Guidelines to evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development

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UNECE – areas of work

UN-Habitat – areas of work

- **Global Advocacy:** Housing at the Centre Approach

- **Housing policy**: e.g. capacity building, (assessment, policy and implementation)

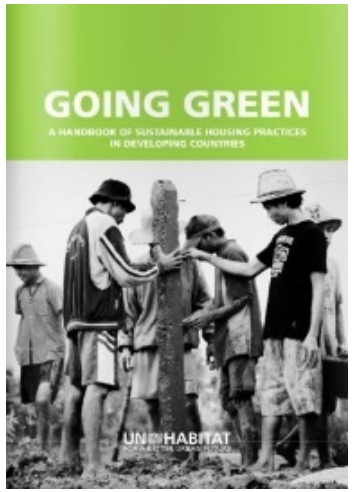
- **Housing affordability**: inclusive finance tools, data, regional programmes and monitoring of the SDG indicator).

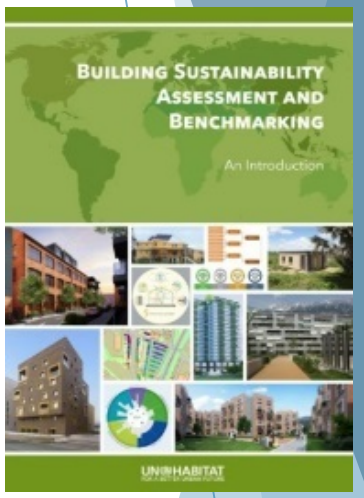
- **Human rights in cities**: leadership United Nations Housing Rights Programme, partnership with OHCHR and UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing.

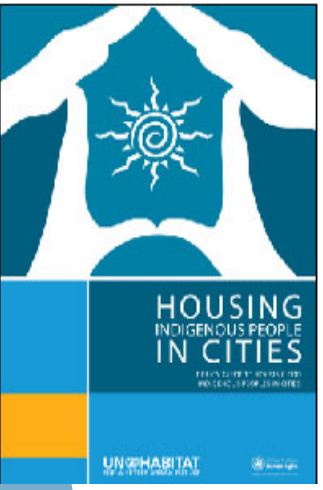
UN-Habitat – areas of work

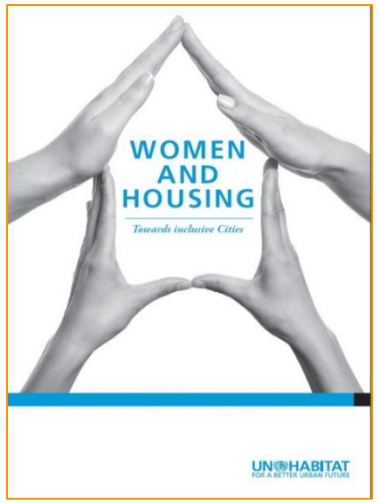
Development of sustainable housing practices & knowledge sharing

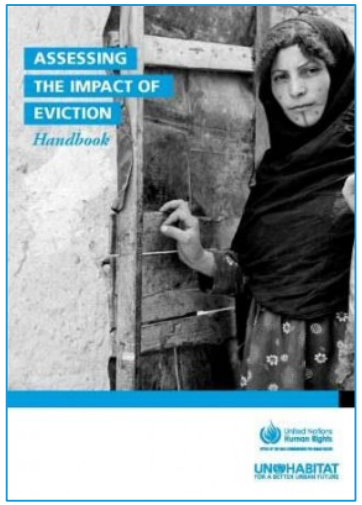
- Green building materials and construction technologies
- Climate-responsive housing and settlement design
- Risk-mitigating designs











Cultural diversity - Special housing needs of women, migrants, indigenous people, elderly, youth.

Context

Project: Evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development in selected countries with economies in transition.

Aim of the project: to strengthen national capacities for development of evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development, and to assist national governments, by:

- elaborating a policy paper and guidelines (‘Guidelines to evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development’),
- providing technical advice on the development of evidence-based policies,
- promoting intersectoral cooperation and building capacity on sustainable housing through the provision of advisory services, training materials, organization of workshops and online trainings.

Context II

Target Countries:	**Albania, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine**
Executing Entity	**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)**
Co-operating Agencies within the UN system:	**United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

Relevance to SDGs: improving capacities to achieve SDG 11 'Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable', especially the target 11.1 'by 2030, to provide access for all to adequate safe and affordable housing'.

Project timeline: June 2016 – December 2019.

‘Guidelines to evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development’

Aim: to support national evidence-based policy-making in Albania, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine (and other countries in the ECE region).

Focus: approaches to collection and analysis and use of data and information for sustainable housing and urban development policies (frameworks, tools, methodologies).

Underlaying premise: policy and decision-makers shall use evidence and data to inform development decisions; data and information can help to prioritise actions and legitimize this prioritization.

Character of the guidelines

Informative – outlines trends and dynamics in the field of housing, urban planning and land management in countries with economies in transition, especially Albania, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine.

Illustrative – provides: examples of housing policy objectives and policy monitoring frameworks in 4 countries; and initiatives for sustainable housing and urban development of the EU.

Reflexive – about practices and approaches to data collection and management at the international, national, regional and local levels.

Indicative – regarding opportunities for improving data collection and management and the use of data for policies at national level.

Functional – a practical tool to design/revise sustainable housing and urban development policies and strategies and data collection practices.

Structure of the guidelines (I)

Chapter 1. **Introduction**: housing, urban development and land issues in the UNECE region, theoretical insights into evidence-based policy-making,
methodology.

Chapter 2. **Housing in countries with economies in transition**: main trends and dynamics in countries with economies in transition; **and the EU** approach(es) to housing.

Chapter 3. **Housing policies** in Albania, Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia and Ukraine: context, policy objectives, monitoring frameworks, institutions managing data, reflection on data needs.

Chapter 4. **Frameworks, methodologies and tools** for using and managing data at international, national, regional and local levels.

Structure of the guidelines (II)

Chapter 5. **Data/information requirements** for coherent policies for sustainable housing and urban development at national level: data types and sources, stakeholders' roles;

Chapter 6. Ways of ensuring effective and efficient generation and use of data in **evidence-based policy cycle** (from data collection to policy decisions).

Chapter 7. Summary and conclusions

Checklist for data on Housing, Urban Development and Land Management.

Further steps

Guidelines completion: end of November 2018.

Follow up: Technical workshops and Training 2019.

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