



Expert Consultation on Smart Cities Indicators

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Introduction

The UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management decided in 2012 to include the topic of “smart cities” as one of its priority activities in its programme of work 2014-2015 under the cluster “Sustainable urban development”. Further, in 2014, the Committee launched the initiative “United Smart Cities”, which is aimed at supporting sustainable urban development in the ECE region, with a special focus on countries with transition economies.

With the expansion of urban areas, there is an urgent need to make cities better functioning and more efficient. Many countries are adopting the concept of smart cities. Cities applying the smart city concept are not only based on sound and strong ICT infrastructure, but are also more economically productive, environmental friendly and socially viable for its citizens. Smart cities should be inclusive, safe, resilient, sustainable and “connected” and should:

- Ensure access to adequate and affordable housing
- Provide access to safe, affordable and sustainable transport systems
- Enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization
- Safeguard their cultural and natural heritage
- Reduce the number of deaths, displacement and losses caused by disasters
- Reduce their environmental impact
- Provide universal access to safe and accessible green and public spaces
- Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban and rural areas
- Integrate innovative technologies and ICT within the different sectors.¹

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¹ These principles support the post-2015 agenda to be adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2015

Draft Programme

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	Opening Session This session will provide with information on the work of the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management Unit under the cluster “sustainable development” and will introduce the initiative “United Smart Cities”. It will further present a set of draft Smart City Indicators that the Environment Agency Austria developed in the context of the project.
10:00 – 10:30	Chair of the meeting: Mr. Andrea Gumina, Counselor of the Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Italy Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Gulnara Roll, Head, Housing and Land Management Unit, UNECE– Domenica Carriero, “United Smart Cities” Coordinator, Housing and Land Management Unit, UNECE– Gundula Prokop, Senior Expert, Environment Agency Austria, Austria
10:30 – 12:15	Session 1. Indicators: ECONOMY cluster This session will discuss one by one the indicators on this cluster.
12:15 – 13:00	Session 2. Indicators : ENVIRONMENT cluster (1) This session will discuss one by one the indicators on this cluster. (1 ST part)
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 15:55	Session 3. Indicators : ENVIRONMENT cluster (2) Continuation of the discussion on the indicators on this cluster. (2nd part)
15:55 – 17:35	Session 4. Indicators: SOCIETY & CULTURE cluster This session will discuss one by one the indicators on this cluster.
17:35 – 18:00	Wrap-up and conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr. Andrea Gumina, Counsellor of the Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Italy– Gulnara Roll, Head, Housing and Land Management Unit, UNECE, Switzerland