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Draft programme of work of the housing and land management component of Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2024

Note by the Secretariat

Summary

This document presents a draft programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme (“Housing and Land Management component of the subprogramme”) for 2024.

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 sets out 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 2024. 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 2024 (A/78/6 (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 the 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 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.
8. To contribute to the objective, the housing and land management component of the subprogramme will:

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; 4) Measuring and monitoring progress towards achieving the SDGs; and 5) Digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the ECE region.

(a) Support the national, regional and local governments of member States and other key stakeholders in the review of progress in achieving Sustainable Development Goals 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 12, and build their capacities for the implementation of measures to accelerate achieving the Goals through technical assistance projects, thematic studies, training sessions, the exchange of experiences and best practices and policy advice on: affordable climate-neutral and decent housing for all; housing finance; smart sustainable cities and digitization in 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 the climate neutrality of buildings;

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

(c) Provide assistance to national Governments and local ones in 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 the capacities of national Governments and local ones in the design, implementation and monitoring of urban resilience plans and sustainable urban infrastructure development projects, including those that provide support to the most vulnerable persons, especially those in informal settlements;

(e) Promote multi-stakeholder partnerships and innovative financing instruments to unlock further financing and partnerships for the implementation of these plans and projects, in collaboration with the Geneva United Nations Charter Centres of Excellence;

(f) Organize the fourth 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 UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and relevant best practices, including those developed and shared by the Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence, 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 voluntary local reviews of the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, based on the revised guidelines for the development of voluntary local reviews in the ECE region and using ECE/International Telecommunication Union key performance indicators for smart sustainable cities, urban economic resilience indicators and a United Nations 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 related resilience plans, in particular for the most vulnerable segments of population living in informal settlements.

IV. Planned results for 2024

Result 1: acceleration of the city-level implementation of the SDGs

10. Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see Table 1).

Table 1
Performance measure

<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>	<i>2023 (planned)</i>	<i>2024 (planned)</i>
One smart sustainable cities profile (for Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan) using evidence-based approaches developed	Two smart sustainable cities profiles (for Hrodna, Belarus, and Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan) using evidence-based approaches developed	Two smart sustainable cities profile (for Tbilisi, Georgia, and Podgorica, Montenegro) and one smart sustainable country/city profile (for San Marino and its cities) developed using evidence-based approaches	Four additional smart sustainable cities profiles (Ålesund, Asker, Bærum, Rana and Trondheim; Norway) using evidence-based approaches developed	Four additional country/city profiles and smart sustainable city profiles and voluntary local reviews using evidence-based approaches developed Two cities implementing the recommendations contained in the profiles and voluntary local reviews

Result 2: acceleration of the city-level implementation of best practices in housing and land management and urban development

Proposed programme plan for 2024

11. ECE cities face challenges in ensuring the comprehensive treatment of housing, land management and urban development. To support city authorities, the subprogramme prepared thematic guideline documents to help cities to develop reform initiatives that create horizontal synergies across policy areas and vertical synergies among the local, national and global levels.

Lessons learned and planned change

12. The lesson for the subprogramme was that targeted support to local governments should combine evidence-based analysis with thematic, action-oriented policy briefs and best practice guidelines. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will utilize its evidence-based analysis to develop thematic, action-oriented policy briefs and guidelines in collaboration with its network of experts and ECE cities. The subprogramme will also support local governments and national Governments in better coordinating housing, land management and urban development initiatives with other policy areas (horizontal synergies), bolstering regional cooperation and finding local solutions to global challenges such as climate change (vertical synergies).

13. Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see Table 2).

Table 2
Performance measure

<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>	<i>2023 (planned)</i>	<i>2024 (planned)</i>
–	–	“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” adopted by member States	One city (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan) implementing recommendations contained in the thematic policy briefs and guidelines on housing, land management and urban development	Two countries/cities implementing recommendations contained in the thematic policy briefs and guidelines on housing, land management and urban development

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 2024

15. The table below lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 2

Subprogramme 8: Housing and Land Management component deliverables for 2024 by category and subcategory

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies	
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	11
Documentation for the:	
1. Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management	11
2. Working Party on Land Administration	-
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	18
4. Working Party on Land Administration and its Bureau	6
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge	
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	2
5. Country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning	2
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 and urban development for global and regional access	

Annex I

I. Details of proposed publications for 2024

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 was provided in the Report of 83 session of CUDHLM (ECE/HBP/213 para 82) and in (ECE/HBP/2022/10, para 1) for publishing in English and Russian languages, digital and print.	Print and electronic	A4	120	E	R	200E, 200R
2	Smart Sustainable Cities Profile	The mandate was provided in the Report of 83 session of CUDHLM (ECE/HBP/213 para 82) and in (ECE/HBP/2022/10, para 1) for publishing in English and Russian languages, including digital version.	Print and electronic	A4	70	E	R	200E, 200R
3	Smart Sustainable Cities Profile	The mandate was provided in the Report of 83 session of CUDHLM (ECE/HBP/213 para 82) and in (ECE/HBP/2022/10, para 1) for publishing in English and Russian languages, including digital versions.	Print and electronic	A4	70	E		200E
4	Study on Housing Finance	The mandate was provided in the Report of 83 session of CUDHLM (ECE/HBP/213 para 82) and in (ECE/HBP/2021/10, para 1) for publishing in English and Russian languages, digital only.	Electronic	A4	100	E	R	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/78/6 (Sect.20)	Electronic	A4	4	E	R	
2	Fact sheets on the activities Working Party on Land Administration	A/78/6 (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
75/8, 77/15	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM
75/9, 77/16	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
77/185	South-South cooperation

Economic and Social Council resolutions

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
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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)
76/133	Inclusive policies and programmes to address homelessness, including in the aftermath of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
77/173	Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and 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 82nd 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”)
ECE/HBP/213	Report of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management on its 83rd session Annex I (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)
