



75th session of the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management

For inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements

8 – 9 October 2014, Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 am to 6 pm

Room XII, A-Building, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

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Introduction

The 75th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management will bring together high-level representatives of the governments and stakeholders from the UNECE region and observers to discuss the draft **ECE Charter on Sustainable Housing**, the implementation of the Committee's **Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region 2014-2020**¹, the **Committee's work programme 2014-2015** and national policies on housing, urban development and land management. This session will be also important because it will take place just a few months after the release of a proposal for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the Open Working Group established by the United Nations General Assembly.² The proposed SDGs include a separate goal on cities and human settlements. The Committee session therefore will serve as a regional high-level forum for the discussion of the proposed SDGs on cities and human settlements.

The Committee session will also take place less than a month after the First Preparatory Meeting for the Habitat III Conference, the third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development. Habitat III will take place in 2016; it will discuss the implementation of the SDGs in cities and human settlements and of the "New Urban Agenda", the new vision for global sustainable urban development. The Committee at its session will provide input to Habitat III.

The session programme below provides with a detailed schedule of the meeting. Full references to documents to be discussed at the session are available in the annotated agenda.³

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¹ <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=35252>

² The proposed SDGs will be negotiated by the governments and stakeholders and adopted by the General Assembly in 2015

³ Available at http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2014/ECE_HBP_178.en.pdf

8 October 2014, Wednesday

09:30 – 10:00	Registration and morning coffee (in front of Room XII)
10:00 – 10:10	Introduction and adoption of the agenda ⁴ - Elena Szolgayová (Slovakia), Chair, UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management
10:10 – 10:30	Welcome note – Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, UNECE
10:30 – 13:00 (with a coffee break at 11:30-11:45)	Discussion of the draft Charter on Sustainable Housing ⁵ <i>The Committee elaborated a first draft of the Charter on Sustainable Housing at its informal meeting on 7 May 2014. The draft was further developed through an e-mail consultation with member States, discussed at the Bureau meeting on 18 July and at the informal negotiating pre-session on 7 October 2014.</i> <i>The Committee will be presented with the draft Charter as contained in (ECE/HBP/2014/2) and amendments proposed by countries during the informal negotiating session on 7 October. The Committee may wish to endorse the Charter and recommend it to the UNECE Executive Committee for adoption.</i>
13:00 – 15:00 The exhibition presentation starts at 13:15, the lunch reception at 13:30	Lunch reception and presentation of the exhibition “Greener and smarter homes: energy efficiency in buildings” <i>Meeting participants will be invited to a presentation of the exhibition, which will include examples of the application of cost- and energy-efficient technologies in buildings. The exhibition is co-organized by the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management; the United Nations Office at Geneva; the public service organization SIG, a provider of utility services for the Canton of Geneva; and Energy Cities- European Association of Local Authorities in Energy Transition. The exhibition is located at the Palais des Nations on the 3rd Floor, outside the Delegates’ Lounge and is open from 15 September 2014 to 10 October 2014.</i> Presentation of the exhibition “Greener and smarter homes: energy efficiency in buildings” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Dusik, Acting Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe • Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, UNECE • Florent Covino, Officer, Services Industriels de Genève (SIG) • Ian Turner, Project Manager, Energy Cities
15:00 – 16:30	Implementation of the Strategy on Housing and Land Management in the ECE Region 2014-2020 and preparations for the Habitat III Conference ⁶ <i>The Ministerial Meeting on Housing and Land Management on 8 October 2013 adopted the Strategy on Housing and Land Management in the ECE Region for the period of 2014-2020 (ECE/HBP/2013/3). The Committee Bureau requested a discussion at the Committee session on the progress in implementing the Strategy. The Committee will discuss progress in the implementation of the Strategy based on the outcomes of the survey conducted by the secretariat in 2014. Information on the outcome of this survey and a structure of the publication “Challenges and Priorities in Housing and Urban Development in the ECE Region” is contained in the Informal Note 1. The publication when completed will be the Committee’s contribution to the Habitat III Conference. The Committee will be invited to make recommendations for further implementation of the Strategy, finalising the publication and planning the</i>

⁴ Item 1 of the Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-fifth session (ECE/HBP/178), available at http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2014/ECE_HBP_178.en.pdf

⁵ Item 4 of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

⁶ Items 5 and 6 of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

	<p><i>Habitat III.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the preparation of the publication “Challenges and Priorities in Housing and Urban Development in the ECE Region” - <i>Amie Figueiredo, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE secretariat</i> <p>Presentations by the governments on the implementation of the Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>H.E. Michael Falzon, Parliamentary Secretariat for Planning and Simplification of Administrative Processes, Malta</i> <i>Alina Shaikova, Chairperson, State Registration Service, under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic</i> <i>Daiva Matoniene, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Environment, Lithuania</i> <i>Daniela Grabmüllerová, Director, European Affairs Department, Ministry of Regional Development; and Eva Helclova, Director, State Housing Development Fund, Czech Republic</i> <i>Elena Szolgayova, Director General, Directorate Housing Policy and Urban Development, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development, Slovakia</i> <i>Lise Nielsen, Head of Division, Ministry of Housing, Urban and Rural Affairs, Denmark</i> <i>Alena Rakava, Consultant, Ministry of Architecture and Construction, Belarus</i>
16:30 – 16:45	Coffee break
16:45 – 17:30	<p>Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2014-2015⁷: Programme of work area 1. Sustainable housing and real estate markets⁸</p> <p><i>1.1. <u>Towards affordable and social housing</u></i></p> <p><i>The proposed Sustainable Development Goal on human settlements includes the following proposed target “By 2030, to ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services, and upgrade slums”. Sustainable housing is high on the Committee’s agenda. In February 2014, the Committee in cooperation with the UN-Habitat and CECODHAS – Housing Europe organized a workshop on “The Future of Social Housing: Environmental and Social Challenges and the Way Forward”. Further, a study was conducted and a policy brief with policy recommendations on the models of social housing, challenges and trends in social housing policies in the UNECE region was prepared. This session will include a presentation of the draft policy brief and a discussion. The objective of the debate will be to discuss challenges to achieving access to adequate and affordable housing in the UNECE region and to propose possible future activities to be implemented by the Committee in cooperation with its partners.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the policy brief, “Models of social housing, challenges and trends in social housing policies in the UNECE region” – <i>Orna Rosenfeld, Consultant, UNECE secretariat</i> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Alice Pittini, Research Coordinator, CECODHAS Housing Europe - the Federation for Public, Cooperative and Social Housing</i> <i>Galina Khovanskaya, Committee on Housing and Housing Policy, State Parliament, Russian Federation</i> <p>Discussion and formulation of recommendations</p>

⁷ Item 7 of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

⁸ Item 7 (a) of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

17:30 – 18:00	<p><u>1.2. Real Estate Markets</u></p> <p><i>The Committee extended the mandate of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for two years at its seventy-second session in 2011. At its seventy-fourth session the Committee agreed to recommend to the EXCOM the renewal of the mandate of the Advisory Group for one year and, meanwhile, to entrust the Bureau with drafting new terms of reference to be adopted at the seventy-fifth session of the Committee. EXCOM, at its sixty-sixth session in February 2014, renewed the mandate of the Advisory Group for one year (ECE/EX/2014/L.4). The Chair will present the draft terms of reference of the Advisory Group (ECE/HBP/2014/5) to the Committee. The Committee is invited to (a) Endorse the new terms of reference of the Advisory Group; (b) Provide input and advice on future activities of the Advisory Group; (c) Entrust the Bureau with overseeing the Advisory Group’s programme of work for the period 2015-2016.</i></p>
18:15 – 21:00	<p>Reception</p> <p>Supported by the Organization for International Economic Relations, a co-organizer of the Urban Future Global Conference (18 - 19 November 2014), Graz, Austria</p>

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10:00 – 11:00	<p>Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2014-2015: Programme of work area 1. Sustainable housing and real estate markets</p> <p><u>1.3. Thematic discussion on energy efficiency in the housing sector</u></p> <p><i>The Committee will be informed about activities supporting the implementation of the ECE Action Plan for Energy-Efficient Housing (ECE/HBP/164). At its seventy-fourth session, the Committee approved the publication on “Good Practices for Energy-efficient Housing in the ECE Region”, which was prepared jointly with UN-Habitat and the City of Vienna, (ECE/HBP/164). The Committee will be presented with a proposal for developing a study on standards related to energy efficiency in buildings and disaster risk reduction (ECE/HBP/2014/4) The Committee will be invited to discuss issues in energy efficient housing and make recommendations for future activities in this programme area and to endorse the proposal for the study.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and update on Committee’s activities on energy efficiency in housing. Presentation of a proposal for developing a study on standards related to energy efficiency in buildings and disaster risk reduction (ECE/HBP/2014/4) – <i>Gulnara Roll, Secretary, Committee on Housing and Land Management, UNECE</i> • Information on the preparation of the Fifth Energy Forum and other cooperative energy efficiency activities with the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division - <i>Stefanie Held, Chief of Section, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE</i> • Information on the outcomes of the national workshop “Energy efficient housing for sustainable development” in Albania and comments to the proposal for developing a study on standards – <i>Doris Andoni, Director, Albanian Housing Agency</i> • Information on the study of leading public policies in the UNECE region which promote sustainable construction materials and, particularly, the use of wood in green buildings - <i>Florian Steierer, Economic Affairs Officer, Forestry and Timber Section, UNECE</i> <p>Discussion and formulation of recommendations</p>
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<p>11:00 – 11:45</p> <p>(7 min long presentations)</p>	<p>Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2014-2015: Programme of work area 2. Sustainable urban development⁹</p> <p><u>2.1. Activities on smart cities under the programme of work 2014 – 2015</u></p> <p><i>The Committee will be informed on the implementation of activities on smart cities (Informal Note 3). The Committee will be invited to discuss these activities and make recommendations for future actions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Domenica Carriero, Smart Cities Project Coordinator, UNECE secretariat</i> • <i>Kari Eik, Secretary General, Organization for International Economic Relations (OiER), Austria</i> • <i>Andreas Littkopf, International Affairs Officer, Environment Agency, Austria</i> • <i>Artem Sedov, Head, Laboratory “Smart City”, Russian Federation</i> • <i>Andres Jaadla, Rakvere Smart House and Intelligent Building Competence Center, Estonia</i>
<p>11:45 – 12:00</p>	<p>Coffee break. Bread tasting by Smart City Rakvere, Estonia</p>
<p>12:00 – 13:00</p>	<p><u>2.2. Thematic discussion on urban planning and disaster risk reduction</u></p> <p><i>This session will start with an interactive presentation of mapping disaster risks in the UNECE region. It will be followed by a discussion on how international organizations support governments in promoting safer cities and human settlements. Finally, the Committee will be presented with a proposal for the development of a policy brief on spatial planning, which would contain recommendations for addressing among others disaster risks (ECE/HBP/2014/6). The Committee will be invited to discuss, provide inputs and endorse this proposal. The Committee also may wish to make recommendations for possible future activities under urban planning area of work.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A proposal for the development of a policy brief on spatial planning - Gulnara Roll, Secretary, Committee on Housing and Land Management, UNECE</i> • <i>Nick Land, Business Development Manager for National Mapping & Cadaster, Esri Inc.</i> • <i>Han Admiraal, Urban Planning Advisory Group, UN International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction - UNISDR</i> • <i>European contribution to the GEO SB-04 Global Urban Observation and Information – Matina Halkia, Scientific Officer, Joint Research Center, European Commission</i> • <i>The role of urban planning in protecting against water risks – Tatiana Efimova, Project Manager, Environment Directorate, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)</i>
<p>13:00 – 15:00</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>15:00 – 16:00</p>	<p>Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2014-2015: Programme of work area 3. Land administration and management¹⁰</p> <p><i>The Chair of the Working Party on Land Administration will report on the publications, workshops and other activities carried out by the Working Party since the last session of the Committee and elaborate proposals for possible future activities. The Committee may wish to take note of all information and make proposals for possible future activities of the Working Party.</i></p>

⁹ Item 7 (b) of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

¹⁰ Item 7 (c) of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Working Party activities (Informal Note 4) and the publication <i>Survey on Land Administration Systems</i> (ECE/HBP/180) – <i>Elshad Khanalibayli, Chair of the Working Party (WPLA)</i> • Report on a study on informal settlements in the ECE region (Informal Note 5) - <i>Amie Figueiredo, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE secretariat</i> • Information on the progress of a study on advantages and disadvantages of unification of land registries and cadastres (Informal Note 6) - <i>Rik Wouters, Managing Director, EULIS; and Senior Land Administration Expert, Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency Apeldoorn, Netherlands</i> • Information on the preparation of the WPLA workshop in Russian Federation (2015) - <i>Galina Elizarova, Deputy Head of the Federal Service for State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography, Russian Federation</i> • Information on the preparation of the WPLA workshops in Vienna (15-17 October 2014), Baku (27-28 November 2014), the WPLA session (26-27 February 2015) and the INSPIRE Geospatial Forum 2015 (25-28 May 2015) - <i>Amie Figueiredo, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE secretariat</i>
16:00 – 16:40	<p>Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2014-2015</p> <p>Programme of work area 4. Country profiles on housing and land management¹¹</p> <p><i>At its seventy-fourth session, the Committee approved guidelines for the preparation of country profiles on housing and land management (ECE/HBP/2013/8).¹² The Committee will be informed about the implementation of the guidelines in preparing new country profiles and national action plans which have been developed as a result of recommendations in the country profiles. The Committee will be provided with updates on the status of the country profiles on housing and land management. In particular, the Committee will be informed of the:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key outcomes and policy recommendations in the country profile on housing and land management of the Republic of Moldova (ECE/HBP/181)¹³ – <i>Anatolie Izbinda, Director, Institute INCERCOM, Republic of Moldova</i> • Outcomes of the research mission to Uzbekistan in the country profile on housing and land management of Uzbekistan – <i>Shukhrat Ismailov, Head of General Directorate, Macroeconomic Analysis and Forecasting, Ministry of Economy, Uzbekistan</i> • Steps taken to develop country profile for Armenia – <i>Nshan Martirosyan, Chief Specialist of Housing Policy and Communal Infrastructures Department, Ministry of Urban Development, Armenia</i> <p><i>The Committee will be invited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Take note of the information provided and decide on the next countries to be reviewed</i> • <i>Discuss the impact of country profiles on countries and mechanisms to monitor the implementation of their recommendations.</i> • <i>Propose financial or in-kind expert contribution to the next country profiles</i> • <i>Delegations of member States will inform the Committee if they are interested in having a country profile prepared for their country.</i>

¹¹ Item 7 (d) of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

¹² Available at http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2013/ECE_HBP_2013_8.pdf

¹³ Information available at <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=35435>

16:40 – 16:50	<p>Draft Rules of Procedure for the Committee¹⁴</p> <p><i>The seventy-fourth session of the Committee invited the secretariat to develop Rules of Procedure for the Committee to be presented for approval at the seventy-fifth session. According to the Guidelines on Procedures and Practices for ECE bodies adopted by the Economic Commission for Europe (E/2013/37-E/ECE/1464, annex III),¹⁵ all Sectoral Committees and other subsidiary bodies may adopt their own Rules of Procedure on the basis of ECE Rules of Procedure and, where applicable, Rules of Procedure of ECOSOC, taking into account these guidelines.</i></p> <p><i>A presentation will be made of the Bureau's proposal for Rules of Procedure for the Committee (ECE/HBP/2014/7)¹⁶, which are based on the Guidelines on Procedures and Practices for ECE Bodies (E/ECE/1468).¹⁷</i></p> <p><i>The Committee may wish to endorse these new rules of procedure.</i></p>
16:50 – 16:55	<p>Results of the review of the Committee's work by the ECE Executive Committee¹⁸</p> <p><i>The Chair will inform on the results of the review</i></p>
16:55 – 17:05	<p>Status of the trust fund on human settlements¹⁹</p> <p><i>The secretariat will report on the status of the trust fund on human settlements. Delegations will be invited to announce their voluntary contributions and in-kind support.</i></p>
17:05 – 17:15	<p>Interdivisional and inter-agency activities²⁰</p> <p><i>The secretariat will present information on activities carried out in cooperation with other ECE subprogrammes, United Nations agencies or programmes, as well as other international organizations</i></p>
17:15 – 17:20	<p>Other business²¹</p> <p><i>Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item</i></p>
17:20 – 17:30	<p>Work of the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management²²</p>
17:30 – 17:45	<p>Election of the Bureau²³</p> <p><i>The Committee is expected to elect the Bureau for its seventy-sixth session</i></p>
17:45 – 18:00	<p>Date of the 76th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management and closing of the session and adoption of the report²⁴</p> <p><i>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. The Chair will close the session.</i></p>

¹⁴ Item 8 of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

¹⁵ Available at http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/commission/2013/E_ECE_1468-EN.pdf

¹⁶ Information available at <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=35435>

¹⁷ For more information, please see Annex III, paragraph 2 of the Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE (E/ECE/1468) at: http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/commission/2013/E_ECE_1468-EN.pdf

¹⁸ Item 3 of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

¹⁹ Item 9 of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

²⁰ Item 10 of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

²¹ Item 11 of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

²² Item 2 of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

²³ Item 12 of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178

²⁴ Item 13 of the Annotated agenda, ECE/HBP/178