

Bishkek: Towards Sustainable Smart City and post COVID-19 recovery

Date: 10 March 2021

Platform: Zoom

Time: 9:00 – 12:00 CET

Languages: English, Russian

Meeting Type: Online workshop

Moderator: Ms. Nadiia Yeremenko, UNECE Consultant

Agenda items

Time: Topic & presenters:

09:00 Opening and kickoff

- 09:10
- **Mr. Baktybek Kudaybergenov**, Acting Mayor of Bishkek
 - **Mr. Munawwar Alam**, Head of the UN Resident Coordinator Office in the Kyrgyz Republic
 - **Ms. Katja Schaefer**, Regional Advisor at UN-Habitat

09:10 Opening and the overview of the preparation of the Bishkek City Profile

- 09:20
- **Ms. Gulnara Roll**, Secretary to the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management

09:20 Social and economic challenges in Bishkek caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and key objectives of the city for 2021

09:45

Guiding questions:

- *What are the main impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Bishkek and how will the city government mitigate its multidimensional impacts? Has the city developed recovery strategies?*
- *What is the role of city-level plans and strategies in promoting recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and urban economic resilience?*
 - **Mr. Mr. Almaz Beketaev**, First Deputy Mayor of Bishkek
 - **Mr. Azamat Sagyndyk uulu**, Deputy Mayor of Bishkek
 - **Mr. Bolot Apilov**, Head of the Public-State Department of Capital Construction of the Mayor's Office of Bishkek
 - **Mr. Mirat Usualiev**, Director of the Department of Economics and Investment of the Bishkek City Hall
 - **Mr. Ulanbek Kalmanbetov**, Deputy Director of the State Agency for Architecture, Construction, Housing and Communal Services under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic

- 09:45 Overview of UNECE activities in Bishkek in 2020
- 11:00 - **Ms. Nadiia Yeremenko, Mr. Enkel Leskaj and Mr. Juan Valle Robles**, UNECE consultants - *Overview of the cooperation for the past 12 months and outline of the upcoming cooperation for 2021*
- **Mr. Dmitry Pozhidaev** – Regional Programme Advisor at the United Nations Capital Development Fund – *Urban Economic Resilience Performance Diagnostic and Planning Tool*
- **Ms. Amie Figueiredo**, Secretary to the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration; – *A COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region*
- **Mr. Bakytbek Satybekov**, *Overview of City Assessment Report and the main recommendations for the city of Bishkek*
- **Mr. Tolobay Keneshov** - Independent advisor to the Mayor, UNECE consultant in Bishkek – *Draft investment outlook based on the 4G plans for the five pilot settlements in Bishkek*
- **Mr. Pedro Neves** - Expert on Smart Sustainable City Projects Financing – *SDGs to improve five selected pilot informal settlements in Bishkek*
- 11:00 Questions and discussion
- 11:30
- 11:30 Closing remarks
- 11:45 - **Mr. Bakytbek Kudaybergenov**, Acting Mayor of Bishkek
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Concept Note

Background:

This validation workshop in Bishkek is organized by UNECE with participation of UN-Habitat and the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in the Kyrgyz Republic. It presents the intermediate outcomes of cooperation between UNECE and the city on these three Projects:

- [Smart Sustainable Cities for the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda in the UNECE Region](#)
- [Post COVID-19 Recovery in Informal Settlements in the ECE Region](#)
- [Building Urban Economic Resilience during and after COVID-19](#)

Objectives of the Workshop:

- (i) To further explore social and economic changes in Bishkek, caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and key objectives of the city for 2021;
- (ii) To inform about the preliminary outcomes of Bishkek's evaluation as Sustainable and Smart and share the next steps on the development of the Bishkek City Profile;

- (iii) To present the Urban Economic Resilience Performance Diagnostic and Planning Tool, which will be used to assess Bishkek’s economic resilience and to provide practical recommendations on strengthening it.
- (iv) To share the draft COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region and to present an overview of the city assessment report and the main recommendations for the city of Bishkek;
- (v) To share progress on preparation of an investment project book based on the 4G plans for the five pilot settlements in Bishkek.

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