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Seventy-seventh session of the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management

13 – 14 September 2016, Tuesday and Wednesday

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Introduction

The seventy-seventh session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management will bring together high level representatives of governments and stakeholders from the UNECE region, and observers to discuss the implementation of the [Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing](#), the Committee's [Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region 2014-2020](#), the Committee's work programme for 2014-2015 and national policies in the UNECE region on housing, urban development and land management.

This session will take place after the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (11-20 July 2016, New York) which reviewed progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It will also be held one month in advance of the [Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development – HABITAT III](#), (17-21 October 2016, Quito, Ecuador) which is expected to develop the New Urban Agenda.

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

The annotated agenda and documents of the meeting are available at www.unece.org/housing/committee77thsession

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13 September 2016, Tuesday

09:00-10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00 -10:15	<p>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> • <i>Welcome note by Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, UNECE</i>
10:15 -11:00	<p>Keynote presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>H.E. Nicolaas Beets, Dutch Urban Envoy, Dutch Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations</i> • <i>Daniela Grabmüllerová, Director of the European Affairs Department, Ministry of Regional Development of Czech Republic on behalf of the Co-chair of the European Habitat Regional Consultation Meeting</i> <p>Information on the preparations towards Habitat III and the draft new Urban Agenda - Roi Chiti, Secretariat of Habitat III</p>
11:00-11:30	<p>High-level session on the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing</p> <p>The Committee on Housing and Land Management agreed on the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing in October 2014. In 2015, the Committee endorsed recommendations for implementation of the Charter which included a proposal for the establishment of Geneva UN Charter centres. The delegates will be presented with draft Guidelines for the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and with proposals by countries and partner organisations for the establishment of such centres. Representatives of governments will inform on their countries' activities to implement the Charter. The Committee is invited to endorse the draft guidelines and to take note of the information provided.</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>H.E. Mr. Karam Hasanov, Chairman, State Committee on Property Issues, the Republic of Azerbaijan</i> • <i>Mr. Turdubek Mambetov, Director, State Agency of Architecture, Construction and Housing and Communal Services, Kyrgyzstan</i> • <i>H. E. Ms. Deborah Schembri, Parliamentary Secretary for Planning and Simplification of Administrative Processes</i> • <i>Denitsa Nikolova, Vice-Minister of Regional Development and Public Works of the Republic of Bulgaria</i>
11:30-11:45	Break
11:45-12:30	<p>Session on the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing (continues)</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Doris Andoni, Director General, National Housing Agency, Albania</i> • <i>Alena Rakava, Advisor, Ministry of Architecture and Construction, Belarus</i> • <i>Representative of the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Utilities, the Russian Federation</i> • <i>Brian Mark Evans, Head of Urbanism, Mackintosh School of Architecture, The Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</i> <p><i>Questions and comments</i></p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch break

<p>14:00-15:00</p>	<p>HABITAT III Urban Lunch: presentation of the Habitat III Regional Report for the UNECE region (in English, without simultaneous interpretation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, UNECE</i> • <i>Frederic J. Saliez, Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat</i> • <i>Gulnara Roll, Head, Housing and Land Management Unit, UNECE</i> • <i>Roi Chiti, Regional and Interagency Coordinator, Habitat III Secretariat</i>
<p>15:00-16:00</p>	<p>2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and perspectives for its implementation on housing and urban development in the UNECE Region</p> <p>The United Nations summit (25- 27 September 2015, New York) adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Committee at its 76th session in December 2015 adopted a decision to develop a system for monitoring the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the part of the Sustainable Development Goal 11 on Cities and Human Settlements, and entrusted its Bureau to develop a methodology. The UN Statistical Commission at its 47th session adopted the global indicator framework for the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.¹ The UN High-level Political Forum (11 - 20 July 2016, New York)² discussed follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The UNECE secretariat will inform on outcomes of these meetings. The Committee is invited to discuss how the Committee will work on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including on the development of the indicators.</p> <p>Presentations</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 Section, Statistics Division, UNECE (tbc)</i> • <i>Gulnara Roll, Head, Housing and Land Management Unit, UNECE</i> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pierre Jean Coulon, President, TEN section, European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels</i> <p>Questions and comments</p>
<p>16:00–16:30</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>16:30-17:20</p>	<p>Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2016-2017:</p> <p>Sustainable housing and real estate markets</p> <p><u><i>Achieving access to affordable adequate housing</i></u></p> <p>The Committee published in 2015 the study “Social Housing in the ECE Region: Models, Trends and Challenges” (ECE/HBP/182).³ In 2016, the Committee started work on a study on housing migrants (Informal Note 3). The secretariat and representatives of partner organisations will inform the delegates on progress of activities on affordable adequate housing and will outline planning for the future. The Committee is invited to provide input into planning of work.</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current activities by the Committee on affordable adequate housing and proposals for next steps - <i>Gulnara Roll, Head, Housing and Land Management Unit, UNECE</i> • Update on the preparation of the study on housing migrants – <i>Orna Rosenfeld, Lecturer, Sciences Po, L’Institut d’études politiques (IEP) de Paris, France</i> • Activities on housing policies at UN-Habitat - <i>Christophe Lalande, Leader, Housing Unit, Housing and Slum Upgrading Branch, UN-Habitat</i>

¹ <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/>

² <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2016>

³ <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41388>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Magnus Hammar, International Union of Tenants</i> <p>Questions and comments</p>
17:20-17:40	<p><u><i>Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group</i></u></p> <p>EXCOM, at its seventy-third meeting on 14 March 2016, approved the renewal of the mandate and the revised terms of reference of the Group until 31 December 2018 (ECE/EX/2014/L.8). The Group elaborated its draft programme of work for 2017-2018. The Committee Bureau agreed on the text of the programme of work. The Committee is invited to adopt the Advisory Group's programme of work for the period 2017-2018 (ECE/HBP/2016/3).</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Report on the work in 2015-2016 and proposals for the programme of work 2017-2018 – <i>Giampiero Bambagioni, Chair of REM</i></p> <p>Questions and comments</p>
17:40-18:00	<p>Activities on the implementation of the Programme of Work since the seventy-sixth session and recommendations for directions of future activities</p> <p>The Committee Chair <i>Ms. Elena Szolgayová</i> will inform the delegates on the main actions taken since the seventy-sixth session of the Committee. The secretariat will present to the attention of the delegates proposals for the organisation of celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the Committee in 2017, including a draft Committee Declaration (Informal note 1), which is proposed to be adopted by the Committee at its seventy-eighth session in 2017. The Committee is invited to provide comments to the proposals.</p>
18:30 – 20:00	Reception hosted by Slovak Government (Restaurant 8th floor)

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10:00-10:30	<p>Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2016-2017:</p> <p>Sustainable housing and real estate markets (continues)</p> <p><u>Energy efficient housing</u></p> <p>The Committee at its 76th session endorsed the proposal for the establishment of the Joint Task Force on Energy-Efficiency Standards in Buildings with the Committee on Sustainable Energy and with the participation of experts from other ECE bodies and international partner organizations. The work of the Joint Task Force did not start as yet due to lack of funds. The Committee at the 76th session took note of the possibilities of cooperation with UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) on energy efficiency in wooden buildings and entrusted the CHLM Bureau to develop and organize the implementation of joint activities. The secretariat will provide update on the planning of work of the Task Force and on the cooperation with COFFI. The Committee is invited to consider providing financial support to the proposed project.</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Stefanie Held, Section Chief, UNECE Sustainable Energy Division</i> • <i>Nicholas Gazzard, President, Co-operative Housing International, Ontario, Canada</i> • <i>Sylvain Labbé, COFFI, Président-directeur general, Bureau de promotion des produits du bois du Québec on cooperation with COFFI</i> <p>Questions and comments</p>
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<p>10:30 – 11:15</p>	<p>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. The Working Party secretariat will also inform on the preparation of the Tenth WPLA Session scheduled for March 2017. The Committee will be invited to take note of the information on the Working Party's ongoing activities reflected in (ECE/HBP/2016/1).</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</i> • Working Party upcoming activities including the Eleventh session in March 2017 – <i>Amie Figueiredo, Secretary of the Working Party on Land Administration, UNECE</i> • Experience of Montenegro in regularization of informal settlements - <i>Mr. Marko Čanovic, General Director for Housing, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro</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> <p>Questions and comments</p>
<p>11:15-11:45</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>11:45-12:15</p>	<p>Sustainable urban development</p> <p><u>Activities of the Committee on urban planning</u></p> <p>The International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning have been developed by the UN-Habitat through a wide consultative process and built upon a range of experiences. The Guidelines were approved by the Governing Council of UN-Habitat in Resolution 25/6 of 23 April 2015. The UNECE and UN-Habitat organised a joint workshop on the localisation of the Guidelines in April 2016 and following that elaborated a joint programme for cooperation on urban planning in the UNECE Region. The Committee secretariat also organised jointly with the UNECE Environment Division a workshop on land use planning and hazardous wastes on 13 April 2016. The secretariat will present a proposal for a joint programme with UN-Habitat and other relevant organisations on urban planning. The Committee is invited to endorse the proposal.</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning and proposals for their application in the UNECE region - <i>Remy Sietchiping, UN-Habitat</i> • Key messages of the report “CIS Cities: Towards Sustainable Future” - <i>Tatiana Khabarova, UN-Habitat</i> • Comments and proposals for the cooperation - <i>Elena Santer, UNECE secretariat to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment</i> <p>Questions and comments</p>

12:15-13:00	<p>United Smart Cities</p> <p>The Committee at its 76th session (ECE/HBP/184 para 44) endorsed the UNECE/ITU Smart Sustainable City Indicators and recommended developing Smart Sustainable City Standards and further activities on the preparation of smart sustainable city profiles with a possible amendment once the SDG indicators are approved. The secretariat and experts will present the revised smart sustainable city indicators (ECE/HBP/2016/5) and will inform on activities under the United Smart City project. The Committee will be invited to endorse the revised indicators and to take note of the project activities.</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Domenica Carriero, Smart Cities Project Coordinator, UNECE secretariat</i> • <i>Daiva Matoniene, Deputy Minister of Environment, Lithuania</i> • <i>Representative of Liechtenstein</i> • <i>Andres Jaadla, Covenant of Mayors, European Committee of the Regions; and Estonian Union of Housing Cooperatives</i> <p>Questions and comments</p>
13:00-15:00	<p>Lunch break</p>
15:00-15:45	<p>Country profiles on housing and land management</p> <p>At its seventy-sixth session, the Committee approved revised guidelines for the preparation of country profiles on housing and land management (ECE/HBP/2015/6/Corr.1). After the Committee session the secretariat conducted an external evaluation of the Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management from 1996 to 2015; an evaluation report has been prepared (ECE/HBP/2016/7). The Committee will be provided with a presentation on results of the evaluation and updates on the status of the preparation of Country Profiles. The Committee will be invited to take note of the information provided and decide on the next countries to be reviewed; to approve the report of the external evaluation of the Country Profiles and the Country Profiles on housing and land management for Uzbekistan (ECE/HBP/185) and Armenia (ECE/HBP/186) and their publications.</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cecilia Batac, Country Profiles Programme Coordinator, Housing and Land Management Unit, UNECE</i> • <i>Tursun Akhmedov, Director, Institute of Social studies under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan</i> • <i>Armen Ghularyan, Deputy-Minister of Urban Development, Armenia</i> • <i>Bakytzhan Kachakov, Head of Economic Analysis, Committee for construction, housing and communal services, Ministry of National Economy of Kazakhstan</i> <p>Questions and comments</p>
15:45 – 16:00	<p>Status of the trust fund on human settlements</p> <p>Report on the status of the trust fund on human settlements – <i>Ivonne Higuero, Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division</i></p>
16:00–16:30	<p>Election of the Bureau</p> <p>The Committee will elect the Bureau for its seventy-eighth session</p>
16:30 – 16:40	<p>Other business</p> <p>Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item</p>
16:40 – 17:00	<p>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 Committee will decide on the date of its Committee session.</p>