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Introduction

The seventy-sixth session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management will bring together high level representatives of the governments and stakeholders from the UNECE region and observers to discuss the implementation of the [Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing](#), Committee's [Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region 2014-2020](#), the Committee's work programme 2014-2015 and national policies in the UNECE region on housing, urban development and land management. The Committee session is also expected to adopt its work programme for 2016-2017 and to endorse smart city indicators, which will be used for benchmarking sustainable urban development in the UNECE region at the city level.

This session will take place two months after the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) and in advance of the [Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development – HABITAT III](#), which will take place on 17-21 October 2016 in Quito, Ecuador. The Committee session participants will discuss the preparations to the HABITAT III, including the preparation of a draft regional report on sustainable housing and urban development in the UNECE region, which will be the Committee's input into the "New Global Urban Agenda" to be adopted by the HABITAT III.

This document provides a detailed schedule of the meeting. Full references to Committee documents to be discussed at the session are available in the annotated agenda.¹

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¹ <http://www.unece.org/housing/committee76thsession.html#/>

Detailed programme

14 December 2015, Monday

09:30 – 10:00	Registration and morning coffee
10:00 – 10:20	<p>1. Opening and adoption of the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Elena Szolgayová, Chair, Committee on Housing and Land Management, UNECE</i> • Welcome note by <i>Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, UNECE</i>
10:20 – 10:40	<p>2. Information on the outcomes of the United Nations Summit to adopt the post-2015 development agenda</p> <p>The secretariat will inform on the outcomes of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 Development Agenda, which was held from 25 to 27 September 2015 in New York. The Committee will be also informed on the development of indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Committee is invited to discuss how the Committee will work and cooperate on the implementation of the post-2015 Development Agenda, including the SDGs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Michael Kunz, Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, Office of the Executive Secretary, UNECE</i> • <i>Tiina Luige, Chief of Environment and Multi-domaine Statistics Section, UNECE</i>
10:40 – 11:20	<p>3. Preparations for the Habitat III Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development</p> <p>The Committee session will be presented with the information on the preparations to the HABITAT III, including the organisation of the high-level Meeting for the UNECE region in the process towards Habitat III and the preparation of a regional report on housing and urban development for the UNECE region.</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparations for HABITAT III – <i>Roi Chiti, HABITAT III Secretariat</i> • Information on the preparations to the Habitat III European Regional Meeting – <i>Ms. Daniela Grabmüllerová, Director of the European Affairs Department, Ministry of Regional Development</i> • Update on the preparations to the HABITAT III at the UNECE – <i>Marco Keiner, Acting Director, UNECE Forests, Land and Housing Division</i> • Presentation of the draft Regional Report on Housing and Urban Development for the UNECE Region for Habitat III – <i>Brian Evans, Head of Urbanism, Mackintosh School of Architecture, The Glasgow School of Art, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</i> <p>Questions and answers. Discussion</p>

<p>11:20 – 11:30</p>	<p>4. Work of the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management The Committee Chair will report on the Bureau’s work and the main decisions taken since the seventy-fifth session of the Committee (ECE/HBP/2015/1). The Committee is invited to take note of this information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Elena Szolgayová, Chair, Committee on Housing and Land Management, UNECE</i> • <i>Gulnara Roll, Secretary to the Committee on Housing and Land Management, UNECE</i>
<p>11:30-13:00</p>	<p>5. High-Level Panel on the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and preparations to the HABITAT III Conference</p> <p>The Committee on Housing and Land Management at its seventy-fifth session in October 2014 agreed on the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing as a non-legally binding document (ECE/HBP/2014/2). High-level representatives of governments will inform on their activities to implement the Geneva UN Charter in their countries and on preparations in their countries to the HABITAT III.</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>H.E. Eglantina Gjermeni, Minister of Urban Development, Albania</i> • <i>H.E. Mr. Nurhan Izairi, Minister of Environment and Physical Planning, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</i> • <i>H.E. Michael Falzon, Parliamentary Secretary for Planning and Simplification of Administrative Processes, Malta</i> • <i>H.E. Ernst Hauri, Director, Federal Office for Housing, Switzerland</i> • <i>Botir Khodjaev, First Deputy Minister of Economy of Uzbekistan</i> • <i>Daiva Matoniene, Vice-Minister of Environment, Lithuania</i> • <i>Andrey Chibis, Vice-Minister of Construction, Housing and Utilities, the Russian Federation</i> • <i>Carlo Maria Medaglia, Head of the Technical Secretariat of the Minister, Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea, Italy</i> • <i>Elena Szolgayová, Director General, DG Housing Policy and Urban Development, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development, Slovakia</i> • <i>Alena Rakava, Advisor, Ministry of Architecture and Construction, Belarus</i>
<p>13:00 – 15:00</p>	<p>Lunch reception to introduce the exhibition “Art for Smart Sustainable Development” (outside of the conference room)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Marco Keiner, Acting Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE</i> • <i>Paolo Naldini, Director, Cittadellarte Foundation, Italy</i>

<p>15:00 – 16:30</p>	<p>6. Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2014-2015:</p> <p>6a. Sustainable housing and real estate markets</p> <p><u>Panel discussion on challenges in achieving access to affordable and social housing and sustainable real estate markets</u></p> <p>The objective of the panel will be to discuss challenges in achieving access to adequate and affordable housing and sustainable real estate markets in the UNECE region and to propose possible future activities to be implemented by the Committee in cooperation with its partners in this area.</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Orna Rosenfeld, Lecturer, Sciences Po, L'Institut d'études politiques (IEP) de Paris, France</i> • <i>Lise Nielsen, Head of Division, Ministry of Housing, Urban and Rural Affairs, Denmark</i> • <i>Marc Calon, President, Housing Europe, the Netherlands</i> • <i>Magnus Hammar, Secretary General, International Union of Tenants, Sweden</i> • <i>Galina Khovanskaya, Chair, Committee on Housing Policies and Communal Services, State Duma of the Russian Federation</i> • <i>Marc Uhry, Responsible for Europe, Head Abbe Pierre Foundation, France</i> • <i>Reiner Lux, Managing Director, HypZert GmbH, Germany</i> • <i>Tolobai Keneshov, Head, Architectural Construction Control Unit, State Agency on Architecture and Construction, Kyrgyzstan</i> <p>Discussion and formulation of recommendations</p>
<p>16:30 – 17:00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>17:00 – 18:00</p>	<p><u>Panel discussion on energy efficiency in buildings</u></p> <p>The seventy-fifth session of the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management in October 2014 endorsed a proposal by the Committee Bureau for the establishment of an informal expert group to develop building standards (ECE/HBP/2014/4). The Committee on Housing and Land Management and the Committee on Sustainable Energy conducted a survey of member States and prepared a report on “Building standards and building regulations in the UNECE region” (Informal Note 5). The secretariats of the two committees organized an Expert Consultation on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings which took place in Geneva on 20 and 21 April 2015. The Committee will be presented with the conclusions and recommendations of the expert consultation (ECE/HBP/2015/2) and will be invited to endorse the recommendations made by the experts for the future activities of the Committee on energy efficiency standards in buildings.</p>

	<p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gulnara Roll, Secretary to the Committee on Housing and Land Management, UNECE</i> • <i>Stefanie Held, Chief, Sustainable Energy Section, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE</i> • <i>Daiva Matoniene, Vice-Minister of Environment, Lithuania</i> • <i>Anna Caterina Rossi, Technical Programme Manager, Central Secretariat, International Organization for Standardization</i> • <i>Christoph Dürr, Chair, Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry, UNECE</i> • <i>David Guilbert, Director, Western Europe, Construction and Housing Sector, Quebec Wood Export Bureau</i> • <i>Doris Andoni, Director General, Housing Agency, Albania</i>
17:00 – 18:30	<u>Parallel meeting – a meeting of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group</u>
18:30 – 20:00	Cocktail reception hosted by Czech Government (at the entrance of the Room XII)

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10:00 – 11:30	<p>6b. Sustainable urban development</p> <p><u>United Smart Cities</u></p> <p>The secretariat and experts will present the elaborated within the United Smart City project smart city indicators (ECE/HBP/2015/4). The Committee will be invited to take note of the project activities, endorse the indicators and make recommendations for future actions under the United Smart City project.</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Domenica Carriero, Smart Cities Project Coordinator, UNECE secretariat</i> • <i>Gundula Prokop, International Affairs Officer, Environment Agency, Austria</i> • <i>Artem Sedov, Head, Laboratory “Smart City”, Russian Federation</i> • <i>Nune Harutynyan, Deputy Executive Director REC Caucasus, Regional Environmental Center for Caucasus</i> • <i>Andrea Gumina, Economic counsellor, Cabinet Office of the Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Italy</i> • <i>Krista Kampus, Head of the Baltic 21 Unit, The Council of the Baltic Sea States,</i>
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	<i>Sweden</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:00	<p>6c. Land administration and management</p> <p>The Chair of the Working Party on Land Administration will report on the activities carried out by the Working Party since the last session of the Committee (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/7) and present the Working Party programme of work 2016-2017 (ECE/HBP/2015/5). The Working Party secretariat will also inform on the preparation of the Technical Guidelines on Informal Settlements in the ECE Region (Informal Note 7). The Committee will be invited to take note of the information on the Working Party's ongoing activities and to adopt its programme of work.</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Working Party activities – <i>Elshad Khanalibayli, Chair of the Working Party on Land Administration, UNECE</i> • Proposals for the Working Party programme of work 2016-2017 – <i>Amie Figueiredo, Secretary of the Working Party on Land Administration, UNECE</i> • Information on the progress of a study on advantages and disadvantages of unification of land registries and cadastres – <i>Rik Wouters, Managing Director, EULIS; and Senior Land Administration Expert, Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency Apeldoorn, Netherlands</i> • Update on the Land Administration Systems Survey – <i>James O'Boyle, Property Registration Authority, Ireland</i> • Informal Settlements: "fit-for-purpose" legalization – <i>Chryssy Potsiou, President, International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)</i> • Presentations of partner organisations, questions and answers
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 16:00	<p>6d. Country profiles on housing and land management</p> <p>At its seventy-fourth session, the Committee approved guidelines for the preparation of country profiles on housing and land management (ECE/HBP/2013/8).² The Committee will be informed about the implementation of the guidelines in preparing new country profiles and national action plans which have been developed as a result of recommendations in the country profiles. The Committee will be provided with updates on the status of the country profiles on housing and land management.</p> <p>The Committee will be invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take note of the information provided and decide on the next countries to be reviewed.

² Available at http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2013/ECE_HBP_2013_8.pdf

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the impact of country profiles on countries and mechanisms to monitor the implementation of their recommendations. • Propose financial or in-kind expert contribution to the next country profiles. • Delegations of member States will inform the Committee if they are interested in having a country profile prepared for their country.
16:00 – 16:40	<p>7. Status of the trust fund on human settlements</p> <p>Report on the status of the trust fund on human settlements – <i>Marco Keiner, Acting Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division</i></p> <p>Delegations will be invited to announce their voluntary contributions and in-kind support</p>
16:40–17:10	<p>8. Adoption of the Committee’s programme of work for 2016-2017</p> <p>The secretariat will present the draft programme of work 2016-2017 (ECE/HBP/2015/7). The Committee is invited to adopt the programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land and Population subprogramme 2016-2017.</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gulnara Roll, Secretary to the Committee on Housing and Land Management, UNECE</i> • <i>Paulius Kulikauskas, Acting Director, Brussels Office, UN-Habitat</i> • <i>Tatiana Khabarova, Director, Moscow office, UN-Habitat</i> • <i>Judit Torokne-Rozsa, Head of Unit, European Commission Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy</i> • <i>Oksana Remiga, Senior Programme Manager, United Nations Development Programme in Ukraine</i> • <i>Other partner organisations</i>
17:10-17:20	<p>9. Strategic framework of the subprogramme 2018-2019</p> <p>The secretariat will present the draft Strategic Framework 2018-2019 for the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme (ECE/HBP/2015/8), which was endorsed by the Committee Bureau. The Committee is invited to adopt the Strategic Framework as endorsed by the Bureau.</p>
17:20–17:40	<p>10. Election of the Bureau</p> <p>The Committee is expected to elect the Bureau for its seventy-seventh session</p>
17:40 – 17:50	<p>11. Other business</p> <p>Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item</p>
17:50 – 18:00	<p>12. Adoption of the report and closing of the session</p> <p>The Chair will summarize the major decisions taken by the Committee. The Committee will be invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat. The Chair will propose a date for the organisation of the next Committee session; the Committee will decide on the date of its Committee session. The Chair will close the session.</p>