

THE GLASGOW CONFERENCE on CITY LIVING

By 2050, almost three quarters of the world's population will live in urban areas; the 21st century could be considered the "Century of Cities". The HABITAT III Regional Report on housing and urban development in the UNECE region (2016) identified key challenges in cities: urban sprawl, environmental degradation, climate change, extreme weather conditions and technological advancements (automation and artificial intelligence). These challenges are exacerbated by the demographic problems of ageing, low fertility and migration. Due to these challenges, the pressure on infrastructure and social services has increased dramatically. Cities need to become more resilient and ensure they provide affordable, adequate and healthy housing and basic infrastructure for all.

As we seek to resolve these challenges, cities face these fundamental questions – *How will urban life be? And how could we improve it?* The UNECE Conference on City Living (Glasgow, 12-13 September 2019) will examine these questions. The Conference will discuss progress in achieving access to affordable and decent housing for all in the UNECE region through the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing; best practices for the implementation of these agreements at local, national and international levels, including Glasgow's role in the UK as an exemplar of best practice in community owned and managed housing.

The conference will work towards elaborating the *Glasgow Declaration on City Living* which, alongside the Vienna Declaration (endorsed by the Vienna Conference on Sustainable Housing in 2018), will support the work of national and local governments, and other stakeholders in the UNECE region.

The Conference is organized by the City of Glasgow and the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, in partnership with the Academy of Urbanism and the Geneva UN Charter Centre at The Glasgow School of Art, and the Glasgow City-Region Partnership.

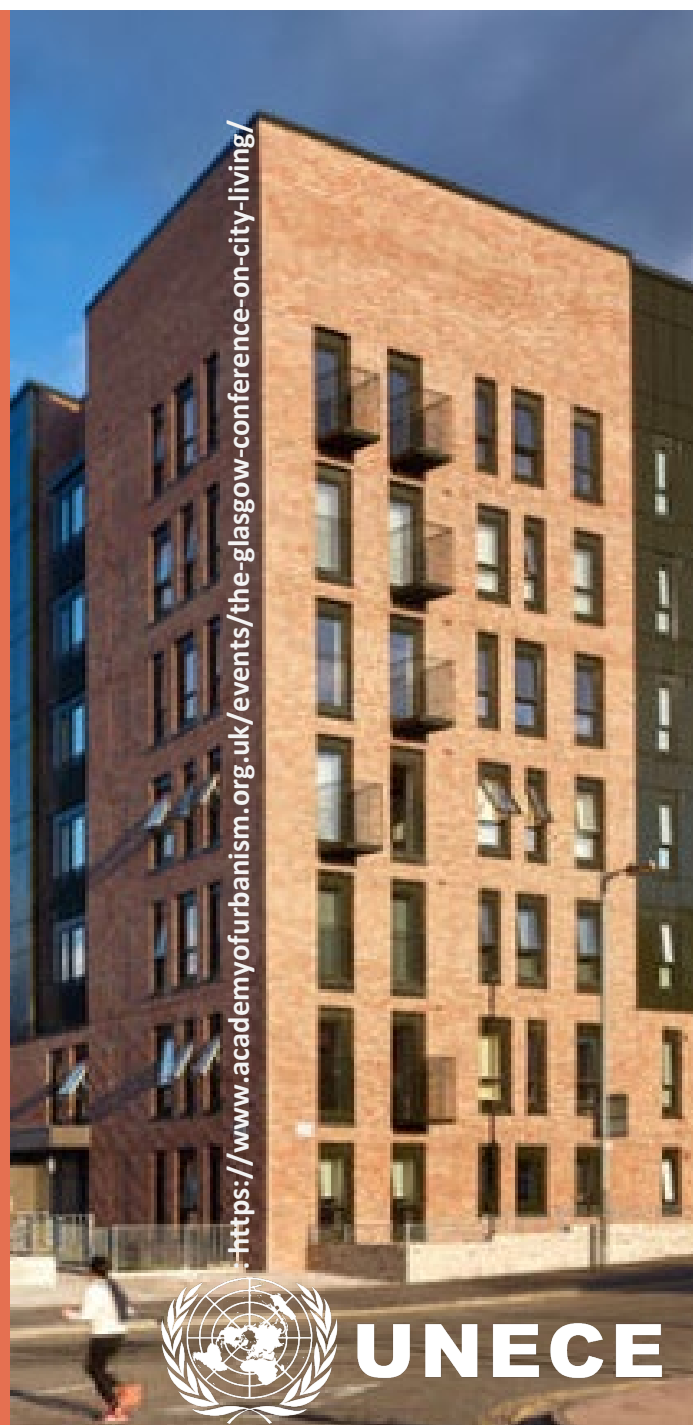
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