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Summary

At its forty-eight meeting on 11 January 2012, the EXCOM took note of the revised draft of the ECE Strategic Framework 2014-2015 as contained in Informal document 2012/1, on the understanding that the secretariat would send this version to UN Headquarters at this stage and that the EXCOM reserved the right to introduce changes to it after the completion of the review process.

This document, which is an extract of the Strategic Framework, contains the elements of the Housing and Land Management component of Subprogramme 8: Housing, Land Management and Population. The document is presented **for information** to the 73rd session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management.

Subprogramme: 8

Housing, land management and population;

Housing and land management component

Objective of the Organization: To improve the housing, urban and land governance in the region by strengthening the formulation and implementation of policies, enhancing social cohesion and developing capacities at the national and local levels

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) 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	<p>(a) (i) Increased number of countries that are engaged in ECE results-oriented assessment of their housing policies and land administration systems</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2010-2011: 23 countries</p> <p>Estimate 2012-2013: 25 countries</p> <p>Target 2014-2015: 26 countries</p>
	<p>(a) (ii) Increased number of countries that report on their measures to improve housing policies and land management practices</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2010-2011: 18 countries</p> <p>Estimate 2012-2013: 23 countries</p> <p>Target 2014-2015: 26 countries</p>
(b) Strengthened implementation by countries of ECE 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	<p>(b) Increased number of countries that report on their measures to implement ECE guidelines</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2010-2011: 18 countries</p> <p>Estimate 2012-2013: 23 countries</p> <p>Target 2014-2015: 27 countries</p>

Strategy

1. The subprogramme consists of two components with the responsibility vested in two Divisions: (a) Housing and Land Management in the Trade and Sustainable Land Management Division, and (b) Population in the Statistics Division.
 2. The housing and land management component of the subprogramme works to improve housing, as well as urban and land governance, in the region. It also promotes the implementation of: (a) the ECE strategy for a sustainable quality of life in human settlements in the twenty-first century, and (b) the Ministerial Declaration on Social and Economic Challenges in Distressed Urban Areas in the ECE Region. To achieve the expected results, the subprogramme will provide a forum for policy dialogue and exchange of experience, develop policy guidance and organize capacity-building activities in the areas of housing and land management to promote the implementation of ECE guidance and policy recommendations. This work, in particular, will focus on housing policy formulation and implementation, sustainable, energy-efficient housing, effective maintenance and management of the housing stock, increasing transparency in real estate markets, effective land administration and spatial planning.
 3. 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 maintenance, renewal and new construction, energy efficiency measures and safety in buildings, legislation and housing finance. This process will lead to the development of policy recommendations and related capacity-building activities.
 4. The housing and land management component of the subprogramme will also promote the implementation of ECE guidance in the areas of housing, including affordable and energy-efficient housing, informal settlements, climate neutral urban development and transparent real estate markets. In the area of land management, emphasis will be placed on the upgrading of land and real estate systems in order to provide secure ownership in land, ensure other private and public rights in real estate, and encourage investment. These objectives will be promoted through capacity-building activities, while regional model programmes and pilot projects, as well as public-private partnerships, will be encouraged.
 5. The integration of housing policy with spatial planning, land administration, population and environmental policy will be promoted through policy recommendations and related capacity-building activities, with a special emphasis on such cross-sectoral issues as urban response to climate change, energy efficiency in the housing sector and the housing needs of low-income segments of society.
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