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**Programme of work of the housing and land management component of the
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Draft programme of work of the Housing and Land Management Component of Housing, Land Management and Population Subprogramme for 2020

Note by the secretariat

Summary

This present document contains the draft programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme (“the subprogramme HLM component”) for 2020.

The Committee on Housing and Land Management is invited to adopt it and transmit to the Executive Committee for approval.



I. Introduction

1. The present document contains the draft programme of work of the Housing and Land Management Component of Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme (“the subprogramme HLM component”) for 2020. The Committee on Housing and Land Management is invited to adopt it and transmit it to the Executive Committee for approval. Any subsequent additional, discontinued or carried over outputs will be reflected in the Umoja system used by the UN Secretariat for planning, monitoring and reporting of the implementation of the programme.
2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based management (RBM) approach, a broad management approach which establishes a logical relationship between the hierarchical results (deliverables – outcomes – impact) known as ‘results chain’, the resources (human and financial) known as ‘inputs’, and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) which can prevent from achieving the objective.
3. The objective, the most significant planned result and the deliverables in the draft programme of work, correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2020. The objective of the subprogramme is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In attaining its objective, the subprogramme builds on cross-sectoral collaboration with other subprogrammes in relevant ECE nexus areas where multiple SDGs converge.¹ This type of collaboration enables the subprogramme to maximize existing synergies, increase the efficiency of its work and have a multiplying effect on the impact of its actions to support countries to implement SDGs. The deliverables of the subprogramme fall into the following main categories: (a) facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies; (b) generation and transfer of knowledge, including technical cooperation projects, training events, seminars, workshops, and publications; (c) other substantive deliverables, and (d) communication deliverables.
4. The details of the proposed publications are provided in Annex I. The overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme are listed in Annex II.

II. Objective and alignment with SDGs

5. The objective, to which this subprogramme HLM component contributes, is to advance decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all in liveable cities and human settlements, and sustainable land management.
6. The responsibility for the housing and land management component of the subprogramme is vested in the Forests, Land and Housing Division.
7. The objective is aligned with Goal 11 (make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable) as well as Goal 5 (achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), Goal 7 (ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all), Goal 8 (promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all) and Goal 9 (build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation).
8. The subprogramme HLM component will support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda², Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing (E/ECE/1478/Rev.1)³, the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development and Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020 (ECE/HBP/2013/3)⁴.

¹ The ECE nexus areas are as follows: 1) Sustainable management of natural resources; 2) Sustainable and smart cities for all ages; 3) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and 4) Measuring and monitoring SDGs.

² <http://habitat3.org/wp-content/uploads/NUA-English-With-Index-1.pdf>

³ http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/commission/2015/E_ECE_1478_rev1_en.pdf

⁴ <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/Publications/sust.hsgng.strategy.pdf>

III. Highlighted planned result for 2020

A. Regional observatory on urban-related Sustainable Development Goals

9. The subprogramme develops on a regular basis country profiles on urban development, housing and land management, and smart sustainable city profiles to support evidence-based policies in the ECE member States on urban development, housing, and land administration and management. Since the start of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda, in 2015 and 2016, respectively, there was a need for scaling up the activities on evidence-based urban and housing policies at the national, regional and local levels.

1. Challenge and response

10. The challenge was to develop evidence-based policies in support of the 2030 Agenda, owing to a lack of capacity for data collection and use for monitoring policy implementation at the regional, national and local levels.

11. In response, for 2020, ECE will publish guidelines on the collection of urban- and housing-related data and launch a regional observatory on urban-related Sustainable Development Goals. Both the guidelines and the regional observatory will facilitate the strengthening of capacity at the national and local levels for the development of evidence-based policies in support of implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the New Urban Agenda, the Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing and other key agreements. The observatory will include 10 Geneva Charter centres of excellence in countries in the ECE region to be established in order to provide targeted capacity-building and policy advice to national and local governments and other stakeholders in the respective countries; an interactive web portal containing regularly updated data and information on the state of housing and urban development at the national and local levels in countries of the region; and a set of training materials, including e-learning tools, on data and knowledge collection for the review of progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, relevant reports and publications, along with best practices.

12. The centres of excellence will translate the ECE instruments, including guidelines and standards, to the national and local policies and action programmes and ensure their ownership in countries. In addition, they will promote more effective implementation of those instruments by engaging national and local stakeholders. The centres will also conduct research and reviews of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and other global and regional commitments in the countries, thus supporting the evidence-based housing and urban development policy at the national level. ECE, in partnership with governments, experts and academia, will use the portal to systematically conduct surveys of countries' capacity-building needs. In line with the results of the surveys, the centres of excellence will develop studies and guidelines and organize workshops tailored to the countries' needs. The ECE regional observatory will therefore support two-way communication with member States and offer tailored knowledge and solutions to the countries and cities in the region.

2. Result and evidence

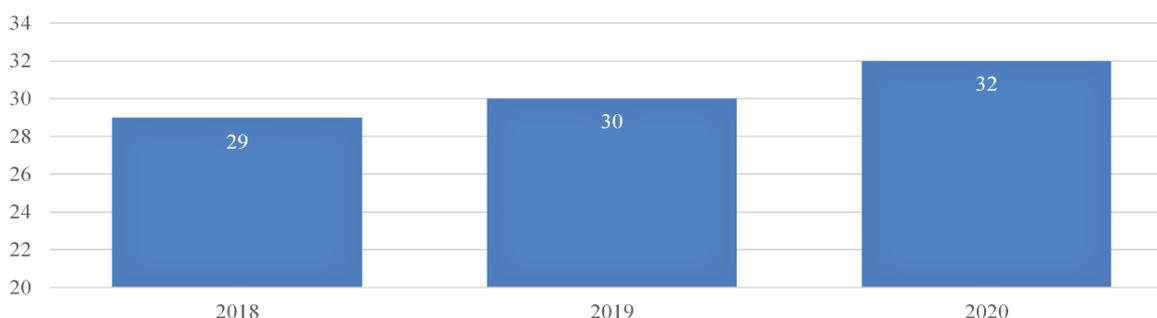
13. The planned deliverables are expected to contribute to the result, which is to strengthen the capacity of national and local governments and stakeholders in developing evidence-based policies in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, especially the Goal 11, on cities and human settlements.

14. Evidence of the result, if achieved, will include an increase to 32 in the number of ECE member States that apply ECE guidelines on urban development, housing and land management at the national and local levels, as shown in the figure.

Figure

Performance measurers: increased number of Economic Commission for Europe

member States that apply Commission guidelines on urban development, housing and land management at the national and local level



15. The result, if achieved, will demonstrate progress made in 2020 towards the collective attainment of the objective. It will contribute to the nexus areas on sustainable and smart cities, sustainable mobility and smart connectivity and measuring and monitoring the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

IV. External factors

16. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective on the assumption that: (a) adequate national and local statistical data and information on housing, urban development and land management issues is available; (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) adequate donor support for the preparation of studies and guidelines, undertaking of country and city profile studies is provided.

V. Deliverables to be implemented in 2020

The below table lists all deliverables, by category and subcategory, that would contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

<i>Quantified deliverables</i>	<i>2020 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies	
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	10
1. Documentation for the Committee on Housing and Land Management	10
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	
3. Meetings of the Committee on Housing and Land Management	14
4. Meetings of the Bureau of the Working Party on Land Administration	8
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge	
Technical cooperation and field projects (number of projects)	2
5. Projects on Country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning	2
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	
6. Workshops, seminars and training courses for policymakers and/or experts in the ECE region on housing and land administration (including real estate) and spatial planning	4
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	2

Publications (number of publications)	
7. Publications on housing, urban development and land management	2
Technical materials (number of materials)	
8. Technical Guidelines on Housing and Land Management	1

Non-quantified deliverables**C. Substantive deliverables**

Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions: Fact finding missions for policy makers, in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning.

Consultation, advice and advocacy: Advisory services for policy makers, in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning.

D. Communication deliverables

Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: Booklet and fact sheets of the Committee on Housing and Land Management and the Working Party on Land Administration.

External and media relations: Annual sets of press releases related to housing and land management activities.

Digital platforms and multimedia content: Update and maintenance of the websites related to housing and land management.

Annex I

Details of proposed publications for 2020

A. Non-recurrent publications

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Country Profile on Housing, Urban Development and Land Management. Strategic thematic study on the housing sector of Cyprus	Report of the 79th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management (doc. ECE/HBP/194) para 39.	Print and electronic	A4	120	E	R	400E, 200R
2	Survey on Land Administration Systems	This publication will have a specific mandate, per definition of the mandate in ST/SGB/2012/2. The mandate, including for language editions, is expected to be provided by the 80th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management in October 2019 and reflected in its report (doc. ECE/HBP/201).	Print and electronic	A4	110	E	R	400E, 200 R

B. Promotional material

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Fact sheets of the Committee on Housing and Land Management	A/74/6 (Sect.20)	Print and electronic	A4	4	E	R	600E, 300R
2	Fact sheets of the Working Party on Land Administration	A/74/6 (Sect.20)	Print and electronic	A4	4	E	R	600E, 300R

Annex II

I. Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

66/288	The future we want
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
67/290	Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development
69/277	Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations
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
71/14	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
71/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the 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
71/243	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
72/230	Development cooperation with middle-income countries
72/234	Women in development
72/237	South-South Cooperation
73/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
73/13	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
73/14	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM

73/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
73/195	Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
73/227	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
73/231	Disaster risk reduction
73/236	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1998/46	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
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

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

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 (68)	High-level statement
B (68)	Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

General Assembly resolutions

71/256	New Urban Agenda
72/226	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
73/239	Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

ECE/HBP/173 Report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its 74th session (Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020)

B (66) Endorsement of the Geneva United Nations Charter on Sustainable Housing

ECE/HBP/190 Report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its 78th session (Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development)
