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Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2021. The Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA) is invited to adopt it and recommend to the Executive Committee (Excom) for approval. Any subsequent additional, discontinued or carried over outputs will be reflected in UN Umoja system used by the Secretariat for planning, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme.
2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based management (RBM) approach, a broad management approach which establishes logical relationship between the hierarchical results (deliverables – objectives – impact) known as ‘results chain’, the resources (human and financial) known as ‘inputs’ and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) which can prevent from achieving the objective.
3. The objective, the strategy, the planned results and the deliverables in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2021. The work of the subprogramme is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In attaining its objective, the subprogramme builds on cross-sectoral collaboration with other subprogrammes in relevant ECE nexus areas where multiple SDGs

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converge¹. This type of collaboration enables the subprogramme to maximize existing synergies, increase the efficiency of its work and have a multiplying effect on the impact of its actions to support countries to implement SDGs. The deliverables of the subprogramme fall into the following main categories: (a) facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies; (b) generation and transfer of knowledge, including technical cooperation projects, training events, seminars, workshops, and publications; (c) other substantive deliverables, and (d) communication deliverables.

4. The details of the proposed publications are provided in Annex I. The overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme are listed in Annex II.

I. Objective

5. The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen member State-owned programmes and policies promoting decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all, smart sustainable cities, sustainable urban development and land management, and to advance evidence-based population and social cohesion policies.

II. Strategy

6. The responsibility for the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme is vested in the Statistical Division.

7. The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of the core interlinked functions, namely, international policy dialogue, normative work and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in all areas of the subprogramme's work.

8. To contribute to the advancement of evidence-based population and social cohesion policies, the subprogramme will continue to facilitate cooperation between member States, regional agencies and other partners. It will support the review and follow-up activities to assess progress in implementing the ECE regional strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing at the national and regional levels. The strategy was adopted by ECE member States at the ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing held in Berlin on 11 September 2002 as a follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing. In an effort to have ageing mainstreamed into all policy fields, the strategy outlines commitments in 10 priority areas. The subprogramme will provide a platform for intergovernmental policy debate on matters related to mainstreaming ageing and will facilitate communication with a wider network of experts and NGOs. It will support evidence-based policymaking and monitoring of the implementation of the strategy by coordinating data collection on active ageing indicators and policy-oriented research on ageing and intergenerational and gender relations. The subprogramme will also support the development of national capacities for policy formulation through its policy seminars/master classes and policy briefs that focus on specific policy challenges and possible policy solutions, showcasing good practices from across the region. This work is expected to result in helping member States to implement the 2030 Agenda, in particular with regard to its core principle of leaving no one behind. The situation of current and future older persons will be improved thanks to the design and implementation of integrated policies for active and healthy ageing in which older persons are continuously recognized as an asset to a sustainable and inclusive society for all ages. The four components of the Active Ageing Index, namely, employment, participation in society, independent, healthy and secure living, and capacity and an enabling environment

¹ The ECE nexus areas are as follows: 1) Sustainable use of natural resources; 2) Sustainable and smart cities for all ages; 3) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and 4) Measuring and monitoring SDGs.

to remain active into old age, encapsulate such an integrated approach and allow for the monitoring of progress.

9. Past results in this area included the adoption of a more holistic approach to population ageing by the ECE countries in developing and/or revising population-related strategies and programmes. The use of the Active Ageing Index as a monitoring tool and a framework for integrated policymaking expanded owing to ECE operational support and technical guidelines on the Index's development for non-European Union countries and for the subnational and local levels. In addition, ECE countries have increasingly adopted innovative solutions to address some specific policy challenges (e.g., role of informal carers and ageism in the labour market) through the exchange of experiences and knowledge gained at ECE policy briefs, policy seminars and other capacity-building activities.

III. Planned results for 2021

Countries launch new guidelines on how to mainstream ageing to achieve a society for all ages

10. The ECE region is at the forefront of a global demographic transformation from population growth to population ageing. The region accounts for 17 per cent of the world's population and has approximately 30 per cent of the world's people who are 65 years of age and above. Adapting to population ageing may be challenging to the socioeconomic environment and intergenerational relations. The concept of mainstreaming ageing is to bring societies and economies into harmony with the ongoing demographic change, the aim of which is to achieve an inclusive society for all ages.

11. Since 2011, the subprogramme has been working on the development of road maps on mainstreaming ageing, at the request of member States (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova). On the basis of that experience, in 2018, the ECE Standing Working Group on Ageing decided to develop guidelines on mainstreaming ageing that would benefit policymakers in all ECE member States. On the basis of a comprehensive stocktaking exercise on mainstreaming policies, tools and practice developed by member States since 2002, the Working Group prepared guidelines in 2019 and 2020 to enhance the capacity of member States to mainstream ageing across policy fields. Given that ageing is a cross-cutting, multisectoral policy challenge with implications for labour markets, economies, health-care systems, social services, intergenerational relations and social cohesion, it cannot be addressed through one policy field alone.

12. The subprogramme will prepare a launch programme for the guidelines, including a special launch event for leading stakeholders and will pilot a training workshop on the use of a toolkit. The launch of new guidelines and a toolkit, and the convening of the first capacity-building workshop on using the guidelines and toolkit, in 2021, will guide national policymakers on how to promote age mainstreaming at the national level.

Internal challenge and response

13. The challenge for the subprogramme was to scale up activities in countries where the awareness of and policy response to the impact of this major demographic shift was still at its inception. Promoting the guidelines and toolkit among the countries with already established strategies and programmes on ageing may require a more targeted approach. In response, the subprogramme will tailor capacity-building efforts on the use of guidelines on mainstreaming ageing by taking into consideration the different policymaking contexts across the region.

Expected progress towards the attainment of the objective, and performance measure

14. This work is expected to contribute to the advancement of evidence-based population and social cohesion policies, which would be demonstrated by the launch of the implementation of the guidelines by member States and their readiness to use the toolkit

and guidelines on mainstreaming ageing into future policymaking. This will build the capacity of member States to mainstream ageing across all relevant policy areas.

Table 1
Performance measure

<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>
The 2017 Lisbon ministerial declaration adopted by ECE member States stresses the importance of further mainstreaming ageing into relevant policy areas (para. 10 of the declaration)	Member States decide to develop guidelines and to establish a task force to lead this work	The task force commences its work on developing guidelines and pilots a stocktaking exercise on mainstreaming practices in several countries	Member States are expected to review and adopt guidelines on mainstreaming ageing to benefit policymakers across the region	Member States are expected to launch the implementation of guidelines and support the development of a toolkit

IV. External factors

15. The Population component of the subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective on the assumption that: (a) there are adequate national statistical data and information available on population issues; (b) there is political will to support activities that improve the knowledge base and capacity for designing and implementing population-related policies and programmes; and (c) donor support for the preparation of studies and population-related activities is adequate.

V. Deliverables to be implemented in 2021

16. The below table lists all deliverables, by category and subcategory, that are expected to contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

<i>Deliverables</i>	<i>2021 plan</i>
Quantified deliverables	
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies:	
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	5
1. Documentation for the Standing Working Group on Ageing	5
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	7
2. Meetings of the Standing Working Group on Ageing	7
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge:	
Technical cooperation and field projects (number of projects)	1

<i>Deliverables</i>	<i>2021 plan</i>
3. Road map for mainstreaming ageing project for a specific country	1
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	2
4. Workshops and policy seminars on population ageing issues for policymakers, experts, practitioners and other stakeholders in countries of the ECE region	2
Publications (number of publications)	4
5. Publication on Population issues	4
Technical materials (number of materials)	1
6. Guidelines on mainstreaming ageing	1

Non-quantified deliverables

C. Substantive deliverables:

- Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions: fact-finding missions for government officials and other stakeholders, to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes (1)
- Consultation, advice and advocacy: generations and gender programme – support for the council of partners (1); country microdata submission and researchers' access agreements; advisory services for government officials and other stakeholders, to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes (1).
- Databases and substantive digital materials: update and maintenance of the active ageing indicators data set (1).

D. Communication deliverables:

- Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: booklet of the Standing Working Group on Ageing (1).
 - External and media relations: Annual set of press releases related to population activities.
 - Digital platforms and multimedia content: Active Ageing Index wiki (1).
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Annex I

Details of proposed publications and information materials for 2021

A. Publications

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Trim size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s) and Source of funding (RB or XB)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Road Map on Mainstreaming Ageing (country to be decided)	ECE/WG.1/2018/2, Annex 2	Print and electronic	A4	100	E		300E
2	Policy brief on ageing	ECE/WG.1/2018/2, Annex 2	Electronic	A4	30	E		
3	Policy brief on ageing	ECE/WG.1/2018/2, Annex 2	Electronic	A4	30	E		
4	Guidelines on mainstreaming ageing	ECE/WG.1/2018/2, para. 30 and Annex 2	Print and electronic	A4	100	E		200E

B. Information/promotional materials

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Trim size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)²</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Booklet of the Working Group on Ageing	ECE/WG.1/2018/2, Annex 2	Electronic	A4	8	E	-	-

² Due to resource constraints, translation of promotional materials should be covered mainly from XB resources

Annex II

Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
66/288	The future we want
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
67/290	Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development
69/277	Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations
69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
70/133	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
70/221	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
71/14	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
71/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
71/162	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
71/243	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
72/230	Development cooperation with middle-income countries
72/234	Women in development
72/237	South-South Cooperation
73/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
73/13	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization

73/14	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM
73/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
73/195	Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
73/227	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
73/231	Disaster risk reduction
73/236	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
74/216	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
1998/46	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2013/1	Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe

3. Economic Commission for Europe

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
A (64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe
A (65)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE
A (66)	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region
A (68)	High-level statement
B (68)	Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
65/234	Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014
71/256	New Urban Agenda
72/144	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
73/143	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2014/7	Further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
2015/5	Modalities for the third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
2016/25	Future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development
2018/6	Third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

3. Economic and Social Council Decisions

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2014/239	Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-seventh session and provisional agenda for its forty-eighth session (Commission on Population and Development resolution 2014/1, Assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development)

4. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
ECE/AC.23/2002/2/Rev.6	Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
ECE/AC.30/	Report of the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing: "A

- [2007/2](#) Society for All Ages: Challenges and Opportunities”
- [ECE/AC.30/2012/3](#) Vienna Ministerial Declaration “Ensuring a society for all ages: Promoting quality of life and active ageing”, 2012
- [ECE/AC.30/2017/2](#) Report of the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing: “A Sustainable Society for All Ages: Realizing the Potential of Living Longer” (2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration)
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