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Objective of the organization: to improve the housing and urban governance in the region, strengthening the formulation and implementation of policies and developing capacities at national and local levels

<i>Expected accomplishments of the secretariat</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
Improved capacity for housing related policy formulation and implementation, taking into consideration the socially disadvantaged groups of the population	Number of countries which have expressed willingness to engage in an assessment of their housing situations through the country profile programme  Percentage of recommendations that have been implemented in key areas by the countries that have taken part in land administration reviews as reported to the Committee on Human Settlements
Improved policy formulation for urban land management	Number of countries that have taken action to implement the policy recommendations on urban land use
Further development and reforms in land administration to provide secure ownership in land, investment and other private and public rights in real estate	Number of countries which have expressed willingness to engage in an assessment of their land administration systems through the land administration reviews

### Strategy

The activities of the Division of Environment and Human Settlements responsible for this sub-programme will aim at:

- Promoting the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Sustainable Quality of Life in Human settlements in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, strengthening the regional contribution to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, and addressing the goals contained in the Millennium Declaration (eradication of extreme poverty, promotion of gender equality, ensuring environmental sustainability) as well as the regional priorities for human settlements as decided upon at the first Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development;
- collecting, analysing documenting information on housing conditions, trends and policies and assess the existing housing situation, review housing policies and provide policy recommendations;
- carrying out capacity building activities at the national and local levels to contribute to establishing democratic governance for adequately managing housing, land and urban services;
- identifying, developing and disseminating good practices on innovative policies to improve housing and the urban environment, upgrading land and real estate systems.