Committee secretariat and of the ECE Sustainable Energy Division will inform the Committee about the progress of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings of the ECE Region (established in 2017 and renewed until 2023) since the Committee's eighty-third session and will invite delegates to extend the mandate of the Task Force until 2025.

31. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Take note of the activities and outcomes of the work of the Joint Task Force since the Committee's eighty-third session and advise on the Committee's participation in the work of the Joint Task Force for the period 2024-2025;

(b) Endorse the "Terms of Reference of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings for 2024-2025" and agree to extend the mandate of the Joint Task Force until 2025;

(c) Invite member States and other stakeholders to provide financial and in-kind support to activities of the Task Force.

(g) Land administration and management

Documentation: Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Land Administration for the period 2025-2030 (ECE/HBP/2023/5)

Draft programme of work of the Working Party on Land Administration 2024-2025 (ECE/HBP/2023/6)

Ecosystems and security for future land administration arrangements (ECE/HBP/2023/Inf. 3)

32. The Chair of the Working Party on Land Administration will inform the Committee about activities carried out since its eighty-third session, outcomes of the thirteenth session of the Working Party (Geneva, 4-5 April 2023)¹⁸ and the Working Party's future activities.

33. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Note with appreciation the activities of the Working Party on Land Administration, including the organization of its thirteenth session;

(b) Welcome the thematic report on "Ecosystems and security for future land administration arrangements", prepared by the Working Party;

(c) Approve the report as an official publication in English and Russian, digital and print format;

(d) Approve the extension of the mandate of the Working Party until 2030 and transmit it to EXCOM for final approval;

(e) Endorse the Working Party programme of work for 2024-2025.

(h) Country profiles on urban development, housing and land management

Documentation: Draft country profile on urban development, housing and land management of Albania (ECE/HBP/2023/Inf. 4)

Assessment of the national housing policy of Montenegro (ECE/HBP/2023/Inf. 5)

¹⁷ <https://www.housing2030.org/>

¹⁸ <https://unece.org/housing-and-land-management/events/wpla-13thsession>

34. The secretariat will inform the Committee about the recent activities to develop country profiles and about additional requests to develop country profiles to be addressed by the secretariat.
35. The Committee will be invited to take note of:
- (a) The finalization of the country profile of Albania;
 - (b) Outcomes of the assessment of the national housing policies of Montenegro and the status of the country profile;
 - (c) The request of the Government of Uzbekistan to develop a country profile;
 - (d) The request of the Government of Armenia to develop a country profile.
36. The Committee will be invited to consider any other requests for the development of a country profile.

7. Update on technical cooperation activities

Documentation: Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-second session (ECE/HBP/2023/2)

37. The secretariat will inform the Committee of technical cooperation activities since the eighty-third Committee session.
38. The Committee will be invited to take note of the activities and advise accordingly.

8. Programmes of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2024 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2025

Documentation: Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-third session (ECE/HBP/2023/2)

Draft programme of work of the Housing and Land Management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2024 (ECE/HBP/2023/7)

Planning of official publications and promotional materials for 2025 of the Housing and Land Management Component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme (ECE/HBP/2023/8)

Outline of key components of the programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2025 (ECE/HBP/2023/Inf.6)

39. The secretariat will present the programme of work for 2024, an outline of key components of this programme and a proposal for official publications and promotional materials for 2025.
40. The Committee will be invited to:
- (a) Take note of the information on the activities implemented by the Committee under its programmes of work 2022 and 2023;
 - (b) Adopt the draft programme of work 2024 and recommend it to EXCOM for approval;
 - (c) Approve the detailed list of activities proposed to implement the 2024 programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme, as presented in ECE/HBP/2023/2;
 - (d) Review the key components of the work programme of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme

for 2025 and provide the agreed recommendations on these components, including the modifications proposed by the secretariat;

(e) Approve the proposal for official publications and promotional materials of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2025.

9. Election of the Bureau

41. The Committee will elect Bureau members, including its Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who will hold office until the end of the eighty-fifth session.

10. Other business

42. Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item.

11. Adoption of the report

43. The Chair will summarize the major decisions taken by the Committee. The Committee is invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat. The Chair will inform members of the expected date for the next Committee session.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>		
Wednesday, 4 October	10:00–10:05	1	Adoption of the agenda	
	10:05-10:30	2	Report on the outcomes of the Third Forum of Mayors and related recommendations	
	10:30–11:00	3	Follow-up to the adoption of the San Marino Declaration on principles for sustainable and inclusive urban design and architecture	
	11:00-13:00	4	Update on the implementation of the Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030	
	15:00-15:30		5	Matters arising since the last Committee session
			6	Review of the implementation of the programmes of work 2022 and 2023:
	15:30-16:00	6 (a)	Implementation of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities Initiative	
	16:00-17:00	6 (b)	Building urban resilience through action plans, nature-based solutions, innovative and green financing	
	17:00-18:00	6 (c)	Voluntary Local Reviews: measuring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals at the local level	
	Thursday, 5 October	10:00-12:00	6 (d)	Activities of the network of the Geneva UN Charter Centres for Sustainable Housing and Smart Sustainable Cities
12:00-13:00		6 (e)	Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for Sustainable, Climate-Neutral and Energy-Efficient Buildings and Cities	
15:00-16:00		6 (f)	Affordable, carbon-neutral and energy-efficient housing in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe	
16:00-17:00		6 (g)	Land administration and management	
17:00-18:00		6 (h)	Country profiles on urban development, housing and land management	
Friday, 6 October	10:00-13:00	7	Update on technical cooperation activities	
	15:00-16:30	8	Programmes of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2024 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2025	

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
	16:30-17:00	9 Election of the Bureau
	17:00-17:30	10 Other business
	17:30-18:00	11 Adoption of the report
