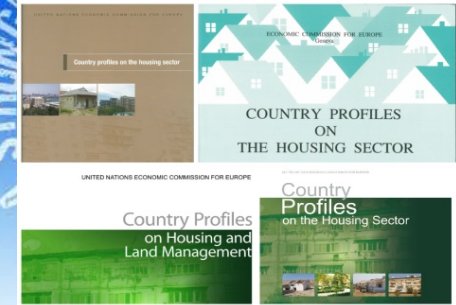


UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management activities on urban development



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Areas of work



Sustainable Housing and Real Estate Markets

Social housing:

- Workshops
- Policy brief
- PPPs in social housing

Energy efficient housing:

- Regional Action Plan
- Casebook of best practices
- Capacity building
- Building codes and standards

Sustainable Urban Development

Smart cities

- Regional network of cities Europe and Middle East
- City profiles
- Regional conferences

Urban planning

- Policy guidance document
- Studies on disaster risks, maps

Land Administration and Management

Capacity building workshops

- Copenhagen
- Baku
- Vienna

Studies

- Benchmarking of land administration systems
- Informal settlements,
- Unification of land registries

Cooperation FAO, JRC, WB

Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management

CP studies

- Uzbekistan
- Armenia
- Croatia
- Kazakhstan

Monitoring of policy implementation

- Republic of Moldova
- Serbia
- Tajikistan
- Ukraine

Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing (implementation)

UNECE Strategy on Sustainable Housing and Land Land Management 2014 – 2020 (implementation)



Housing and Land Management and Urban Planning

The Committee promotes sustainable cities with an integrated approach to planning, including

- Compact
- Efficient
- Inclusive
- Low-carbon
- Disaster resilient cities





Housing and Land Management and Urban Planning

Rio+20 Conference outlined the following key issues for sustainable urban development

- Strategic and spatial planning
- Institutional and financial aspects
- Transport and energy in urban areas
- Environmental aspects
- Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction (CCA/DRR)





Housing and Land Management and Urban Planning

SDG ON CITIES

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable by 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services, and upgrade slums

Enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacities for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries





Activities of the Committee on Urban Planning

Spatial Planning Key Instrument for Development and Effective Governance, 2008

Providing guidance to improve spatial planning systems in the UNECE Region, especially in countries in transition considering:

- Principles of spatial planning (6 principles)
- Roles and responsibilities (allocation of competences)
- Components of spatial planning systems (tools, directives, enforcement, spatial strategies and environmental assessment)
- Recommendations for stronger and more effective systems (encouraging debate, legal frameworks, guidance and guidelines for spatial planning)



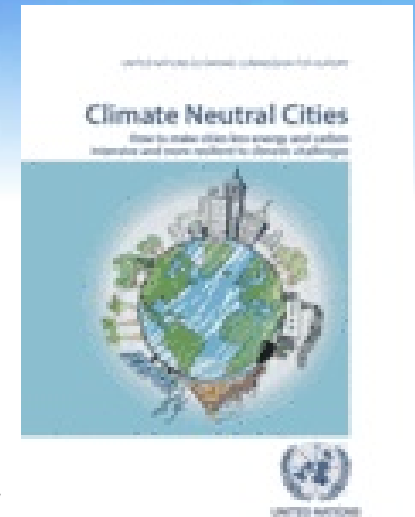


Activities of the Committee on Urban Planning

Climate Neutral Cities How to make cities less energy and carbon intensive and more resilient to climatic challenges, 2011

considering:

- Climate change adaptation is a dramatically emerging challenge for city planning
- Governance and institutions (strengthening urban resilience and the policies at different scales)
- Actions for priority sectors (urban infrastructure, buildings urban form etc,)
- Post carbon transition (city roadmap to climate neutrality)





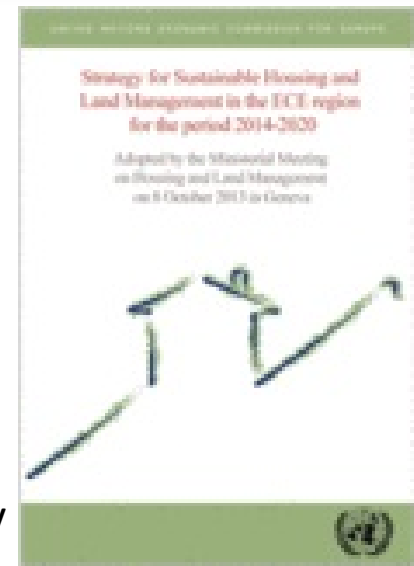
UNECE Housing and Land Management Commitment

Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020

The Ministerial Meeting on Housing and Land Management adopted in 2014 the Strategy that guides the work of the Committee

Two targets focus on urban planning:

- To develop national strategic direction and policies for sustainable *spatial development* with the participation of all stakeholders
- To develop territorial plans and/or other instruments to enforce existing regulations, at least for the following: areas prone to natural and human generated disasters, attractive areas for private investments, ecologically sensitive areas and heritage sites; inner-city densification, urban regeneration (etc,)





UNECE Housing and Land Management Commitment

The Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing

Member States at the Committee's meeting in October 2014 agreed on the text of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing.

The goal of the Charter is to support member States as they seek to ensure access to decent, adequate, affordable and healthy housing for all, with due attention to reducing the impact of the housing sector on the environment.





Proposal of a Policy Brief on Spatial Planning

To support the implementation of the Strategy and its targets a policy brief on urban-spatial planning could be developed

Considering:

- Studies and guidelines produced by relevant Organizations (UN-Habitat, World Bank, UNISDR)
- Ongoing debate on SDGs, and Global agreements (SE4ALL, Post-2015 framework for DRR, UN framework Convention for Climate Change)






Proposal for the UNECE Study on Urban Planning

The 75th Session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management endorsed the proposal for a Policy brief on urban planning

The study

- Implements objectives of the CHLM Strategy 2014-2020 supporting the development of national strategic directions in urban planning
- Promotes the dissemination of best practices to support the regional implementation and adaptation of international urban planning guidance documents
- Will be a collaborative product with the involvement of stakeholders including partner Organizations

United Nations ECE/HBP/2014/6

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Committee on Housing and Land Management

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Item 7(b) of the provisional agenda
Review of the implementation of the programme of work of 2014-2015
Sustainable urban development

Proposal for the Preparation of a Policy Brief on Urban Planning

Note by the secretariat

Summary

To support the implementation of the Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the UNECE region for the period 2014-2020 (ECE/HBP/2012/3), the secretariat has elaborated this proposal for the preparation of a policy brief on urban planning.

The Committee is invited to discuss and endorse this proposal.



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Proposal of a Policy Brief on Spatial Planning

The proposed organization could be organized with three tools

the study could be organized in three stages:

- A wide consultation on the content will be organized with UNECE divisions, to disclose synergies (especially with Environmental Policy)
- Relevant International Organizations will be invited to contribute to the preparation of the study, with the possible creation of an informal group of experts
- A consultation meeting will be organized during a thematic session at the Europe and Central Asia Housing Forum in April 2015





Proposed Structure

The policy study will support Habitat III with a regional perspective

Also adapting UN-Habitat international design guidelines

Close cooperation with other Organizations, programmes, and institutions is envisaged

Including: UN-Habitat, THE PEP, JRC, WB, ADB, OECD, IOM, UNISDR, ISOCARP, INU, Universities (Copenhagen, IUAV, Geneva, TU-Delft, Politecnico di Milano, Glasgow School of Arts, , KTH-Royal Institute of Technology) etc,

Urban Planning is a cross cutting domains, several expertise are required

Including: Transport, Energy Efficiency, Governance, Economics

A Task Group will be established to support the preparation of the policy study

The study could contain seven policy areas





Proposed Timeline

Thematic Workshops will be organized to support the work of the Task Group

First Workshop: January 13

Building Resilient Communities through Urban Planning and the Integration of Natural Sciences

Hosted by University of Geneva

**Policy area III
Resilient Cities and Human Settlements**

Outcome: Inputs for the chapter on Resilient Cities





Proposed Timeline

Thematic Workshops will be organized to support the work of the Task Group

Second Workshop: 24 February 2015

Designing and Managing Public Spaces in the UNECE Region to Support SDGs

Co-organized with Ax:Son Foundation and UN-Habitat

Policy area V

Healthy, Livable, Vital and Inclusive Public Spaces

Outcome: Inputs for the chapter on Public Spaces



15 December 2014, Geneva, Switzerland

The workshop organizers:

UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management

Ax:son Johnson Foundation

UN-Habitat

Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden

Introduction

Urban development is the engine of the economic development - in the globalised economy, cities and regions strive to attract investment. This poses several challenges for national and local governments, planning authorities, who should respond with adequate policies for the distribution of economic activities, the improvement of technical and social infrastructure, urban regeneration, provision of public spaces and affordable housing.

To respond to these challenges, UNECE member States have adopted the Strategy on Sustainable Housing and Land Management 2014 -2020. The strategy aims to promote green and socially inclusive human settlements and the long-term sustainability of housing and land management in the ECE region.

Sustainable cities and human settlements is one of the focus areas in the post-2015 development agenda. The Open Working Group established by the United Nations General Assembly released proposals for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which include a separate goal on cities and human settlements. According to the objective 11.7. of this goal (11) governments should, by 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, particularly for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities.

The workshop will discuss measures that governments and stakeholders undertake to promote access to safe, inclusive and accessible green and public spaces. A special focus of this workshop is on planning, design, and management of public spaces. It is recognised that a high-quality public space environment can have a meaningful impact





Cooperation

An initial working draft for the study will be circulated in the weeks following the meeting, already including suggestions of today's discussion

The Task Group will be open ended, HLM secretariat collects requests and will establish a web spaces to share information

Working sessions will be organized during workshops and on web spaces to support the preparation of the study

An advanced draft will be discussed at the 76th Session of the CHLM Meeting in fall 2015

The study will be released in advance to Habitat III





Thank you for the attention!

