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**Programme of work of the housing and land management component of the  
Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2021**

### **Draft programme of work of the housing and land management component of Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2021**

#### **Note by the secretariat**

##### *Summary*

This 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 2021.

The Committee on Urban Development, 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 2021. The Committee on Urban Development, 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 Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) proposed programme budget for 2021. The objective of the subprogramme is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
4. In attaining its objective, the subprogramme builds on cross-sectoral collaboration with other subprogrammes in relevant ECE nexus areas where multiple SDGs converge.<sup>1</sup> 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.
5. 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.
6. 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

7. The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen member State-owned programmes and policies promoting decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all, smart sustainable cities, sustainable urban development and land management.

## III. Strategy

8. The responsibility for the housing and land management component of the subprogramme is vested in the Forests, Land and Housing Division.
9. The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of the core interlinked functions, namely, international policy dialogue, normative work

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in all areas of the subprogramme's work.

10. To contribute to the strengthening of member State-owned programmes and policies promoting decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all, smart sustainable cities, sustainable urban development and land management, the subprogramme will continue to support member States, including national, regional and local governments and other key stakeholders, in the review of progress in achieving the SDG, including the implementation of measures to accelerate the achievement of the Goals, and in exchanging experiences and best practices in these areas.

11. The subprogramme will also support local governments in the assessment of achievement of the SDGs at the local level through the application of the ECE/International Telecommunication Union (ITU) key performance indicators on smart sustainable cities.

12. The subprogramme will provide technical assistance and disseminate best practices on the achievement of the housing, city and land-related Goals, especially Goal 11 (make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable), and, to a lesser extent, Goal 3 (ensure healthy lives and promote well-being of all ages), 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 9 (build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation) and Goal 12 (ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns). This will be done through the development of country profiles on urban development, housing and land management, smart sustainable cities profiles, pilot projects on innovative financial mechanisms for smart sustainable cities and thematic studies on affordable decent housing for all, sustainable urban development and land management. Furthermore, it will support Governments in the development of their national evidence-based urban policies and land administration.

13. It will also organize a Forum of Mayors to discuss challenges that local authorities/governments face in achieving sustainable urban development. Due consideration will be given to the integration of climate change measures into urban policies, strategies and planning.

14. Furthermore, the subprogramme will facilitate the maintenance, management and refurbishment of existing housing stock in ECE member States, which is expected to result in improved housing affordability and accessibility for all, improved energy efficiency and climate-neutrality of buildings, and increased support for the development of sustainable real estate markets that integrate the concepts of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing.

15. Past results in these areas include the development of evidence-based affordable and energy-efficient housing and urban policies and programmes at the national level, including the development of the national programmes for social housing and for low-cost housing in Albania, the new laws on spatial planning, architectural and construction activities and key provisions of regulating territorial use and development in Georgia, the adoption of the national strategy for the construction sector until 2030 in Kyrgyzstan and the formulation of the draft housing code in Ukraine according to recommendations of the ECE/United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) guidelines for data-collection processes for evidence-based housing and urban development policies. A second key result is the development of the city development plan for the city of Voznesensk, Ukraine, based on the recommendations of the smart sustainable city profile of the city, and the city performance evaluation using ECE/ITU key performance indicators on smart sustainable cities. The city government also developed a city action plan and concrete investment projects on promoting energy efficiency in buildings and

improving health services, which supported the improvement in the social and economic situation in Voznesensk and the quality of life of its population. A third key result is the preparation of the national programme for affordable housing construction in Belarus based on the recommendations of the country profile on housing and land management of Belarus. Following the recommendations, the Government of Belarus, with the assistance of ECE, initiated a pilot project on innovating financial mechanisms to promote smart sustainable city solutions in the city of Grodno.

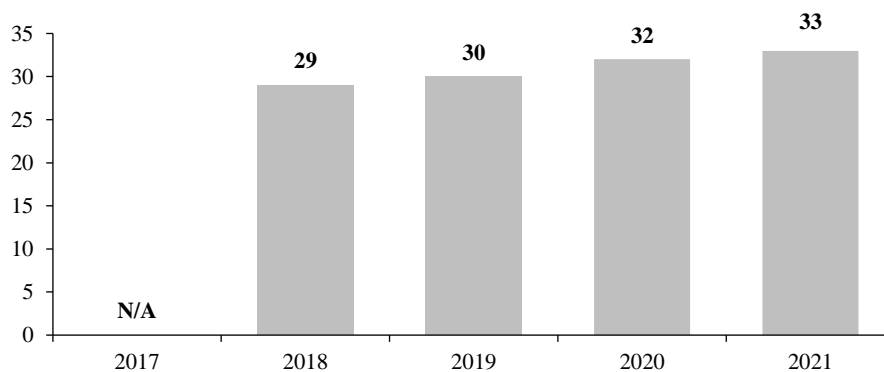
## IV. Planned results for 2021

### A. Regional observatory on urban-related Sustainable Development Goals (result carried over from 2020)

16. The subprogramme will continue the work related to sustainable urban development, sustainable smart cities, housing and land management, in line with its mandate, and will assist Governments in strengthening their capacity to develop evidence-based policies in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by applying ECE guidelines on urban development, sustainable smart cities, housing and land management, which is expected to be demonstrated by the performance measure for 2021 below (Figure 1). For 2021, a proxy performance measure is indicated, to reflect that the General Assembly, in its resolution [74/251](#), approved a programme narrative at the subprogramme level that is composed solely of the objectives.

Figure 1

**Performance measure: number of ECE member States that apply ECE guidelines on urban development, housing and land management at the national and local levels**



Abbreviation: N/A, not applicable.

## V. External factors

17. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives on the assumption that: (a) Member States continue to support the work of ECE and give high priority to regional and subregional cooperation and integration, with a view to achieving sustainable development; (b) All relevant stakeholders at the national level have the political will to cooperate in implementing the ECE legal instruments, norms and standards; (c) Voluntary resources continue to be available.

## VI. Deliverables to be implemented in 2021

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

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2021 planned</i>
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>	
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>19</b>
1. Documentation for the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management	12
2. Documentation for Working Party on Land Administration	7
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>22</b>
3. Meetings of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and its Bureau	12
4. Meetings of the Working Party on Land Administration and its Bureau	10
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>	
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>1</b>
5. Projects on country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning	1
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>4</b>
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
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>3</b>
7. Publications on housing and land management	3
<b>Technical material</b> (number of materials)	<b>2</b>
8. Technical guidelines on housing and land management	2
<b>Non-qualified deliverables</b>	
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>	
Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services for policymakers, in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning (2)	
Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions: fact-finding missions for policymakers in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning (2)	
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>	
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: booklet/fact sheets of the Committee on Urban Development, 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

### I. Details of proposed publications for 2021

#### 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.	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		400E
2	Future Scenarios of Land Administration	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 81th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management in October 2020 and reflected in its report (doc. ECE/HBP/206).	Print and electronic	A4	110	E	R	400E, 200R
3	"#Housing2030 – Improving Housing Affordability in the UNECE region" study report	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 81th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management in October 2020 and reflected in its report (doc. ECE/HBP/206)	Print and electronic	A4	80	E	R	400E, 200R

**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
74/216	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
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)
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)

*Economic Commission for Europe decisions*

ECE/HBP/173 Report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its seventy-fourth session, which adopted the Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020 (ECE/HBP/2013/3)

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 78<sup>th</sup> session (Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development)

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