

## **Post COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the UNECE Region**

### **Kyrgyzstan Local Stakeholder Workshop**

Date: 10 December 2020  
Time: 11AM – 12:30PM CET  
Language: English (with interpretation to/from Russian)  
Platform: Zoom

#### **Rationale**

In the context of the ongoing COVID-19 global crisis, UNECE is preparing a *Post COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the UNECE Region*. The Recovery Action Plan aims at providing cities with robust and efficient action measures to enhance the integration of informal settlements in the urban fabric while recovering from the crisis caused by the pandemic. The Plan is underpinned by assessment reports on informal settlements in four project cities: Tirana, Albania; Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Podgorica, Montenegro; and Skopje, North Macedonia.

The **Kyrgyzstan local stakeholder workshop** focuses on the pilot city Bishkek. The event is designed to:

- Present and discuss key findings of the draft local assessment report of Bishkek city as well as next steps to improve the situation in the informal settlements of Bishkek
- Raise awareness about the Post COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the UNECE Region and its key deliverables and
- Discuss how it could support the implementation of local measures in Bishkek in its specific context.

After a general introduction to the Post COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the UNECE Region, **data from the city assessment report** will be presented by the local consultant, followed by comments to the draft assessment report and an **identification of priorities to address challenges of the informal settlements** by local and national government representatives. Finally, **local stakeholders are invited to discuss** with the assessment team, the experts and government representatives from their perspectives on how the Regional Action Plan could support the implementation of the local measures.

Materials explaining the Plan's key measures in detail will be made available beforehand on UNECE's website.

## **Programme**

Moderated by

**Mr. Matteo Tarantino**, Lecturer and Senior Research Associate, Institute for Environmental Sciences, University of Geneva

**Mr. Alexandre Hedjazi**, Director, Global Environmental Policy Program, University of Geneva

11:00 Opening (15')

**Mr. Bolot Apilov**, Head of the Public State Administration for Capital Construction of the Mayor's Office of Bishkek

**Mr. Ulukbek Usubaliev**, UN Regional Coordination Office representative

**Ms. Gulnara Roll**, Secretary, Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, UNECE

**Ms. Kerstin Sommer**, Slum Upgrading Unit Leader and Project Leader Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme UN-Habitat

11:15 Introduction to the Post COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements (15')

**Mr. Steven Nystrom**, NewStream Companies, former FIG Commission 9 Chair

11:30 Bishkek Assessment Report – Key Findings and Recommendations (15')

**Ms. Nurzat Abdyrasulova**, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Unison Group

11:45 Comments to the draft assessment report and proposals for the next activities - Discussion and Q&A (20')

**Ms. Aigul Kochorbaeva**, Head of the Planning and Economic Department of Public and State Department of Capital Construction of the Bishkek City Hall

**Mr. Bolot Apilov**, Head of the Public State Administration for Capital Construction of the Mayor's Office of Bishkek

**Mr. Tolobai Keneshov**, UNECE consultant

**Ms. Gulnaz Bikieva**, UNECE consultant

12:05 Feedback from Lead Authors of the Recovery Action Plan on Key Measures (10')

**Mr. Steven Nystrom**, NewStream Companies, former FIG Commission 9 Chair

**Ms. Chryssy Potsiou**, Professor of Cadastre and Land Management, National Technical University of Athens, Honorary FIG President and WPLA Vice-Chair

12:15 Conclusions (15')

**Ms. Kerstin Sommer**, Slum Upgrading Unit Leader and Project Leader Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme UN-Habitat

**Ms. Gulnara Roll**, Secretary, Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, UNECE

12:30 Workshop closes

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