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Review of the programme of work

Draft programme of work of the Housing and Land Management subprogramme for 2012-2013

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 (“the subprogramme”) for 2012–2013¹. The Committee on Housing and Land Management (“the Committee”) is invited to consider the programme, including the list of mandated publications, and subsequently adopt it at its seventy-second session. It will then be submitted to the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Committee for formal approval. The Committee will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium and such adjustments will be reflected in a separate document.
2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities, an expected accomplishment and a list of outputs/activities proposed to be carried out in 2012–2013. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.
3. The grouping of activities into clusters is exactly the same as used by the Committee for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance. The correlation between the ECE Strategic Framework and the cluster framework used for subprogramme biennial evaluation for 2012–2013 is shown in Annex II to the present document.
4. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the ECE proposed programme budget for 2012–2013 and are complemented by additional items to reflect the more recent developments and needs of ECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities have been clearly indicated as “additional”.

¹ The legislative mandates for the subprogramme, together with the overall mandates for the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), are given in annex I

5. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.
6. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in Annex II to this document in order to facilitate the task of the Committee to assess whether all outputs which are necessary to achieve the expected result have been included in the plan.
7. Finally, Annex I to the present document lists the ECE overall legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme, and Annex III contains the list of mandated publications.

II. Objective and strategy

8. The objective of the housing and land management component of the subprogramme is to improve the housing, urban and land governance in the region, strengthening the formulation and implementation of policies, enhancing social cohesion and developing capacities at the national and local levels.
9. The responsibility for the housing and land management component of the subprogramme is vested in the Trade and Sustainable Land Management Division. The subprogramme will aim at promoting the implementation of the ECE strategy for a sustainable quality of life in human settlements in the twenty-first century and the Ministerial Declaration on Social and Economic Challenges in Distressed Urban Areas in the ECE Region. It will promote the development of affordable housing, further addressing effective management of multifamily housing estates linked to energy efficiency in housing, transparency in real estate markets as well as to improved land administration and spatial planning.
10. In order to contribute to the efficient and transparent governance and improvement of the urban environment, continued efforts will be made to analyse and review the existing housing situation, including: (a) maintenance, renewal and new construction, (b) energy efficiency measures and safety in buildings, and (c) legislation and housing finance. This process will lead to policy recommendations and related capacity-building activities. In addition, the subprogramme will promote the use by member States of ECE guidance in the areas of housing, including informal settlements, energy efficiency and sound real estate markets. The upgrade of land and real estate systems will be further supported in order to provide secure ownership in land, investment and other private and public rights in real estate. Regional model programmes and pilot projects as well as public-private partnerships will be encouraged.
11. The integration of housing policy with spatial planning, land administration, population and environmental policy will be strengthened. Such cross-sectoral issues as the energy efficiency of the housing sector and the housing needs of the low income segment of society will be addressed.

III. Outputs/activities for the 2012–2013 biennium

Cluster 1 Country profiles on the housing sector

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Improved national and local capacities for housing-related policy formulation and implementation

Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation

- 1.1 Annual sessions of the Committee on Housing and Land Management (8 half-days)
- 1.2 Meetings of the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management (4 half-days)
- 1.3 Meetings of the Working Group on a Possible Framework Convention on Sustainable Housing (the new title and the meetings are subject to approval by the seventy-second session of the Committee (8 half-days) (additional)
- 1.4 Background papers for in-depth discussions of the Committee (2)
- 1.5 Reports on specific topics requested by the Committee (8)
- 1.6 Reports of the annual sessions of the Committee (2)
- 1.7 Background papers for in-depth discussion of the Working Group (1) (additional)
- 1.8 Reports of the meetings of the Working Group (2) (additional)

(b) Publications and other information material

- 1.9 Country profiles (2)
- 1.10 A set of press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, fact-finding and advisory missions, and the issuance of the country profile studies (1)
- 1.11 Booklet and fact sheet of the Committee on Housing and Land Management (1)

(c) Technical cooperation

- 1.12 Fact-finding and advisory missions in the preparation of and follow-up of the country profiles of the housing sector (2) (extrabudgetary)
- 1.13 Workshops and seminars on housing issues (Launching events for the country profile studies) (1) (extrabudgetary)

Cluster 2

Land registration and land markets

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Improved national and local capacities for policy formulation and implementation in land administration to provide secure ownership in land, investments and other private and public rights in real estate

Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation

- 2.1 Biennial session of the Working Party on Land Administration (3 half-days)
- 2.2 Background paper for in-depth discussion of the Working Party (1)
- 2.3 Reports on specific topics requested by the Working Party (4)
- 2.4 Report of the biennial session of the Working Party (1)

(b) Publications and other information material

- 2.5 Land administration reviews (additional, as part of the country profiles on the housing sector) (2)
- 2.6 Study and recommendations on land administration issues (1) (additional)
- 2.7 Booklet of the Working Party on Land Administration (1)
- 2.8 A set of press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, workshops and the issuance of a publication (1)
- 2.9 Maintenance of the website providing access to information and documents related to land administration activities (1)

(c) Technical cooperation

- 2.10 Workshops and seminars on land administration issues (3) (extrabudgetary)
- 2.11 Workshops/roundtables on sustainable real estate markets (3) (extrabudgetary, additional)

Cluster 3

Urban environmental performance

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Improved formulation and implementation of spatial planning and urban development policies and environmentally sound uses of energy, water, raw materials and land in cities

Outputs/activities

(a) Publications and other information material

- 3.1 A study and policy recommendations on urban development and spatial planning (1)
- 3.2 A set of press releases to be issued on the occasion of workshops and the issuance of a publication (included in a set in Cluster 1)

(b) Technical cooperation

- 3.3 Workshops and seminars on urban development and spatial planning (1) (extra-budgetary)

Cluster 4

Housing modernization and management

Description of cluster (optional)

Expected accomplishments from this cluster

Implementation of UNECE guidelines on affordable and social housing as well as for management of the multi-family housing stock, housing finance and energy efficiency

Outputs/activities

(a) Publications and other information material

- 4.1 A study and policy recommendations on implementation of housing policies in the ECE region (1) (additional)
- 4.2 A set of press releases to be issued on the occasion of workshops and the issuance of a publication (included in a set in Cluster 1)
- 4.3 Maintenance of the website providing access to information and documents related to housing activities (1)

(b) Technical cooperation

- 4.4 Training workshops and seminars on affordable and energy efficient housing (3) (extrabudgetary)

Annex I

Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome
64/210	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
64/236	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2009/28	The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration on the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development adopted at the high-level segment of the 2008 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council
2009/29	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16

3. Others

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
E/ECE/ 1434/Rev.1	Work Plan on ECE Reform
A (64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme**1. Resolutions of the General Assembly**

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
57/275	Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
64/207	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

2. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
ECE/HBP/120	<i>Strategy for a sustainable quality of life in human settlements in the twenty-first Century</i> , endorsed at a ministerial meeting in 2000
ECE/HBP/142/Add.1	Ministerial Declaration on “Social and Economic Challenges in Distressed Urban Areas in the UNECE Region”, adopted in 2006

Annex II

Correlation between the ECE strategic framework and the cluster framework used for subprogramme biennial evaluation 2012–2013

Table A.

Expected accomplishments of the Subprogramme: Improved capacity for policy formulation and implementation in housing, planning and land administration in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, and South-Eastern Europe

Indicators of achievement:

(i) Increase in the number of countries that are engaged in an UNECE results-oriented assessment of their housing policies and land administration systems

(ii) Increase in the number of countries that report to have taken measures to improve housing policies and land management practices

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Cluster level expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
1. Country Profiles on the Housing Sector	Improved national and local capacities for housing-related policy formulation and implementation	(i) Number of countries that have taken measures to improve and implement housing policies following the UNECE results oriented assessment of the national housing sector <i>Performance measures:</i> Baseline 2008-2009: 13 countries Estimate 2010-2011: 16 countries Target 2012–2013: 18 countries
2. Land registration and land markets	Improved national and local capacities for policy formulation and implementation in land administration to provide secure ownership in land, investments and other private and public rights in real estate	(i) Number of countries that reported legal and institutional adjustments and increased transparency of land management practices following the UNECE results oriented assessment of their national land administration <i>Performance measures:</i> Baseline 2008-2009: 6 countries

Estimate 2010-2011: 8 countries

Target 2012-2013: 9 countries

Table B.

Expected accomplishments of the Subprogramme: Strengthened implementation by countries of UNECE guidelines on housing and land management, including on energy efficiency, informal settlements, transparency in land and real estate markets and on improved safety in buildings

Indicators of achievement:

(i) Increase in the number of countries that report to have taken measures to implement UNECE guidelines

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Cluster level expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
1. Urban environmental performance	Improved formulation and implementation of spatial planning and urban development policies and environmentally sound uses of energy, water, raw materials and land in cities	(i) Number of countries that reported adjustments in their policies for spatial planning and urban development in accordance with UNECE guidelines <i>Performance measures:</i> Baseline 2008-2009: 14 countries Estimate 2010-2011: 15 countries Target 2012-2013: 17 countries
2. Housing modernization and management	Implementation of UNECE guidelines on affordable and social housing as well as for management of the multi-family housing stock, housing finance and energy efficiency	(i) Number of follow-up activities in member States to the UNECE guidelines on condominium management, social housing, housing finance, real estate markets and energy efficiency in order to improve their implementation <i>Performance measures:</i> Baseline 2008-2009: 10 activities Estimate 2010-2011: 10 activities Target 2012-2013: 11 activities

Annex III

List of mandated publications

Item no. of 2012-2013 Publication Programme	Publication title	Expected date of issue (month and year)	Issue format (print and/or electronic)	If print, indicate paper size (e.g. A4)	Number of pages in original language	Original language(s) (e.g. E, F) or multi-lingual (e.g. E/R)	Language(s) for translation (e.g. F, R)	Number of copies and languages for reproduction (e.g. 800E, 500F, 500R)	Total no. of issues
243	Policy Guidelines on Housing and Land Management (A study and policy recommendations on urban development and spatial planning)	04/2012	Print and Internet	A4	80	E	R	800E, 500R	1
244	Country Profile	09/2012	Print and Internet	A4	75	E	R	300E, 500R	2
245	Country Profile	11/2013	Print and Internet	A4	75	E	R	300E, 500R	
253	A study on selected items related to housing and land management (A study and policy recommendations on implementation of housing policies in the ECE region)	2012/2013	Print and internet	A4	100	E	F, R	500E, 200F, 200R	1
255	Booklet and fact sheet on the Committee on Housing and Land Management	09/2012	Print and Internet	A4	4	E	R	800E, 500R	1
256	Booklet of the Working Party on Land Administration	06/2013	Print and Internet	A4	4	E	R	800E, 500R	1