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**Strategic framework for the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2018-2019**

## **Draft Strategic Framework 2018-2019 Housing and Land Management Component of the Subprogramme 08: Housing, Land Management and Population**

### Note by the secretariat

#### *Summary*

This document includes the draft strategic framework 2018-2019 for housing and land management component of the Subprogramme 08: Housing, Land Management and Population, which was endorsed by the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management.

The Committee is invited to adopt the strategic framework as endorsed by the Bureau.



## I. Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

*Objective of the Organization: To improve housing, urban and land governance in the UNECE region and to promote the evidence-based formulation and implementation of sustainable housing and land policies in the region*

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures	2018-	2016-	2014-
			2019	2017	2015
(a) Improved capacity for formulation and implementation of evidence-based policies in housing, urban development and land management	(a) Increased number of countries which participate in ECE results-oriented assessment of national housing and urban development policies and land administration systems	Target	38	27	26
		Estimate		37	26
		Actual			36
(b) Strengthened implementation of ECE guidelines on housing, urban development and land management	(b) Increased number of countries which apply ECE guidelines on housing, urban planning and land management in their national policies	Target	30	29	27
		Estimate		29	27
		Actual			27

## II. Strategy

1. The subprogramme consists of two components: (a) housing and land management, in the Forests, Land and Housing Division; and (b) population, in the Statistics Division.

2. The Forests, Land and Housing Division is responsible for implementing the housing and land management component (HLM component) of the subprogramme.

3. The objective of the HLM component subprogramme will be achieved through: (a) international policy dialogue on housing, urban development and land administration; (b) normative work on affordable and energy efficient housing, urban planning and development and land administration; and (c) capacity building and sharing of best practices and lessons learned in all the areas of subprogramme's HLM component work.

4. The HLM component of the subprogramme will contribute to the post-2015 development agenda by promoting the achievement of housing, urban and land related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially the SDG 11 "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable". The HLM component of the subprogramme will establish synergies in the respective areas of work with ECE subprogrammes: (1) Environment, (2) Transport, (3) Statistics, (4) Economic Cooperation and Integration, (5) Sustainable Energy, and (7) Timber and Forestry.

5. The HLM component works to improve housing, urban development and land administration and management. It supports the implementation of the Geneva UN

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Charter on Sustainable Housing (E/ECE/1478/Rev.1)<sup>1</sup> and Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020 (ECE/HBP/2013/3)<sup>2</sup>.

6. To promote sustainable housing and real estate markets, the subprogramme will support the governments in improving energy efficiency in buildings, facilitating the maintenance, management and refurbishment of existing housing stock and developing real estate markets which contribute to economic growth. It will focus on the social dimensions of sustainable housing to address housing affordability, adaptation of the housing stock to demographic changes, such as ageing of the population, and access to healthy and safe housing. The will also cover monitoring of the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and the Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020.

7. To support sustainable urban development, the subprogramme will promote an integrated approach to planning of cities and human settlements. The focus will be on activities relevant to spatial planning which will result in compact, efficient and inclusive cities, low-carbon and disaster resilient urban development and addressing challenges of informal settlements. The will also support the implementation of the ECE smart city indicators and preparation of smart city profiles.

8. To assist member states to improve land administration and land management, the subprogramme will promote security of tenure; improvement of cadastres and land registries, including institutional arrangements for land administration. This cluster will address land registration, e-governance, land tenure, spatial information and cadastres. An emphasis will be placed on issues of innovation and capacity building in land administration.

9. Country profiles on housing and land management, which assess the housing, urban development and land sectors, will be conducted upon the request of member States. These studies will be coordinated by the secretariat and drafted by independent international experts in cooperation with national experts. Work on the country profiles will also include monitoring of and support to the implementation of the country profiles' recommendations, including through the preparation of national action plans on sustainable housing and urban development and model projects.

### III. External factors

10. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there are adequate national statistical data and information available on housing, urban development and land management; (b) there are political will, an adequate legislative and regulatory framework, adequate institutions and sufficient resources to allow member States to implement the recommendations of the Committee on Housing and Land Management; and (d) there are extrabudgetary resources available for the preparation of studies and guidelines and undertaking of country and city profile studies.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/commission/2015/E\\_ECE\\_1478\\_rev1\\_en.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/commission/2015/E_ECE_1478_rev1_en.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/Publications/sust.hsng.strategy.pdf>