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Best practices in building capacity in countries with economies in transition in housing and urban development

Sunday, 11 February 2018

15:00-17:00

One UN room

Background

Countries with economies in transition often lack institutional capacity and expertise for effective implementation of 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda. The networking event will present findings of the joint UNECE/UN-Habitat UNDA 9th tranche project "Strengthening national capacities for sustainable housing and urban development in countries with economies in transition", which was implemented in four countries – Armenia, Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Tajikistan. The networking event will discuss experiences and lessons learned in mapping gaps in capacities for the policy implementation at national level and will share developed best practices in building those capacities in different political and economic contexts.

The networking event will start with a presentation of the project output by the UN partner organisations – the UNECE and UN-Habitat; it will then continue with two interactive panels.

In the first panel, high-level representatives of the governments of the countries in which the project was implemented will discuss key policy priorities in their countries and how the project supported building capacities for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda. They will formulate key outcomes of the project in their countries, the challenges and lessons learned.

The second panel will include interventions by international experts in capacity building, including those who were involved in the project, who will highlight key topics important for effective and sustainable in long-term building capacities.

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Objectives

(1) Formulation of best practices in building capacities in countries with transition economies to achieve the urban related SDGs, implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda

(2) Strengthened cooperation of UN agencies and other international organisations in supporting countries with economies in transition to achieve the urban related SDGs and to implement relevant global and regional commitments

(3) Increased awareness among member States about the importance of capacity building activities and sharing best practices for more effective implementation of urban and housing policies.

Agenda	
15:00-15:30	**Moderator: Gulnara Roll,** Head, Housing and Land Management Unit, UNECE • Introduction by Moderator • **Remy Sietchiping**, Leader, Regional and Metropolitan Planning Unit, Urban Planning and Design Branch, UN-HABITAT
15:30– 16:30 (7 minutes interventions)	**Presentations on the current steps on the development, implementation and monitoring of the National Action Plan including financing, cooperation with stakeholders and risks** • **Dmitry Semenkevich**, Vice-Minister of Architecture and Construction of Belarus • **Arsen Karapetyan**, Executive Director, Development Solutions Institute Foundation **Comments from international organisations** • **Tadashi Matsumoto**, Coordinator, National Urban Policy, Climate Change and Green Growth, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development, OECD

	• **Katarina Barunica**, Associated Industrial Development Officer, Department of Energy, UNIDO • Asian Development Bank - tbc
16:30– 17:00	• Discussion and closing remarks