



Special session of the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management

1 – 2 December 2016, Thursday and Friday

Geneva, Switzerland

Draft detailed session programme –

Languages: English, French and Russian with simultaneous translation

Introduction

The special session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management is convened as a follow up to the Committee's decision at its 77th session held in September 2016 to organize a Ministerial Segment at the 78th session in 2017 and to adopt a Declaration on housing and urban development on the occasion of the Committee's 70th anniversary.

The Committee will discuss the preparations for the Ministerial Segment, including a Draft Ministerial Declaration. It will also discuss the draft revised terms of reference for the Working Party on Land Administration and submit them to the ECE Executive Committee for extension of the mandate of the Working Party until 2020.

This session will also provide an opportunity to inform the Committee on the outcomes of the [Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development – HABITAT III](#), (17-20 October 2016, Quito, Ecuador), including the adoption of the New Urban Agenda and consider the implications for its work at the regional level.

This document provides a detailed schedule of the meeting. Full references to the Committee documents to be discussed at the session are available in the provisional annotated agenda.

The annotated agenda and documents of the meeting are available at:

<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=44215#/>

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1 December 2016, Thursday

09:00-10:00	Registration
10:00 -10:15	<p>Opening and adoption of the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Daniela Grabmüllerová, Vice-Chair, Committee on Housing and Land Management, UNECE</i> • <i>Welcome note by Ivonne Higuero, Director, Forests, Housing and Land Management Division, UNECE</i>
10:15 -11:15	<p>Preparations for the 78th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management</p> <p>Discussion and exchange of ideas on the celebrations of the seventieth anniversary of the Committee</p>
11:15-11:45	<p>Review of the Mandate of the Working Party on Land Administration</p> <p>The Vice Chair of the Committee will present the draft revised Terms of Reference for the Working Party, contained in document ECE/HBP/s/2016/2 and additional comments received. The Committee will be invited to finalize the Terms of Reference and submit them to the ECE Executive Committee for extension of the mandate of the Working Party.</p>
11:45-12:30	<p>Briefing on the outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development – HABITAT III</p> <p>HABITAT III that took place 17-20 October 2016 in Quito, Ecuador. This briefing will share experiences of the Conference and the next steps on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>H.E. Karla Slechtova, Minister of Regional Development, Czech Republic</i> • <i>Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, UNECE</i> • <i>Roi Chiti, Regional and Interagency Coordinator, Habitat III Secretariat</i>
12:30 -14:30	Break
14:30-15:45	<p>Preparations for the 78th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management - Organization of the Ministerial Segment</p> <p>The Committee will be invited to discuss and exchange ideas about the format and the theme of the Ministerial Segment and provide input for future planning of work.</p>
15:45-16:15	Break
16:15–17:30	<p>Preparations for the 78th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management - Draft Ministerial Declaration</p> <p>The Committee will be invited to discuss the Draft Ministerial Declaration prepared by the secretariat on the basis of the draft presented as an informal note to the 77th Session of the Committee. The draft will be available as an informal document.</p>

2 December 2016, Friday

10:00-11:30	Preparations for the 78th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management - Draft Ministerial Declaration (cont.)
11:30-12:00	Break

12:00-12:30	<p>Other business</p> <p>The secretariat will inform delegates about preparations for the Economic Commission for Europe session in April 2017, the session of the Working Party on Land Administration, the holding of Expo 2017 in Astana, Kazakhstan and the opportunities for featuring the U4SSC initiative on that occasion.</p> <p>Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item</p>
13:30-13:00	<p>Adoption of the report and closing of the session</p> <p>The Chair will summarize the major decisions taken by the Committee. The Committee will be invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.</p>