



20 February 2018

Invitation to the Third Meeting of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) Initiative

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) Initiative, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) together with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) are organizing the **Third Meeting of the U4SSC Initiative** that will be kindly hosted by the City of Malaga on 26 April 2018 in Malaga, Spain. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the [9th Forum on Urban Intelligence and Sustainability](#) taking place from 25-26 April 2018 in Malaga, Spain.

The United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) initiative is a UN initiative supported by 16 UN agencies and programmes to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 11: "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable". The U4SSC serves as the global platform to advocate for public policy and to encourage the use of ICTs to facilitate and ease the transition to smart sustainable cities. More information about this initiative can be found at <http://www.unece.org/housing-and-land-management/united-4-smart-sustainable-cities-u4ssc.html>.

The main objectives of this meeting are to:

- revise the terms of reference of the U4SSC;
- present the set of deliverables developed within U4SSC;
- provide a platform to present views on recent trends and explore opportunities to identify strategies on, inter alia, standardization, integration & interoperability to build smarter and more sustainable cities;
- deliberate on the future activities and develop an action plan for the coming year;
- engage in discussions on the development of the Global Smart Sustainable Cities Index.

The third meeting aims to bring together leading specialists in the field, from city planners to engineers, designers, policy-makers, government officials, regulators, academia and standards experts. This meeting will be held in English only.

Participation in the **Third Meeting of the U4SSC initiative** is open to governments, cities and cities' associations representatives, international, local and regional organizations, private sector, academia, NGOs and individual experts belonging to any ITU and UNECE member State, who wishes to contribute to the work. Participation at the workshop is free of charge, but no fellowships will be granted.

Information relating to this meeting, including draft programme and practical information, will be available on the event website at: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48087>. This website will be regularly updated as new or modified information become available. Participants are requested to check periodically for new updates.

Wireless LAN facilities will be available at the venue of the event.

Registration is mandatory for all participants planning to attend this meeting. You are invited to complete the [online registration form by 16 April 2018](#). Please note that pre-registration of participants for this meeting is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively *online*.

We wish to bring to your attention that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa to enter Spain. The visa must be requested at least four (4) weeks before the date of beginning of the meeting and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Spain in your country. If there is no such office in your country, kindly avail of the visa services from the embassy or consulate that is closest to the country of your departure. Please see the event's webpage for additional information on visa requirement. You can use this letter to obtain a visa for Spain for 24 to 27 April 2018.

In case of inquiries, please address them to Ms. Domenica Carriero at domenica.carriero@un.org.

Yours sincerely,



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