



Committee on Housing and Land Management

Strategy and Targets 2014 – 2020

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Secretariat was requested to prepare a document describing a Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management;

Specific requirements for the draft strategy by the Bureau:

- To be considered at the seventy-third session of the Committee and adopted at the Ministerial Meeting in 2013;
- To include associated and concrete targets to be achieved by 2020;
- To be as short, compact and concise as possible;
- To be results-oriented, containing the main objectives;
- To guide the Committee's work in future years





Strategy and Targets 2014 – 2020 - **The rationale**

- The existing strategy was **approved in 2000** by the Ministerial meeting held during the 61st session of the Committee;
- Many **many changes** have occurred since then, which affect housing and land management and need to be addressed;
- Existing strategy is considered to be **very broad**;
- **A new strategy** was needed:
 - to address in a **harmonious** and **sustainable** way the three components of the Committee Program of Work, with a great emphasis on **balancing** the social, economic and environmental components of the sustainability concept
 - To indicate **objectives** and **targets** to be achieved by 2020;
 - to strengthen the links between the **policy mandate** of the Committee with products /**outputs** of its Program of Work (such as country profiles, guidelines, trainings, etc..),
 - to better **program** the activities based on the **longer term vision**





Draft Strategy – the philosophy behind

The draft Strategy takes into consideration:

- The progress made since 2000;
- Concept of sustainability as defined by report of the Brundtland Commission - *Our Common Future*;
- Rio+20 UN SDC final document *The Future We Want*;
- Considers the three main pillars of sustainability (*economic, environmental and social*)





Draft Strategy – the structure & content

- The **structure** is composed of VI parts:
 - Introduction:
 - reaffirms the complexity of housing issues;
 - its intersectorial nature;
 - makes the link with a number of international documents;
 - Trends & Development of H&LM in the 21st Century:
 - Presents the social, environmental and economic challenges of housing, urban development and land management;
 - Serves as the rationale for the Strategy
 - Mandate and Mission:
 - **Mandate** as approved by ministerial meetings in '00 and '06: *"To promote the sustainable development of human settlements in the ECE region while fostering economic and social prosperity and supporting democratic governance"*;
 - **Mission** as by Bureau recommendations: *"To improve the housing and land management situation throughout the UNECE region in a sustainable manner in particular by providing practical solutions and guidelines"*
 - Vision;
 - Objectives and Targets;
 - Actions (or PoW)



Policy Mandate of the Committee

Vision:

By 2020, the ECE will continue to be the leading region in promoting sustainable housing and land management. Expansion of green, inclusive, compact, competitive and resilient cities will be a priority of national policies and of regional cooperation. Investments in the housing sector are encouraged by transparent and functioning land use, property registration and sound financial system. The housing sector will offer a range of options, including for those citizens with special needs

**Area of Work 1
Sustainable Housing & Real Estate Market**

**Area of Work 2:
Sustainable Urban Development**

**Area of Work 3:
Sustainable Land Administration & Management**

Environmental Aspect

Social aspect

Economic aspect

Overall improved quality of housing stock, in particular in terms of enviro. and energy performance and health aspects

The life-cycle approach is integrated in housing design, construction, operation, refurbishment and demolition

Residential buildings are resilient to natural and human-generated disasters,

All citizens have access to decent, affordable, good-quality and healthy housing

Objective 1

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Have a legal framework in place for retrofitting the existing residential housing stock to make it environmentally friendly and energy-efficient,

Baseline indicators (2012)

YES/NO

Measurable indicators (as by AP)

Framework in place by 2015

Type of Assistance (workshops, etc.)

Target 1.2

Have policies to achieve energy-efficient housing through an annual refurbishment rate of 2 per cent for residential buildings

No. Of building need renovation

No. of building to be renewed 2020

Type of Assistance (guidelines, etc.)

Target 1.3

Have in place energy performance requirements and a scheme for energy

YES/NO

Energy perf. Indic. approved

Type of Assistance (training, etc.)

**Working Program for the Committee /
Outcomes of the policies**

Sustainable Housing and Real Estate Markets	Sustainable Urban Development	Land Administration and Land Management
<p>A. Negotiations on the possible framework Convention on Sustainable Housing.</p> <p>B. Guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cost effective social housing projects and instruments to address those that cannot afford the cost effective rent ; 2. Policies and instruments to stimulate investments in green economy; 3. Increasing transparency and eliminating monopolies in building permits and housing markets; 4. Regulations on housing mortgages – efficiency, effectiveness, safety, transparency and control; 5. Lending to condominium associations – prerequisites <p>C. Workshops, seminars, trainings on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policies and Legal framework supporting retrofitting for energy efficiency purposes; 2. Policies and respective legislation for opening the market for energy auditors/ certifier; 3. How to make sure that 10 per cent of the annual new residential construction is dedicated to low-income and social housing – the case of France 4. Policies for cost effective social housing programs and instruments to address those that cannot afford the cost effective rent; 5. Joint workshop with UN-HABITAT: Improving the living conditions of the most disadvantaged population that live in hazardous, unhealthy and unsafe areas <p>D. Studies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessing the status of resilience of the cities in UNECE region – challenges and priorities for action; <p>E. In depth discussions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enabling the housing markets to work efficiently and effectively for all; 2. Responding with adequate housing policies to the ageing population. 	<p>A. Guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning and building for resilient cities, with focus on urban planning instruments, building regulations and life cycle approach; 2. Casebook of best practices, a network of experts, trainings on energy efficiency in urban setting. Includes the topic of energy poverty and energy standards. <p>B. Workshops:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joint workshop with UN-HABITAT: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Investment in infrastructure for integration of informal settlements; ii. Project on land development for housing purposes from different regions; 2. Flexible planning standards and procedures for issuing building permits; 3. Following discussions at Rio+20, establishment of the UNECE interdivisional working group, which will organize joint activities on sustainable urban development and smart cities, including organization of UNECE Green Economy Seminars. 4. Further work on the 5. Climate-neutral cities – capacity building. 6. Urban planning issues, such as shrinking cities, etc. 7. Resilience to natural disaster risks (earthquakes, other). 	<p>Exchange of experiences among member States and development of the capacities of land administration authorities in the UNECE region to facilitate sustainable development through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WPLA workshops; • Casebook on best practices on informal settlements in the UNECE region; • Model technical projects on different aspects of land management, including land consolidation; • Benchmarking study of land administration systems; • Other WPLA guidelines and publication. • Land management reviews as a part of Country Profiles.

**Cross sectorial
Country profiles**

1. Development of guidelines for the Country profiles (CPs) preparation: include dimensions of Green Economy, Gender, Disaster Risk Reduction.
2. Establishment of high-level national intersectoral Habitat Steering Committees (SC) as a pre-requisite to conducting CPs as well as to implement CP recommendations.
3. Work on the Ministerial Conference publication with national reports on housing policies (mini-CPs).
4. Development and partial implementation of National Action Plans to implement CP recommendations for Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine; SC monitors implementation of the Action Plans CP Moldova, CP Russian Federation, Pipeline of CPs: Croatia, Greece.

Innovation and Capacity building

- A. Workshops:**
1. Making cities attractive for foreign investments and protecting the vulnerable groups;
 2. Promoting policies that support Innovations in building technologies, materials and projects

Good Governance

Gender, Aging population, Migration and their effect on housing and land management



Proposed Methodology for discussion (1)

The Committee **entrusts** the Bureau with developing the vision, objectives and targets of the strategy, based on the procedures as below:

- 1- Secretariat to prepare a **questionnaire** to be sent by electronic post to member states;
- 2- Secretariat to prepare the **summary report** of the questionnaire ready for the first Bureau meeting and update the strategy to reflect suggestions;
- 3- The **first Bureau** meeting to take place on 27th of November (back to back with SUD seminar); MTG to review the revised strategy.
- 4- After the meeting the secretariat to reflect the discussions in an updated version of the draft strategy and to organize a **stakeholder's consultation**;
- 5- The secretariat to prepare a report with the outcome of the stakeholder's meeting for the second Bureau meeting and a **revised version** of the draft strategy





Proposed Methodology for discussion (2)

- 6- The **second Bureau** meeting to be held in February 2013, if needed as retreat;
- 7- The secretariat to reflect the discussions in the draft strategy and send to **Committee members** for their comments;
- 8- Secretariat to reflect the comments from the Committee in an updated version of the strategy and present to the **final bureau meeting** to be held not later than 30th of April 2013;
- 9- The **Committee to discuss** the draft strategy on the first day of the 74th Session;
- 10- The secretariat to prepare an updated version of the strategy and the related decisions for the **Ministerial meeting** to be present on the next day

