Programme of work of the Housing and Land Management Component of Housing, Land Management and Population Subprogramme for 2020

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Please see documents ECE/HBP/2019/8 and ECE/HBP/2019/1
The objective, to which this subprogramme HLM component contributes, is to advance decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all in liveable cities and human settlements, and sustainable land management.

The objective is aligned with Goal 11 (make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable) as well as Goal 5 (achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), Goal 7 (ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all), Goal 8 (promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all) and Goal 9 (build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation).
Implementation of the programme HLM component will support the implementation of the

- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- New Urban Agenda
- Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing
- the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development, and
Evidence-based policies

• Dissemination of outcomes of the ECE-UN-Habitat joint project, “Evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development in selected countries with economies in transition” (UN Development Account 10th tranche)

• Development of a policy paper and set of e-learning materials on data and knowledge for the review of progress towards the achievement of SDGs

• ECE will publish guidelines for evidence-based housing and urban development policies developed as part of the ECE-UN-Habitat UN Development Account 10th tranche joint project

• Training workshops in Albania, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan.
A thorough assessment of the work of the **Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence** to evaluate their effectiveness.

Promoting cooperation between the centres in

- Glasgow, UK;
- Vienna, Austria;
- Tallinn, Estonia;
- Tirana, Albania;
- as well as Trondheim, Norway; Geneva, Switzerland; and NurSultan, Kazakhstan (Geneva and NurSultan are to be established).
A study on housing affordability in the UNECE Region in cooperation with Housing Europe, UN-Habitat, European Housing Research network and other partners. With involvement of the REM.

Cooperation with the International Coalition for Fire Safety Standards to develop a set of international standards on fire safety in buildings

Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency in Buildings. Focusing the Task Force’s activities on the topic of management of multiapartment buildings and invites the secretariat, subject to the availability of funding, to develop related capacity building activities on the topic.
The “Forum of Mayors” will be organized on the first day of the Committee session and focus on a specific thematic issue related to sustainable urban development, housing and land management.

Continuation of the studies on:
- sharing economy in the housing sector and
- innovative financing
Sustainable urban development and smart sustainable cities

- Continue activities on smart sustainable cities, including those under the United for Smart Sustainable Cities Initiative – U4SSC (ECE/HBP/2019/4)
- KPI evaluations – NurSultan (Kazakhstan)
- 17 Norwegian cities – connecting local and national levels
- Follow up with cities where evaluation will be conducted.
To support the implementation of recommendations of Country Profiles of
  - Belarus,
  - Armenia,
  - Kazakhstan,
  - Republic of Moldova and
  - Uzbekistan.

New country profiles:
  - Albania
  - Slovakia.
Cooperation within the ECE nexus on smart sustainable cities involving different ECE subprogrammes

- A sub-regional workshop on land-use planning and industrial safety, be organized in Belgrade, Serbia, in March 2020, jointly with the secretariat of the Convention on industrial accidents.

- The nexus flagship publication on smart sustainable cities to be prepared as an official publication in English, French and Russian, electronically and in print.

- Activities under the SSC nexus in 2020 and beyond: National training workshops on evidence-based policies under the UNDA 11 tranche project and the UNDA 12 tranche project in Belarus, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Montenegro and Ukraine.
Survey on Land Administration Systems

In the list of official publication to substitute the Country profile Cyprus publication for the UNECE/UN-Habitation Guidelines to evidence-based policies and decision-making for sustainable housing and urban development, mandated by the 79th session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (para 15).

To add the development of the SSC nexus flagship publication on smart sustainable cities and its publication in 2020 in print and electronically in English, French and Russian.