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Item 6(a) of the provisional agenda**Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2016-2017****Sustainable housing and real estate markets****Draft Programme of Work of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group
for 2017-2018****Note by the Bureau of the Committee***Summary*

EXCOM, at its seventy-third meeting on 14 March 2016, approved the renewal of the mandate and the revised terms of reference of the Group until 31 December 2018 (ECE/EX/2014/L.8). The Group elaborated its draft programme of work for 2017-2018. The draft was further discussed with the Committee and its Working Party on Land Administration Bureaux who agreed on the text of the programme of work.

This document contains the draft programme of work developed based on the discussions with the Committee and its Working Party on Land Administration Bureaux.

The Committee is invited to adopt the REM programme of work for the period 2017-2018 (ECE/HBP/2016/3).

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A. Objectives

1. The REM assists the Committee and the Working Party on Land Administration to develop stronger housing real estate markets. The Advisory Group reports to the Committee and the Working Party on Land Administration.
2. The Advisory Group supports the Committee and the Working Party in the implementation of their programmes of work, with special attention to cluster one of the Committee's programme of work, "Sustainable Housing and Real Estate Markets".

B. Activities

3. The activities of the Advisory Group address, according to its terms of reference (ECE/HBP/2014/5)¹, the following thematic priorities:
 - Energy efficient housing
 - Affordable and social housing
 - Housing finance
 - Property valuation and registration,
 - Smart and sustainable urban development, and
 - Land markets and land administration.

C. Proposed activities for the programme of work 2017–2018

4. The Advisory Group will:
 - 4.1. Organize, in cooperation with the Committee on Housing and Land Management and its Working Party on Land Administration, international workshops and side events, which will promote the implementation of the Committee's and the Working Party's programmes of work and the dissemination of information about the Committee's and Working Party's activities, including on the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing.
 - 4.2. Support the dissemination of information on the Charter through presentations at international meetings, and the preparation of articles in books, journals and mass media, including social media.
 - 4.3. Provide its input into the Committee's activities on smart cities, which include the preparation of smart city indicators and standards, and the development of smart city profiles.² REM members will participate in events and capacity building workshops and as experts in the preparation of smart city profiles, and will also support the UNECE secretariat with fundraising for future activities under this topic. REM members will also participate in the initiative United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC).
 - 4.4. Participate in the Committee's activities on energy efficient and affordable housing, including workshops, training sessions, the preparation of studies as agreed by the Committee, and fundraising for future activities under this topic.

¹ http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2014/ECE_HBP_2014_5.en.pdf

² <http://www.unece.org/housing/smartcities.html>

- 4.5. Update and publish a new version of its study, the Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets³.
 - 4.6. Prepare and implement other studies under the above-mentioned thematic priorities. Proposals for possible new activities should be submitted to the secretariat for further consideration by the Committee's Bureau.
 5. The Committee is invited to adopt the REM programme of work for 2017-2018.
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³ <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/Publications/policy.framework.e.pdf>