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Programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing and Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2023 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2024**Outline of key components of the programme of work of the housing and land management component of Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2024****Note by the secretariat***Summary*

This document presents an outline of key components (objective, strategy and deliverables) of the programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme (“Housing and Land Management component of the subprogramme”) for 2024. These components are based on the subprogramme-related section of the Economic Commission for Europe proposed programme budget for 2023, with modified or new elements highlighted in track changes.

The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management is invited to consider this document and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those modifications and/or Member States recommendations agreed by the Committee and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the subprogramme for 2024. The proposed programme plan will be prepared by the secretariat at the end of 2022 and included in the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) proposed programme budget for 2024.

I. Introduction

1. This document presents an outline of key components (objective, strategy and deliverables) of the programme of work of the housing and land management component of Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme (“Housing and Land Management component of the subprogramme”) subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2024. These components are based on the subprogramme-related section of the ECE proposed programme budget for 2023, with modified or new elements highlighted in track changes. The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (“the Committee”) is invited to consider this information and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those modifications and/or Member States’ recommendations agreed by the Committee and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the subprogramme for 2024. It will be prepared by the secretariat at the end of 2022 and included in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2024.

II. Outline of key components of the programme of work

A. Objective

2. The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen member State-owned and city-level programmes and policies promoting decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all, smart sustainable cities, sustainable urban development and land management.

B. Strategy

3. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Forests, Land and Housing Division.

4. 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. Through its work, the subprogramme will contribute to the ECE four cross-sectoral collaboration areas¹.

5. To contribute to the objective, the housing and land management component of the subprogramme will:

(a) Support member States’ national, regional and local governments and other key stakeholders in the review of progress in achieving SDGs 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 12, and build their capacities for the implementation of measures to accelerate achieving the SDGs through technical assistance projects, thematic studies, trainings, exchange of experiences and best practices and policy advice on: affordable climate-neutral and decent housing for all; housing finance; smart sustainable cities, digitalisation in cities and innovative financial mechanisms for cities; land administration and management, including informal settlements; and urban strategies and programmes that integrate climate change measures and promote climate neutrality of buildings.

(b) Support local governments in the development of the evidence-based policies on sustainable housing and urban development through the application of the

¹ The Economic Commission for Europe cross-sectoral collaboration areas are as follows:

1) Circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources; 2) Sustainable and smart cities for all ages; 3) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and 4) Measuring and monitoring progress towards achieving the SDGs.

ECE/International Telecommunication Union (ITU) key performance indicators on smart sustainable cities, indicators on urban economic resilience and the UN system wide urban monitoring framework; and in the preparation of smart sustainable cities profiles and SDG Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) based on the assessments of achievement of the Goals.

(c) Provide assistance to national and local governments with the development of evidence-based urban and housing policies through the preparation of country profiles on urban development, housing and land management.

(d) Support the strengthening of national and local governments' capacities to design, implement and monitor urban resilience and related plans; sustainable urban infrastructure development projects; multistakeholder partnerships to unlock further financing and partnerships for the implementation of these plans and projects; and innovative financing instruments for their successful implementation, including support to the most vulnerable segments of population, especially those in informal settlements, also through the work of the Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence.

(e) Subject to a positive outcome of an evaluation of the First and Second forums of mayors, organize the Fourth Forum of Mayors to discuss the challenges for sustainable housing and urban development.

8. The above-mentioned work in the area of housing and land management is expected to result in:

(a) Improved national and local policies for housing affordability, adequacy and accessibility for all; the energy efficiency and climate neutrality of buildings; and sustainable and resilient urban development.

(b) Increased capacity of national and local governments for the development of housing and urban development policies and programmes, which integrate the concepts of the 2030 Agenda, the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and relevant best practices, including those developed and shared by the Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence, and the action plan "Place and Life in the UNECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in the region, city, neighbourhood and homes".

(c) Improved understanding by city authorities of their socioeconomic development priorities through the preparation of smart sustainable cities profiles and SDG VLRs based on updated guidelines for the development of VLRs in the ECE Region and using ECE/ITU key performance indicators for smart sustainable cities, urban economic resilience indicators and the UN system wide urban monitoring framework.

(d) Increased capacity of land administration authorities to develop national land administration and management systems based on thematic studies and capacity building activities in land administration and management.

(e) More effective local urban development and housing policies and related resilience plans, in particular for the most vulnerable segments of population living in informal settlements.

C. Deliverables to be implemented in 2024

9. The below table provides an outline of deliverables that are expected to contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

Table 2.

Subprogramme 8: Housing and Land Management component deliverables for 2024 by category and subcategory

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies		
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	18	18
Documentation for the:		
1. Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management	11	11
2. Working Party on Land Administration	7	-
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	24	24
Meetings of the:		
3. Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and its Bureau	14	14
4. Working Party on Land Administration and its Bureau	10	6
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge		
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	1	1
5. Country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning	1	1
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	8	8
6. Workshops, seminars and training courses for policymakers and/or experts in the ECE region on housing and land administration (including real estate) and spatial planning	8	8
Publications (number of publications)	4	4
7. On housing and land management	4	4
Technical materials (number of materials)	2	2
8. Technical guidelines on housing and land management	2	2
Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions (number of missions)	1	1
9. Fact-finding missions for policymakers in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning	1	1
C. Substantive deliverables		
Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services for policymakers in up to 4 member States, in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning		
D. Communication deliverables		
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: booklet/fact sheets of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and the Working Party on Land Administration (2)		
External and media relations: press releases related to housing and land management activities		
Digital platforms and multimedia content: websites related to housing, land management and urban development for global and regional access		