



## 78th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management, including its Ministerial Meeting

*Celebrating 70 years of the  
Committee on Housing and Land Management*

8-10 November 2017  
Conference Room XVIII  
Palais des Nations, Geneva



### **INFORMATION AND DETAILED SESSION PROGRAMME**

For more information, please see: <http://www.unece.org/housing/committee78thsession.html>

## **Introduction**

The Committee session, including its Ministerial Meeting on 9 November 2017, will provide a forum for a high-level exchange of experiences and views on progress and challenges related to the implementation of recent international agreements such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the New Urban Agenda and the Geneva UN Charter for Sustainable Housing.

The Ministerial Meeting will mark the seventieth anniversary of the establishment of the Committee and will bring together Ministers and high-level representatives in charge of housing, land management and urban development issues in our region. The Ministerial Meeting will adopt Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development.

**The meeting languages:** English, French and Russian with simultaneous interpretation

## **Schedule of events**

### **Dates and Venue**

#### **Wednesday, 8 November**

- 10:00-18:00     Seventy-eighth session of the Committee (with lunch break from 13:00 to 15:00)
- 13:00-15:00     Lunch event REM/George Mason University  
                          "Roundtable on the Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets"  
                          The meeting is in English only
- 18:30–20:00     Reception at the UN restaurant on the 8th floor hosted by Slovenia

#### **Thursday, 9 November**

- 10:00- 15:00**     Ministerial Meeting
- 13:00-15:00**     **Special anniversary celebration reception**
- 15:00-18:00**     Continuation of Seventy-eighth session of the Committee

#### **Friday, 10 November**

##### Parallel Events

- 10:00-18:00     Final workshop of UNDA project "Strengthening national capacities for sustainable housing in selected countries with economies in transition", Conference Room XVIII (with lunch break from 13:00 to 15:00)
- 9:00-18:00     "Housing policies in the EU", Conference Room VIII (with lunch break from 13:00 to 15:00). The event is in English only
- 14:00 - 15:00     Cities roundtable on investment in greenfield and brownfield land for affordable housing organized jointly with Eurocities, Conference Room VIII

### **Additional information**

For more information, please visit the UNECE website at: <http://www.unece.org/hlm/welcome.html>.

Additional information about the events may be received from Ms. Gulnara Roll, Secretary to the Committee on Housing and Land Management (e-mail: [gulnara.roll@unece.org](mailto:gulnara.roll@unece.org); phone: +41 22 917 22 57).

## Draft detailed session programme

78<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management

8 November 2017

09:00-10:00	<b>Registration</b>
10:00-10:15	<p><b>1. Opening and adoption of the agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Elena Szolgayová, Chair, Committee on Housing and Land Management (Slovakia)</i></li> <li>• <i>Welcome by Ivonne Higuero, Director of Forest, Land and Housing Division, UNECE</i></li> </ul>
10:15-10:20	<i>Signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between UNECE and Glasgow School of Arts on the establishment of Geneva UN Charter Center in Glasgow, UK</i>
10:20-10:30	<p><b>2. Introduction of the Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development<sup>1</sup></b></p> <p>The Chair will present the Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development, which has been developed by the Committee prior to the session and is expected to be adopted by the Ministers and the Heads of ECE delegations during the Ministerial Segment on 9 November 2017.</p>
10:30-11:30	<p><b>3. Review of the implementation of programme of work 2016-2017</b></p> <p><b>First panel discussion “The role of national governments in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the New Urban Agenda and other relevant global agreements”<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p>The adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2015 by Member States and its Global indicator framework for the SDGs by ECOSOC in July 2017, established an important framework for the future work of the Committee. The Committee is invited to deliberate on strategic approaches and challenges to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and other key relevant global agreements at national level.</p> <p>Panellists (5 min each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Elena Szolgayová, Chair, Committee on Housing and Land Management (Slovakia)</i></li> <li>• <i>Monika Linn, Chief of the Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, UNECE</i></li> <li>• <i>Paulius Kulikauskas, Chief (Ag), Office for Europe and European Institutions, UN-Habitat</i></li> <li>• <i>Daniela Grabmüllerová, CHLM Vice Chair and Coordinator, European Urban Forum (Czech Republic)</i></li> <li>• <i>Judit Torokne-Rozsa, Head of Unit, Competence Centre Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development, European Commission DG REGIO, Brussels</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion and comments</b></p>
11:30-12:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
12:00-13:00	<b>Second panel discussion “How the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing inspired practical steps to promote sustainable housing at regional, national and</b>

<sup>1</sup> Relevant document/s: ECE/HBP/2017/1. Please find further information in the document “Brief explanation about the documents to be considered at the 78th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management”.

<sup>2</sup> A/RES/70/1; A/CONF.226/4; ECE/HBP/2017/2; Information Document 1.

	<p><b>local levels</b><sup>3,4</sup> Panellists will exchange experiences and lessons learned at national and local levels since the adoption of the Charter.</p> <p><b>Panellists (5 min each):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Gulnara Roll</i>, Secretary to the Committee and Head of the Housing and Land Management Unit, UNECE</li> <li>• <i>Fernanda Lonardoni</i>, Housing Unit, Housing and Slum Upgrading Branch, UN-Habitat, on measuring housing inadequacy under SDG 11</li> <li>• <i>Brian Evans</i>, Professor and Head of Urbanism, the Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, UK</li> <li>• <i>Andres Jaadla</i>, Coordinator, EU Committee of Regions; and Chairman, The Estonian Union of Co-operative Housing Associations, Estonia</li> <li>• <i>Sorcha Edwards</i>, Secretary General, Housing Europe Federation, on cooperation between Housing Europe and the Committee on Housing and Land Management on capacity building and the database on best practices in affordable housing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion and comments</b></p>
13:00-15:00	<p><b>13:00-13:15 Light lunch sponsored by George Mason University</b></p> <p><b>13:15-15:00 Lunch event REM/George Mason University “Roundtable on the Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets”<sup>5</sup></b></p> <p><b>Presentation</b> on UNECE Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets by <i>Giampiero Bambagioni</i>, Chair, UNECE Real Estate Market Advisory Group (Italy)</p> <p><b>Moderator</b> – <i>Emma Lees</i>, University Lecturer, University of Cambridge and Fellow, Fitzwilliam College Cambridge</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> <i>Kat Grimsley</i>, Director, MS in Real Estate Development, School of Business, George Mason University; <i>Reiner Lux</i>, Managing Director, HypZert GmbH; <i>Chryssy Potsiou</i>, President, International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and Bureau Member of the UNECE WPLA; <i>Paloma Taltavull de la Paz</i>, Professor, University of Alicante; <i>Michael Malloy</i>, Professor, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific (tbc)</p>
15:00-16:00	<p><b>Second panel discussion (continues) “How the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing inspired practical steps to promote sustainable housing and urban development at regional, national and local levels”<sup>6,7</sup></b></p> <p><b>Panellists (5 min each):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Stefano Scalera</i>, Counsellor to the Minister of Economy and Finance (Italy)</li> <li>• <i>Remy Sietchiping</i>, Leader, Regional and Metropolitan Planning Unit, UN-Habitat</li> <li>• <i>Tatiana Khabarova</i>, Director, UN-Habitat Liaison Office in Moscow</li> <li>• <i>Domenica Carriero</i>, Project Coordinator, UNECE Smart Sustainable Cities Project</li> <li>• <i>Oleg Dzioubinski</i>, Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Energy Division</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion and comments</b></p>

<sup>3</sup> E/ECE/1478/Rev.1; ECE/HBP/2017/2; Information Document 4; Information Document 5.

<sup>4</sup> The panel will include reports on activities of Geneva UN Charter Centers, the Real Estate Market Advisory Group and presentation of key outcomes of the UNDA 9<sup>th</sup> tranche project “Strengthening national capacities for sustainable housing in selected countries with economies in transition”

<sup>5</sup> E/ECE/1478/Rev.1; Information Document 3.

<sup>6</sup> ECE/HBP/2017/2; ECE/HBP/2017/3.

<sup>7</sup> The panel will include reports on activities of the UNDA 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tranche projects, of the initiative “United for Smart Sustainable Cities” and the project “United Smart Cities”; and the activities of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings.

16:00-16:30	<p><b>Presentation and discussion of outcomes of the UNECE study on housing migrants<sup>8</sup></b></p> <p><b>Presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Migrants: Challenges and Practices in the UNECE Region : Outcomes of the UNECE Housing for Migrants Study – <i>Orna Rosenfeld</i>, Adjunct professor, Sciences Po, L'Institut d'études politiques de Paris (France)</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments (5 min each):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integration of migrants in cities: Financing housing at the Council of Europe Development Bank – <i>Monica Brezzi</i>, Director for Technical Assessment and Monitoring, Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)</li> <li>• <i>Daria Huss</i>, Project Officer Policy Unit, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion and comments</b></p>
16:30-17:00	<p><b>Land administration and management<sup>9</sup></b></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, including on the outcome of its Tenth Session in March 2017 and adoption of its Programme of Work 2018-2019. The Committee will be invited to approve the Programme of Work of the Working Party.</p> <p><b>Presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the Working Party activities and presentation of its Programme of Work 2018-2019 – <i>Fredrik Zetterquist</i>, Chair of the Working Party on Land Administration</li> <li>• Update on the technical guidelines for informal settlements – <i>Chryssy Potsiou</i>, WPLA Bureau member</li> <li>• Update on the activities on Land Consolidation - <i>Rik Wouters</i>, Vice-Chair WPLA</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion and comments</b></p>
17:00-17:30	<p><b>Country profiles on housing and land management<sup>10</sup></b></p> <p>Following an external evaluation of the Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management for the period from 1996 to 2015 conducted in 2016, the Guidelines for country profiles on housing and land management were revised in accordance with the recommendations of the evaluation report. The Committee will be invited to review the updated country profiles guidelines. The participants will be informed also on the key outcomes and policy recommendations of the Country Profile on Housing and Land Management of Kazakhstan.</p> <p><b>Presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key outcomes and policy recommendations of the Country Profile Kazakhstan (ECE/HBP/2017/6) – <i>Irina Gentsler</i>, Institute for Urban Economics and <i>Evgenia Zhelezova</i>, Agency for Housing and Mortgage Lending, Russia</li> <li>• Comments to the key outcomes of the Country Profile Kazakhstan and information on housing related projects in Kazakshtan – <i>Irina Goryunova</i>, Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP Kazakhstan</li> <li>• Comments to the key outcomes of the Country Profile Kazakhstan – <i>Jozsef Hegedus</i>, Managing Director, Metropolitan Research Institute, Budapest, Hungary</li> <li>• Comments to the key outcomes of the Country Profile Kazakhstan – <i>Representatives of Government of Kazakhstan</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion and comments</b></p>

<sup>8</sup> Information Document 2.

<sup>9</sup> ECE/HBP/2017/4; Information Document 7; Information Document 8.

<sup>10</sup> ECE/HBP/2017/5; ECE/HBP/2017/6; Information Document 9.

17:30-18:00	<p><b>Interdivisional and interagency cooperation<sup>11</sup></b> Information will be provided on joint initiatives of the Committee with other UNECE sectoral Committees and on cooperation of UNECE with other UN agencies</p> <p><b>ECE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pan-European Programme for Transport, Health and Environment – PEP - <i>Nicholas Bonvoisin</i>, Chief of the Operational Activities &amp; Review Section, Environment Division</li> <li>• Forestry and Timber Section, <i>Paola Deda</i>, Chief of Section</li> <li>• Sustainable Energy Division, <i>Oleg Dzioubinski</i>, Economic Affairs Officer</li> </ul> <p><b>United Nations Organizations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Telecommunications Union (ITU), <i>Cristina Bueti</i></li> <li>• Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), <i>Juana Sotomayor</i></li> <li>• UN-Habitat, <i>Tobias Kettner</i> - Information on the World Urban Forum 9, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 7-13 February 2018</li> </ul>
18:30–20:00	<p><b>Reception at the UN restaurant on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor hosted by Slovenia</b></p>

### Draft detailed session programme

#### Ministerial segment of the 78<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management

9 November 2017, 10:00 – 13:00

10:00-10:15	<p><b>Opening of the Ministerial Meeting</b> <i>H.E. Karla Šlechtová</i>, Minister of Regional Development of Czech Republic</p> <p><b>Welcome Note</b> <i>Michael Möller</i>, Under Secretary General and the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva</p>
10:15-11:30	<p><b>Roundtable I: Decent, affordable, adequate and healthy housing for all<sup>12</sup></b> The roundtable will discuss achievements in provision of decent, affordable, adequate and healthy housing. Speakers will be invited to respond to the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the achievements in the provision of decent, affordable, adequate and healthy housing? What are the challenges?</li> <li>• How could some of these challenges be addressed through regional cooperation and exchange of best practices?</li> </ul> <p><b>Introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Orna Rosenfeld</i>, Adjunct Professor, Sciences Po, L'Institut d'études politiques de Paris</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b> (panel members 5 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>H.E. Michael Falzon</i>, Minister for the Family, Children's Rights and Social Solidarity, Malta</li> <li>• <i>Justyna Skrzydło</i>, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Construction, the Republic of Poland</li> </ul>

<sup>11</sup> Information Document 6.

<sup>12</sup> Information Document 10.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Galina Khovanskaya</i>, Chair of the Committee on Housing Policies and on the Housing Sector, State Duma of the Russian Federation</li> <li>• <i>Marco Canovic</i>, Director General for Housing Development, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro</li> </ul> <p><b>Interventions by ministers and high-level officials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Thomas Hajnoczi</i>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations Office</li> <li>• <i>H.E. Narek Sargsyan</i>, Chair of the State Urban Development Committee under to the Government of the Republic of Armenia</li> <li>• <i>H.E. Karam Hasanov</i>, Chair of State Property Issues Committee of Azerbaijan</li> <li>• <i>H.E. Bakytbek Abdiev</i>, Director, State Agency of Architecture, Construction and Housing and Communal Services of Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>• <i>H.E. Jamshed Ahmadzoda</i>, Chair of the Committee of Construction and Architectural Activities of Tajikistan</li> <li>• <i>Ernst Hauri</i>, Director of Federal Office for Housing of Switzerland</li> <li>• <i>Sergiy Komnatnyi</i>, Head of State Fund for the Youth Housing under the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine</li> <li>• <i>Leilani Farha</i>, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing</li> </ul>
11:30-11:50	<p><b>Coffee break. Group photo of ministers, heads of delegation, Committee and WPLA bureaux members outside of the conference room</b></p>
11:50-12:40	<p><b>Roundtable II: Sustainable Urban Development Strategies<sup>13</sup></b> The roundtable will discuss trends and patterns in urbanization, integrated urban planning and transition to Smart Sustainable Cities, including sustainable urban development financing, in the UNECE region.</p> <p>Speakers will be invited to respond to the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the achievements in promoting sustainable urbanization? What are the challenges?</li> <li>• How could some of these challenges be addressed through regional cooperation and exchange of best practices?</li> </ul> <p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Brian Evans</i>, Professor and Head of Urbanism, the Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, UK</li> <li>• <i>Amitabh Mehta</i>, Director, Innovative Financing, Strategy, Corporate Partnerships, Indus Blue Consulting, Geneva, Switzerland</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>H.E. Karla Šlechtová</i>, Minister of Regional Development of Czech Republic</li> <li>• <i>Nicolaas Beets</i>, Dutch Urban Envoy, the Netherlands</li> <li>• <i>Catherine Johnston</i>, Head of Planning, Glasgow City Council, UK</li> </ul> <p><b>Interventions by ministers and high-level officials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Denitsa Nikolova</i>, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria</li> <li>• <i>Andrey Chibis</i>, Deputy Minister of Housing Construction and Utilities, Russian Federation</li> <li>• <i>Ciprian Lucian Rosca</i>, State Secretary, Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds of Romania</li> <li>• <i>Vitalii Lukov</i>, Mayor of Voznesensk</li> </ul>

<sup>13</sup> Information Documents 11 and 12

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Tadashi Matsumoto</i>, Coordinator for National Urban Policy, Climate Change and Green Growth, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, OECD</li> <li>• <i>Grzegorz Gaida</i>, Senior Urban Specialist, the European Investment Bank</li> </ul>
<b>12:40-12:55</b>	<b>Adoption of the Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development</b>
<b>12:55-13:00</b>	<b>Wrap up by Chair and adjourn</b>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Anniversary celebration</b> Reception Exhibition

### Continuation of the Committee session

9 November 2017, starting 15:00

<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<b>Draft report of the Committee session for the meeting held on 8 November and the Ministerial Segment</b>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<p><b>Adoption of the programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2018-2019 and of the strategic framework for the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2020-2021<sup>14</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of activities under the programme of work 2018-2019 - <i>Ivonne Higuero</i>, Director of Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion and comments; adoption</b></p>
<b>16:00–16:30</b>	<p><b>Election of the Bureau</b></p> <p>The Committee will elect the Bureau for its seventy-ninth session</p>
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <p>Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item.</p>
<b>17:00-18:00</b>	<p><b>Adoption of the report and closing of the session</b></p> <p>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>

<sup>14</sup> ECE/HBP/2017/7; ECE/HBP/2017/8.