

Draft detailed programme of the

Seventy-ninth session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management

**Towards Sustainable Urban Development in the UNECE Region
through the alignment with the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development**

4 and 5 October 2018

Geneva, Palais des Nations, Conference Room XXV

The UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management, established in 1947, is the only intergovernmental body addressing the housing and urban development challenges of the UNECE region. The Committee contributes to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the housing, urban and land-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially Goal 11 *Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable*. The Committee also supports the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing Geneva, Strategy for sustainable housing and urban development 2014-2020, and the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development. It also promotes national, subnational and local housing policies that support progressive realization of the right to adequate housing for all as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living.

The Seventy-Ninth session of the Committee, which will take place in Geneva on 4 and 5 October 2018, will discuss concrete steps on how the Committee is aligning its activities with the 2030 Agenda, the New Urban Agenda and the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing. Innovative experiences and best practices on housing, urban development, and land administration and management will be presented and discussed.

The discussion at the Committee session will focus on the following questions: (1) what the progress with aligning activities at national and city level with the 2030 Agenda, the New Urban Agenda and the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing? (2) what are the major challenges? (3) What are the innovative experiences and best practices on housing, urban development, which would allow accelerate the achievement of the SDGs and other key international agreements?

Four interactive roundtables will be organised which will discuss the following themes: (1) Providing access to decent, affordable, adequate and healthy housing for all; (2) Promoting energy efficiency in buildings and management of multiapartment buildings; (3) Measuring progress towards smart sustainable cities; and (4) Integrated urban planning and development.

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The event webpage: www.unece.org/housing/committee79thsession

DRAFT DETAILED PROGRAMME

4 October 2018, Thursday

08:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:15	<p>1. Adoption of the agenda Ms. Elena Szolgayová, <i>Chair of the Committee</i> will invite the Committee to adopt the Committee session agenda.</p> <p><u>Opening and welcome remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Ms. Olga Algayerova, <i>UNECE Executive Secretary</i> • Welcome by Ms. Åsa Jonsson, <i>Chief, Best Practices Unit, UN-Habitat</i>, on behalf of UN-Habitat.
	2. Review of the implementation of the programme of work
10:15-10:45	<p><u>Keynote presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Sustainability, Resilience and People Sharing Cups of Tea” <i>Kevin McCloud, TV Producer, designer, writer and television presenter of the critically acclaimed British TV show ‘Grand Designs’</i> <p>Questions and answers. Discussion.</p>
10:45-11:30	<p>2 (a) Review and follow-up to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the New Urban Agenda, the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and other relevant agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the implementation of the Committee’s Programme of Work 2018-2019 since seventy-eighth Committee session, including on the Programme of Work 2017-2018 of the Committee’s Real Estate Market Advisory Group – Ms. Elena Szolgayová, <i>Chair, Committee on Housing and Land Management</i> • Information on the establishment of the International Fire Safety Standards (IFSS) Coalition – Mr. Gary Strong, <i>Global Building Standards Director, RICS - Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors; and Chair - International Fire Safety Standards (IFSS) Coalition.</i> • Presentation of a draft guidance document for the alignment of the activities of the Committee with the 2030 Agenda and other key agreements –Mr. Pedro Neves, <i>Founder and Managing Partner of Global Solutions company and Member of the UNECE Business Advisory Board, Portugal</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of a draft policy paper and guidelines for data collection for evidence-based housing and urban development policies – Ms. Agata Krause, <i>Consultant, UN-Habitat/UNECE</i> <p>Questions and answers. Discussion. Adoption of the Committee decisions.</p>
11:30-11:45	<p>2(b) Sustainable housing and real estate markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Guidelines for Condominium Management and Ownership – <i>Kat Grimsley, UNECE REM</i> <p>The secretariat will introduce work on capacity buildings for sustainable housing and real estate markets.</p> <p>Questions and answers. Discussion. Adoption of the Committee decisions.</p>
11:45-12:15	<p>2 (c) Sustainable urban development and smart sustainable cities</p> <p>The secretariat will inform on activities implemented on under the United for Smart Sustainable Cities initiative (U4SSC) and the United Smart Cities project.</p> <p>Representatives of cities will discuss challenges and opportunities to promoting sustainable urban development.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Councilor Susan Aitken, Leader, Glasgow City Council</i> • <i>Susanne Bauer, Policy Advisory, City of Vienna</i> <p>Discussion. Adoption of the Committee decisions.</p>
12:15-12:35	<p>2 (d) Land administration and management</p> <p>Report on the implementation of the Programme of Work 2018-2019 of the Working Party on Land Administration – Mr. Rik Wouters, <i>Vice-Chair, Working Party on Land Administration; and Senior Land Expert, Land Registration and Geographic Information, Kadaster, The Netherlands</i></p> <p>Questions and answers. Discussion. Adoption of the Committee decisions.</p>
12:35-13:00	<p>2 (e) Country profiles on housing and land management</p>

	<p>The Committee will be informed on the status of the preparation of the Country Profile of Belarus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of key recommendations of the Country Profile on Housing and Land Management of Belarus – Ms. Irina Gentsler, <i>Director of the Municipal Economy Department, Institute for Urban Economics, Russian Federation;</i> and Mr. Rik Wouters, <i>The Netherlands</i> • Comments from the Government of Belarus – Ms. Alena Rakava, <i>Advisor, Economy and International Economic Activity Department, Ministry of Architecture and Construction, Belarus</i> <p>Questions and answers. Discussion. Adoption of the Committee decision.</p> <p>Introduction into the roundtables' discussion</p>					
13:00-15:00	Lunch break					
15:00-18:00 with a coffee break from 16:15 to 16:30	<p>3. Planning of work to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the New Urban Agenda and other relevant agreements in the UNECE Region</p> <p><u>Interactive discussion organised in two parallel groups</u></p> <p>Parallel roundtables – The roundtables will take place in Conference Rooms XVIII and XXV with simultaneous interpretation. They will be co-organised with other UN agencies and UNECE divisions to showcase interdivisional and interagency cooperation.</p> <p>The roundtables and following plenary sessions will focus on the following questions:</p> <p>(1) what the progress with aligning activities at national and city level with the 2030 Agenda, the New Urban Agenda and the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing?</p> <p>(2) what are the major challenges?</p> <p>(3) What are the innovative experiences and best practices on housing, urban development, which would allow accelerate the achievement of the SDGs and objectives and targets of other key international agreements?</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="438 1814 1493 2074"> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 1814 949 1881"> <i>Room XXV</i> </td> <td data-bbox="949 1814 1493 1881"> <i>Room XVIII</i> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 1881 949 2074"> 15:00-16:15 Roundtable: Measuring progress towards smart sustainable cities </td> <td data-bbox="949 1881 1493 2074"> 15:00-16:15 Roundtable: Providing access to decent, affordable, adequate and healthy housing for all </td> </tr> </table>		<i>Room XXV</i>	<i>Room XVIII</i>	15:00-16:15 Roundtable: Measuring progress towards smart sustainable cities	15:00-16:15 Roundtable: Providing access to decent, affordable, adequate and healthy housing for all
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	<p>Moderator: Ms. Kari Eik, <i>Secretary General, OiER</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Daniela Grabmüllerová, <i>Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic</i></p> <p>Case studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Warren Smith, <i>Digital Marketplace Director & Head of the Global Digital Marketplace Programme, UK</i> • Mr. Alexandre Bosshard, <i>Head of the Department for Industrial Services & Technical Office, City of Pully, Switzerland</i> • Mr. Daniel Michel, <i>Vice President International Business Development, Smart Cities Stream Lead, T-Systems International IoT Unit, Deutsche Telekom</i> • Mr. Enrique Lora, <i>Results Measurement Specialist, IFC</i> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Reyna Ubeda, <i>Project Assistant, ITU</i> • Ms. Maria Strigunova, <i>Sustainability Programmes Manager, Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)</i> • Ms. Verena Kapl, <i>Communication & Partner Management, Rubicon</i> • Mr. Santtu Hulkkonen, <i>CEO, Solved – The Cleantech Company</i> 	<p>Moderator: Ms. Alice Charles, <i>Lead, Cities, World Economic Forum</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Pedro Neves, <i>Founder and Managing Partner of Global Solutions company, Portugal</i></p> <p>Case studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Andrey Chibis, <i>Deputy Minister, Ministry of Construction, Housing and Utilities, Russian Federation</i> • Mr. Abel Schumann, <i>Economist, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD</i> • Ms. Ruth Owens, <i>Policy Coordinator, FEANTSA</i> • Mr. Jordi Bosch and Mr. Josep Casas, <i>Housing and Residential Land Planning of Government of Catalonia</i> • Mr. Dave Smith, <i>National Housing Federation, UK</i> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Miloon Kothari, <i>President UPR Info, Senior Advisor, MIT Displacement Research Action Network and Former UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing</i> • Ms. Elena Szolgayová, <i>Housing Partnership for the EU</i> • Madoka Saji, <i>Office of the Special Rapporteur on the right to housing, OHCHR</i>
	<p>16:15-16:30 Coffee break</p>	<p>16:15-16:30 Coffee break</p>

	<p>16:30-18:00</p> <p>Roundtable: Integrated urban planning and development for resilient cities</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Åsa Jonsson, <i>Chief, Best Practices Unit, UN-Habitat</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Aša Rogelj, <i>Urban Development and Land Policy Division, Slovenia</i></p> <p>Case studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Aljaž Plevnik, <i>Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia</i> • Ms. Irina Ilina, <i>Director, Institute for regional studies and urban planning, Higher School of Economics, Moscow</i> • Mr. Aurelio Vigani, <i>Federal Office of Spatial Development, Switzerland</i> • Mr. Kyle Farell, <i>KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Center for the Future of Places, Sweden</i> • Mr. Roel Janssens, <i>UNECE</i> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Galina Khovanskaya, <i>Chair, Committee on Housing Policies and Communal Services, State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation</i> • Mr. Abel Schumann, <i>OECD</i> • Ms. Rebecca Wardle, <i>UNECE</i> 	<p>16:30-18:00</p> <p>Roundtable: Promoting energy efficiency and climate neutral cities</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Oleg Golubchikov, <i>Lecturer, Cardiff University</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Doris Andoni, <i>Head of Housing Policy, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Albania</i></p> <p>Case studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Andrew Popelka, <i>Senior Energy Efficiency Expert, USAID</i> • Mr. Konstantyn Gura, <i>Acting Director, State Company Subdivision "Green Investment Development Center", State Agency on Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving, Ukraine</i> • Mr. Rob Bernhardt and Ms. Giorgia Tzar, <i>Passive House Institute</i> • Mr. Knut Höller, <i>Managing Board Member, Housing Initiative for Eastern Europe (IWO)</i> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Scott Foster, <i>UNECE</i> • Ms. Oksana Tarasova, <i>Global Atmosphere Watch Programme, Atmospheric Environment Research Division, WMO</i>
<p>18:30–20:00</p>	<p>Reception sponsored by City of Glasgow at the Restaurant, 8th Floor</p>	

5 October 2018, Friday

10:00-11:15	<p>3. Planning of work to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the New Urban Agenda and other relevant agreements in the UNECE Region – plenary session</p> <p>The session will focus on the topic of innovative experiences, best practices and tools which would support the acceleration of the achievement of the SDGs and objectives and targets of other key international agreements?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice Charles, World Economic Forum • Lise Heinesen, Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority, Ministry of Transport, Building and Housing, Denmark • Mr. Fredrik Zetterquist, Ordnance Survey, Sweden <p>Discussion</p>
11:15-12:00	<p>3.1. Reporting back from roundtables; planning next steps Reports by rapporteurs from national governments from the groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Daniela Grabmülerova, <i>Czech Republic</i> • Mr. Aša Rogelj, <i>Slovenia</i> • Sylvain Labbe, <i>Canada Tbc</i> • Pedro Neves, <i>Portugal</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
12:00-12:10	<p>4. Reform of the United Nations Budget planning and budgeting process Information on the new budget planning at the UN.</p>
12:10-12:20	<p>5. Election of the Bureau The Committee will elect the Bureau for its eightieth session.</p>
12:15–12:30	<p>6. Other business Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item.</p>
12:30-13:00	<p>7. Adoption of the report and closing of the session 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>