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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-eighth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 8 November 2017 in room XVIII.


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II. Annotations

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1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/188), (ECE/HBP/2015/7)

The provisional agenda is based on decisions taken by the Committee at its seventy-seventh session and on progress made since then in implementing the 2016-2017 programme of work. The provisional agenda prepared in consultation with the Committee Bureau, is presented to the Committee for adoption.

2. Introduction of the draft Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2017/1)

The Chair will present the draft Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development which has been developed by the Committee prior to the session. The Ministers and the heads of delegation of the ECE region will be invited to adopt the Declaration during the Ministerial Segment on 9 November 2017.

The Committee is invited to endorse the Ministerial Declaration to be adopted by the Ministers and heads of delegation.

3. Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2016-2017 since the seventy-seventh session

(a) **The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Global Indicators Framework, the New Urban Agenda and other global agreements in the ECE Region – implications to the work of the Committee**

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2017/2), Informal Note 1

The adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development¹ by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015; of the New Urban Agenda in October 2016 by the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development – Habitat III; of the Global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development² by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in July 2017; established new policy frameworks for future activities on sustainable housing and urban development at global and regional levels. In addition, the UN high level panel was established by the UN Secretary General and will prepare a report with recommendations on enhancing the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and oversight of UN-Habitat after the adoption of the New Urban Agenda. Member States

¹ <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld>

² <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/>

should consider how the above mentioned frameworks and outcomes of the report might be reflected in future strategic documents of the Committee.

The Committee is invited to consider requesting the Bureau to update the Strategy 2014-2020 by preparing a draft updated Strategy 2014-2030 in line with the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda for discussion at the seventy-ninth session.

(b) Sustainable housing and real estate markets

(i) Implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and of the UNECE Strategy on Sustainable Housing and Land Management 2014-2020

Documentation: (E/ECE/1478/Rev.1), (ECE/HBP/2013/3), (ECE/HBP/2016/2)

The Committee has adopted the UNECE Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management 2014-2020 in 2013. The Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing was agreed by the Committee in 2014 and endorsed by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in April 2015. In September 2016, the Committee adopted Guidance for the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing.

To support the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and the Strategy 2014-2020, national and regional capacity building workshops were organised in ECE region since the seventy-seventh session.

Geneva UN Charter centres were established in Albania, Estonia and the United Kingdom in accordance with the guidance. The centres provide support to the implementation of the Charter and the Strategy in the respective countries.

The Committee will be informed on activities of the Geneva UN Charter centres and on the capacity building activities, including participation of the Committee in the International Workshop on Housing Estates (12 October 2017), European Urban Forum (13 October 2017, Prague) and activities on strengthening cooperation and synergies with partner organisations.

The Committee is invited to provide recommendations for the future implementation of the Charter by member States, including for possible activities to be implemented by Charter centres.

(ii) Key outcomes and policy recommendations of the study on housing migrants

Documentation: Informal Note 2

The Committee will be presented with key outcomes and policy recommendations of the study on housing migrants. The Committee is invited to take note of this information and approve the publication of the study report as an official publication.

(iii) Energy efficiency in buildings

Documentation: (ECE/HBP/2014/4), (ECE/HBP/2015/2), (ECE/HBP/2017/3)

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. In 2015, the Committee on Housing and Land Management in cooperation with the Committee on Sustainable Energy jointly conducted a survey of member States on “Building standards and building regulations in the UNECE region” and organized an Expert Consultation on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings. Following recommendations of the expert group consultation, the UNECE Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings was established in 2016 and Framework Guidelines for Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings were prepared in

2017. A project “Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings” received financial support from governments of Denmark and the Russian Federation and the project implementation started. The first meeting of the Task Force to be organised in the framework of the project is planned for 30 October 2017.

ECE work on energy efficiency in buildings was discussed at the Ministerial Conference and the Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development “Meeting the Challenge of Sustainable Energy” which were held on 11-13 June 2017 in the framework of the EXPO 2017 “Future Energy” in Astana, Kazakhstan.³

The Committee will be informed on progress with implementation of the activities on energy efficiency in buildings and proposals for the future work of the Joint Task Force. The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided and adopt the Framework guidelines for energy efficiency standards in buildings.

(iv) Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group

Documentation: (ECE/EX/2016/L.10), (ECE/HBP/2016/3), Informal Note 3

In March 2016, the UNECE Executive Committee (EXCOM) approved the renewal of the mandate and the revised terms of reference of the Advisory Group until 31 December 2018. The Committee at its seventy-seventh session adopted the Advisory Group’s programme of work for 2017-2018. The Committee will be presented with a report on the implementation of the Advisory Board’s programme of work and a revised draft of the Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets.

The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided, offer comments on the draft Policy Framework, formulate its recommendations for future activities of the Advisory Group and approve the publication of the Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets as an official publication.

(c) Sustainable urban development and smart sustainable cities

(i) Smart sustainable cities

Documentation: ECE/HBP/2015/4, Informal Note 4, Informal Note 5

The Committee at its seventy-seventh session in September 2016 endorsed the UNECE/ITU Smart Sustainable City Indicators and took note of the progress of the development of the Smart Sustainable City Standard. The secretariat and experts will report to the Committee on activities under the United Smart Cities project including on the finalisation of the Smart Sustainable City Profile for the town of Goris (Armenia) and the preparation of a Smart Sustainable City Profile for the town of Voznesensk (Ukraine).

The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided.

(ii) Capacity building activities on urban planning in countries with economies in transition

Documentation: ECE/HBP/2016/5, Informal Note 6

The Committee at its seventy-seventh session endorsed the UNECE/UN-Habitat joint capacity-building programme on urban planning in countries with economies in transition. The Secretariat and UN-Habitat will report on the implementation of this joint programme, including on joint workshops organised and studies prepared within the UN Development

³ <http://www.unece.org/astana2017/>

Account ninth and tenth tranches projects. The Committee will be also informed on proposals for future activities under the joint programme.

The Committee will be invited to take note of ongoing activities under the ECE/UN-Habitat joint capacity-building programme on urban planning in countries with economies in transition.

(d) Land administration and management

Documentation: ECE/HBP/WP.7/2017/6, ECE/HBP/2017/4, Informal Note 7, Informal Note 8

The secretariat will inform on decisions taken by the Committee on Housing and Land Management at its seventy-seventh session held in September 2016 (ECE/HBP/188) and its Special Session in December 2016 (ECE/HBP/S/2016/3) on the renewal of the mandate and adoption of the revised Terms of Reference of the Working Party for the period 2016-2020; and on the approval of these decisions by the Executive Committee (EXCOM) on 1 February 2017 (ECE/EX/2017/L.1).

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 and present the Working Party programme of work 2018-2019. The Working Party secretariat will also inform on the progress with the preparation of the Technical Guidelines on Informal Settlements in the ECE Region and the study on land consolidation.

The Committee is invited

- to adopt the Working Party programme of work 2018-2019 and recommend to EXCOM for approval
- to approve publication of the Technical Guidelines on Informal Settlements in the ECE Region as an official publication.

(e) Country profiles on housing and land management

Documentation: ECE/HBP/2015/6 Corr. 1, ECE/HBP/2017/5, ECE/HBP/17/6, Informal Note 9

The Committee revised the guidelines for the preparation of country profiles on housing and land management in 2015. In 2016, an external evaluation of the country profiles subprogramme was undertaken and a report was prepared. Based on the recommendations of the evaluation, the secretariat updated the guidelines which are presented to the Committee for the approval.

The Committee will be further provided with updates on the status of the country profiles on housing and land management. In particular, the Committee will be informed of the key outcomes and policy recommendations in the country profile on housing and land management of Kazakhstan, on the status of the preparation of the Country Profile of Belarus and requests received by the secretariat for the next country profiles to be prepared.

Delegations of member States will inform the Committee if they are interested in having a country profile prepared for their country.

The Committee is invited to:

- Approve the updated Guidelines for the preparation of the UNECE Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management
- Endorse the key outcomes and policy recommendations of the Country Profile of Kazakhstan

- Take note of the information provided on the preparation of the Country Profile Belarus and approve the publication of the Country Profile Belarus as an official publication.
- Invite countries to agree on requests received from the countries for reviews, and
- Propose financial or in-kind expert contributions to the next country profiles.

4. Interdivisional and interagency cooperation

The Committee will be informed on the ongoing interdivisional and interagency cooperation supporting the implementation of the Committee's programme of work 2016-2017. The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided.

5. Programme of work and publications 2018-2019

Documentation: ECE/HBP/2017/7

The secretariat will present the draft programme of work 2018-2019. The Committee is invited to adopt the programme of work and recommend EXCOM for its adoption. The Committee is also invited to approve the publication of the brochures of the Committee and Working Party as promotional materials.

The secretariat will report on the status of financial and in-kind support to the implementation of the Committee's programme of work. Delegations will be invited to announce their voluntary contributions and in-kind support. The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided.

6. Strategic framework 2020-2021

Documentation: ECE/HBP/2017/8

The secretariat will present the draft Strategic Framework 2020-2021 for the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme, as endorsed by the Committee Bureau. The Committee is invited to adopt the Strategic Framework 2020-2021 for the housing and land management component of the subprogramme.

7. Ministerial Segment

(a) Opening of the Meeting

The ECE Executive Secretary will open the Meeting.

(b) Review of progress made and future challenges in housing and land management in ECE member States

Documentation: Informal Note 10 and Informal Note 11

The high-level discussion will be organised in a format of two high-level roundtables on (1) Decent, affordable, adequate and healthy housing for all and (2) Sustainable Urban Development Strategies. The discussion will focus on how regional cooperation and exchange of best practices may support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the New Urban Agenda and the Geneva UN Charter for Sustainable Housing.

Roundtable I: Decent, affordable, adequate and healthy housing for all

This roundtable will address achievements and challenges in decent, affordable adequate and healthy housing in the ECE region, housing finance at national and subnational levels and regional cooperation on the topic.

Roundtable II: Sustainable Urban Development Strategies

The roundtable will address urban development achievement and challenges, transition to Smart Sustainable Cities in the pan European region, Smart Sustainable Cities financing and regional cooperation issues.

(c) Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development

Documentation: ECE/HBP/2017/1

The Ministers and heads of delegation of the ECE region are invited to adopt the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development.

(d) Closing of the Ministerial Meeting

The Chair of the Meeting will summarise the discussions and close the Ministerial segment.

8. Election of the Bureau

The Committee is expected to elect the Bureau for its seventy-ninth session.

9. Other business

Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item.

10. Adoption of the report and closing of the session

The Chair will summarize the major decisions taken by the Committee. The Committee is invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat. The Chair will

propose a date for the organization of the next Committee session and will seek the agreement on the date of the Committee. The Chair will close the session.

III. Tentative Timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	
Wednesday, 8 November	10.00 – 10.20	1	Adoption of the agenda
	10.20 – 10.30	2	Introduction of the draft Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development
		3	Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2016-2017
	10.30-11.00	3 (a)	The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Global Indicators Framework, the New Urban Agenda and other global agreements in the ECE Region – implications to the work of the Committee
		3 (b)	Sustainable housing and real estate markets
		3 (b)	Sustainable housing and real estate markets - continues
		3 (c)	Sustainable urban development and smart sustainable cities
		3 (d)	Land administration and management
	17.15-18.00	3 (e)	Country profiles on housing and land management
	Thursday, 9 November	10.00-14.00	7
15.20-15.50		4	Interdivisional and interagency cooperation
15.50-16.10		5	Programme of work and publications for 2018-2019
16.10-16.30		6	Strategic framework 2020-2021
16.30-16.50		8	Election of the Bureau
16.50-17.00		9	Other business
17.00-18.00		10	Adoption of the report and closing of the session