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Note by the Secretariat

Summary

This document includes the draft strategic framework 2020-2021 for the housing and land management component of Subprogramme 08: Housing, Land Management and Population, which was endorsed by the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management.

The Committee is invited to adopt the strategic framework as endorsed by the Bureau.

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I. Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To improve housing, urban and land governance in the UNECE region and to promote the evidence-based formulation of sustainable housing and land management policies and their implementation in the region

Expected	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
accomplishments of the Secretariat			2020- 2021	2018- 2019	2016- 2017
(a) Improved	(a) Number of new	Target	4	4	
capacity for formulation of evidence-based	measures adopted by member States in areas of housing and land management based on ECE studies, policy documents and results- oriented assessments	Estimate		4	
policies in housing, urban development and land management, and their implementation		Actual			
(b) Strengthened	(b) Increased number	Target	32	31	29
implementation of ECE guidelines on housing,	of countries which apply ECE guidelines on housing, urban planning and land management in the development of their national policies and related SDG achievement strategies	Estimate		31	29
urban development and land management		Actual			29

II. Strategy

- 1. The subprogramme consists of two components: (a) housing and land management in the Forests, Land and Housing Division; and (b) population in the Statistics Division.
- 2. The objective of the housing and land management (HLM) component of the subprogramme will be achieved through: (a) international policy dialogue on housing, urban development and land administration; (b) normative work on affordable and energy efficient housing, urban planning and development and land administration; and (c) capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in all areas of the housing and land management component of the subprogramme's work.
- 3. The HLM component of the subprogramme will contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the housing, urban and land-related Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 11, but in addition due to its cross-cutting nature, Goals 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12. Due consideration will be given to the integration of climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning in the area of housing and land management.
- 4. The HLM component of the subprogramme will work to improve housing, urban development and land administration and management. It will support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, the Geneva United Nations Charter on

Sustainable Housing, the Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020 and the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development. Review and follow up activities to assess progress in achieving the goals of the housing and land management component will contribute to the review and follow up of the related SDGs. The HLM component of the subprogramme will establish synergies in the respective areas of work with ECE subprogrammes: (1) Environment, (2) Transport, (3) Statistics, (4) Economic Cooperation and Integration, (5) Sustainable Energy, and (7) Timber and Forestry.

- 5. The HLM component of the subprogramme will support member States in improving energy efficiency in buildings to facilitate the maintenance, management and refurbishment of existing housing stock and developing sustainable real estate markets. It will also address housing affordability, adaptation of the housing stock to demographic changes and access to healthy and safe housing.
- 6. The HLM component of the subprogramme will promote an integrated approach to the planning of cities and human settlements. It will focus on compact, efficient and inclusive cities, as well as low-carbon and disaster resilient urban development. It will also support the implementation of the ECE "smart sustainable city" indicators and standards and the preparation of "smart sustainable city" profiles. The smart sustainable city profiles based on the indicators will assist national and local governments in their efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda and New Urban Agenda at subnational level.
- 7. The HLM component of the subprogramme will promote security of tenure and improvement of cadastres and land registries. It will address land registration, e-governance, land tenure and spatial information and cadastres with an emphasis on governance, innovation and capacity-building in land administration.
- 8. Country profiles on housing and land management will be conducted upon the request of member States. That work will also include the monitoring of and support to the implementation of the recommendations of country profiles, including through national action plans and review of their implementation.

III. External factors

9. The housing and land management component of the subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there are adequate national statistical data and information available on housing, urban development and land management; (b) there is political will, an adequate legislative and regulatory framework, adequate institutions and sufficient resources to allow member States to implement the recommendations of the Committee on Housing and Land Management; and (c) there is donor's support for the preparation of studies and guidelines and undertaking of country and city profile studies is adequate.

Annex

Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

Res No.	Title
66/288	The future we want
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
70/133	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
70/221	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
71/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
71/13	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
71/14	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
71/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
71/18	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
71/162	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
71/212	Information and communications technologies for development
71/223	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
71/226	Disaster risk reduction
71/228	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind
71/233	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
71/243	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
71/244	South-South cooperation
71/283	Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

Res No.	Title
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2013/1	Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe
2016/2	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

3. Others

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe decisions

Res No	Title
A (64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe
A (65)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE
A (66)	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region
A(67)	Adoption of the High-level statement
B(67)	Establishment of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

Res No	Title
70/107	International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development
71/256	New Urban Agenda
71/235	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

2. Others

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe decisions

Res No.	Title
ECE/HBP/173	Report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its 74 th session which adopted the Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020

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Res No.	Title	
	(ECE/HBP/2013/3)	
B (66)	Endorsement of the Geneva United Nations Charter on Sustainable Housing (E/ECE/1478/Rev.1)	
ECE/HBP/2017/1	Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development	



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Corrigendum

Page 2, table, first column, paragraph (b), should read:

(b) Strengthened implementation of ECE guidelines on housing, urban development and land management, including in support to achieving and sustaining gender equality - SDG 5 - through target 5.a.