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Geneva, 4-5 April 2022 (Part I); and San Marino, 3-6 October 2022 (Part II)

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighty-third session

Part I to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Monday, 4 April 2022, in Room XVII

Part II to be held at the Kursaal Congress Center, San Marino, starting at 3 p.m.
on Monday, 3 October 2022

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19. Update on technical cooperation activities.
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II. Annotations

A. Part I: 4-5 April 2022

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda for the eighty-third session (ECE/HBP/212)

1. The Chair of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (CUDHLM) will open the meeting and present the agenda, prepared in consultation with the Committee Bureau, for adoption. The provisional agenda is based on decisions taken by the Committee at its eighty-second session and on progress made since then in implementing the 2021 and 2022 programmes of work.
2. The Committee will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda.

2. Second Forum of Mayors

Documentation: Second Forum of Mayors: Background and Recommendations (ECE/HBP/2022/1)

Summary of the Second Forum of Mayors (ECE/HBP/2022/3)

3. The ECE Executive Committee (EXCOM), at its 112th meeting, decided that the Second Forum of Mayors will be convened back-to-back with the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region (RFSD) in 2022 in Geneva and that the Forum will report both to the RFSD and to CUDHLM and align its focus with that of the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) and RFSD (ECE/EX/2020/L.16). At its eighty-second session, in October 2021, the Committee took note of the information provided on the preparations for the Second Forum of Mayors (ECE/HBP/208, para. 32).
4. The Second Forum of Mayors took place at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva, on 4-5 April 2022. The full programme of the Forum is available at <https://forumofmayors.unece.org/>.

B. Part II: 3-6 October 2022

3. Welcoming by the authorities of San Marino and opening of Part II of the session

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda for the eighty-third session (ECE/HBP/212/Rev. 1)

5. The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management. Representatives of the Government of San Marino will welcome the Committee session participants. As since the Forum of Mayors, Part I of the CUDHLM session, the Bureau amended the agenda, and the Chair will take the agenda of Part II of the meeting again for adoption.

4. Panel on urban planning for climate-neutral and circular homes and cities

Documentation: Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes (ECE/HBP/2021/2)

Draft San Marino Declaration (ECE/HBP/2022/2)

6. A panel discussion of architects and urban planners on urban planning for climate-neutral and circular homes and cities will be organized. The Committee will be presented with the draft *San Marino Declaration*.

7. The Committee will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the panel discussion and to adopt the *San Marino Declaration*.

5. Report on the outcomes of the “In Focus: SDG 11” roundtable and related recommendations

8. A report from the “In Focus: SDG 11” roundtable, to take place on 3 October 2022 prior to the second part of the eighty-third session, will be presented.

9. The Committee will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the “In Focus: SDG 11” roundtable.

6. Report on the outcomes of the Second Forum of Mayors and related recommendations

Documentation: Decisions relating to the Forum of Mayors (ECE/EX/2020/L.16)

Second Forum of Mayors: Background and Recommendations (ECE/HBP/2022/1)

Summary of the Second Forum of Mayors (ECE/HBP/2022/3)

Results of the evaluation of the ECE Forum of Mayors (ECE/HBP/2022/4)

Evaluation of the ECE Forum of Mayors (ECE/HBP/2022/Inf.1)

10. The Chair will invite the rapporteur of the Second Forum of Mayors to report on the Forum deliberations and outcomes and invite the secretariat to report on the results of the evaluation of the Forums organized during the period 2019-2022.

11. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Welcome the outcomes and recommendations of the Second Forum of Mayors (Geneva, 4-5 April 2022);

(b) Consider the outcomes and recommendations of the evaluation on the relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of the Forum of Mayors;

(c) Based on the results of the evaluation, as well as other relevant documents and recommendations, recommend to the ECE Executive Committee whether to extend the Forum beyond 2022 as well as on the objectives, format and frequency.

7. Update on the implementation of the *Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030* and activities of the #Housing2030 initiative

Documentation: Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes (ECE/HBP/2021/2)

12. The *Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes* was endorsed by the ECE Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management on 6 October 2021. The study #Housing2030: *Effective policies for affordable housing in the UNECE region* was launched at the Ministerial Meeting.

13. At its meeting, on 13 January 2022, the Committee Bureau discussed the implementation of the Regional Action Plan and the recommendations of the #Housing2030 study and recommended to organize a discussion on approaches to the implementation of the Regional Action Plan and #Housing2030 initiative.

14. Member States and stakeholders will be invited to inform the Committee on the progress in the implementation of the Regional Action Plan and the #Housing2030 recommendations.

15. The Committee will be invited to take note of activities realized under the #Housing2030 initiative and implementation of the *Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes*.

8. Emerging needs of the ECE region in the areas of housing, real estate and urban development

Documentation: Emerging needs of the ECE region in the areas of housing, real estate and urban development (ECE/HBP/2022/Inf. 2)

16. The Committee Bureau requested¹ the secretariat to prepare a background document, jointly with the Real Estate Market Advisory Group, on the emerging needs of the ECE region in the areas of housing, real estate and urban development in light of the Ukrainian refugee crisis and the resulting implications for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The findings will be presented during a panel discussion, which brings together city leaders, experts and development partners.

¹ Committee Bureau hybrid meeting of 29 March 2022.

17. The Committee will be invited to take note of the background document and the panel discussion of its main findings.

9. Promoting access to affordable housing for women and youth

Documentation: Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-second session (ECE/HBP/2022/5)

18. The ECE programme-level evaluation of gender mainstreaming in ECE was conducted in 2019 and included a recommendation to “make it mandatory for all Secretaries to Committees ... to (iii) discuss gender mainstreaming at sessions of Sectoral Committees, Conventions and Working Groups...”². Following the recommendation, experts will be invited to deliver presentations on how to promote accessibility of affordable and adequate housing for women and youth.

19. The Committee will be invited to take note of outcomes of the panel discussion on promoting affordable housing for women and youth.

10. Matters arising since the last Committee session

Documentation: Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-second session (ECE/HBP/2022/5)

20. The secretariat will present the recent developments in the United Nations, including the High-level Political Forum and ECE, which affect the work of the Committee. The Committee will be invited to:

- (a) Take note of the information provided and make recommendations for the future work of the Committee;
- (b) Take note of the outcomes of ECE sessions, side events and training events at
 - (i) ECE 2022 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (Geneva, 6-8 April 2022);
 - (ii) High-level Political Forum to assess progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, organized by the President of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (New York, 28 April 2022);
 - (iii) H22 City Expo (Helsingborg, 31 May–1 June 2022);
 - (iv) International Social Housing Festival (Helsinki, 14–17 June 2022);
 - (v) Eleventh World Urban Forum “Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future” (Katowice, 26-30 June 2022).

11. Response to the COVID-19 pandemic at city level and building urban economic resilience

Documentation: COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region (ECE/HBP/2021/3)

Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-second session (ECE/HBP/2022/5)

² <https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/PROGRE~1.PDF>.

*Economic Resilience Building Plan – Tirana, Albania
(ECE/HBP/2022/Inf.3)*

*Economic Resilience Building Plan – Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
(ECE/HBP/2022/Inf.4)*

*Economic Resilience Building Plan – Kharkiv, Ukraine
(ECE/HBP/2022/Inf.5)*

*Lessons learned from building urban economic resilience at city
level during and after the COVID-19 pandemic
(ECE/HBP/2022/Inf.6)*

21. The *Building Urban Economic Resilience during and after COVID-19* project (<https://urbaneconomicresilience.org>) was implemented from 2020 to 2022, with the support of the United Nations Development Account (UNDA). The project was implemented through collaboration between the five United Nations Regional Commissions and technical partners, the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-HABITAT) and the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF).

22. The project produced a variety of knowledge and capacity-building resources which are being used in the sixteen project pilot cities across the world. Three City Economic Resilience Building Plans, elaborated for the three pilot cities in the ECE region – Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Kharkiv, Ukraine; and Tirana, Albania - will be presented to the Committee.

23. Based on experiences from the implementation of the project, a draft report *Lessons learned from building urban economic resilience at city level during and after the COVID-19 pandemic* will be developed within the ECE-led U4SSC Thematic Group on Urban Economic Resilience in Cities. The draft report will be presented to the attention of the Committee.

24. The Committee and its Working Party on Land Administration continued implementing the COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region. A series of subregional and local workshops were organized and an online training module was produced. Information on these activities will be presented to the Committee.

25. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Take note of the outcomes of the Building Urban Economic Resilience during and after COVID-19 project and its deliverables;

(b) Take note of the outcomes of the ECE-led U4SSC Thematic Group on Urban Economic Resilience in Cities;

(c) Welcome the activities of the secretariat to support the implementation of the COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region.

12. Sustainable Development Goals Voluntary Local Reviews: measuring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals at the local level

*Documentation: Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-second session
(ECE/HBP/2022/5)*

Updated Guidelines for the Development of Voluntary Local Reviews in the ECE Region (ECE/HBP/2022/6)

26. At its eighty-second session, the Committee endorsed the Guidelines for the development of Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) in the ECE region, called for cities to apply the Guidelines to develop their VLRs, and invited the secretariat to update the Guidelines based on experiences with VLR development (ECE/HBP/208, paragraph 28). The Committee will be presented with the updated Guidelines and will be informed on the assistance to cities

in the region in the development of VLRs, including testing the ECE VLR Guidelines on the pilot cities, capacity-building events, and developing an online training module on Sustainable Development Goals Voluntary Local Review.

27. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Endorse the updated *Guidelines for the Development of Voluntary Local Reviews in the ECE Region* and call for cities to apply the Guidelines to develop their VLRs;

(b) Welcome activities of the secretariat on the development of the online training portal, the organization of capacity-building activities and testing of the Guidelines in pilot cities at their requests.

13. Implementation of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities initiative (U4SSC)

Documentation: Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-second session (ECE/HBP/2022/5)

Smart Sustainable Cities Profile: Podgorica, Montenegro (ECE/HBP/2022/Inf.7)

Smart Sustainable Cities Profile: San Marino (ECE/HBP/2022/Inf.8)

Smart Sustainable Cities Profile: Tbilisi, Georgia (ECE/HBP/2022/Inf.9)

28. As part of the UNDA-funded project³ on smart sustainable cities with innovative financing, the secretariat supported the city governments of Podgorica, Montenegro and Tbilisi, Georgia in the development of their smart sustainable cities profiles. In addition, with the support of the Government of San Marino, a smart sustainable cities profile was elaborated for San Marino. The city profiles were developed using the U4SSC Key Performance Indicators for smart sustainable cities.

29. To further support cities in achieving the SDGs, the secretariat will develop a background document which will contain an outline of future activities on digitalization and digital transformation of cities in the ECE region.

30. To support the preparation of investment projects at the city level based on recommendations of the smart sustainable cities profiles, the ECE secretariat, in cooperation with the Committee Bureau, developed a project proposal for the “ECE Smart Sustainable City Project Connector”. The proposal will be presented to the Committee.

31. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Welcome the development of Smart Sustainable Cities profiles for Podgorica, Montenegro; San Marino; and Tbilisi, Georgia, and approve the publication of these city profiles as official publications in English and Russian, digital and print;

(b) Welcome the development of the proposal for the “ECE Smart Sustainable City Project Connector” to support investment projects based on the recommendations of the city profiles and invite member States to provide financial and in-kind support to the proposed project.

³ <https://unece.org/housing/innovativefinancing-sustainablesmartcities>.

14. Activities of the Geneva UN Charter Centres for Sustainable Housing and Smart Sustainable Cities

Documentation: Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-second session (ECE/HBP/2022/5)

32. The network of the Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence is closely working with the secretariat on the implementation of the Committee's programme of work. The activities of the Centres of Excellence will be presented to the Committee.

33. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Welcome the activities of the Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence which support the Committee in the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing;

(b) Reiterate the role of the Centres of Excellence in the implementation of the programmes of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme;

(c) Invite the Centres of Excellence to continue their activities in coordination with the secretariat in line with the guidance contained in document ECE/HBP/2016/2 and other relevant guidance on the matter.

15. Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group

Documentation: Draft Programme of Work of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for 2021-2022 (ECE/HBP/2020/9)

Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-second session (ECE/HBP/2022/5)

Terms of Reference of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for 2023-2024 (ECE/HBP/2022/7)

Programme of Work of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for 2023-2024 (ECE/HBP/2022/8)

34. The Real Estate Market Advisory Group will report on its activities since the eighty-second session of the Committee, including a report on the implementation of the International Fire Safety Standards (IFSS) and participation in the work of the ECE Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings.

35. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Take note of the report on the activities of the Advisory Group since the eighty-second Committee session;

(b) Update the title of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group to "Advisory Group on climate-neutral, energy-efficient and sustainable buildings and cities";

(c) Endorse the revised Terms of Reference of the Advisory Group for 2023-2024;

(d) Adopt the Programme of Work of the Advisory Group for 2023-2024;

(e) Welcome the implementation of the *ECE International Fire Safety Standards: Common Principles "Safe Buildings Save Lives"* which were endorsed by the Committee at its eighty-first session, in October 2021, including activities of the International Fire Safety Standards Coalition on the implementation of the Global Plan for a Decade of Action for Fire Safety 2022-2032.

16. Land administration and management

- Documentation:*
- Draft programme of work of the Working Party on Land Administration for 2020-2021 (ECE/HBP/2019/7)*
 - Draft programme of work of the Working Party on Land Administration 2022-2023 (ECE/HBP/2021/8)*
 - Draft programme of work of the housing and land management component of Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2022 (ECE/HBP/2021/9)*
 - Draft Programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2021 (ECE/HBP/2021/13)*
 - Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-second session (ECE/HBP/2022/5)*
 - Accelerated digitization and the future role of Land Administration Authorities in UNECE region and beyond (ECE/HBP/2022/Inf.10)*

36. The Chair of the Working Party on Land Administration informed the Committee about activities carried out by the Working Party since the eighty-second session of the Committee, including the organization of workshops and preparation of studies on:

- (a) Accelerated digitization and the future role of land administration authorities in the UNECE region and beyond;
- (b) The future scenarios of land administration in the UNECE region webinar series 2022.

37. The Committee will be informed of the preparations for the thirteenth session of the Working Party, including its date and venue.

38. The Committee will be invited to:

- (a) Welcome the joint publication of the Food and Agriculture Organization, International Federation of Surveyors, and ECE *Accelerated digitization and the future role of land administration authorities in the UNECE region and beyond*;
- (b) Take note of the activities of the Working Party in 2022 and upcoming activities for 2023.

17. Country profiles on urban development, housing and land management

- Documentation:*
- Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-second session (ECE/HBP/2022/5)*

39. At the eighty-second session of the Committee, in October 2021, the secretariat informed participants on the progress with the development of the Country Profile on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management of Albania.

40. The Committee will be invited to:

- (a) Take note of the information on the progress with the preparation of the Country Profile on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management of Albania;
- (b) Consider any other request from a country to develop its Country Profile on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management.

18. Programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2023 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2024

Documentation: Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-second session (ECE/HBP/2022/5)

Draft programme of work of the housing and land management component of Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2023 (ECE/HBP/2022/9)

Planning of official publications and promotional materials for 2024 of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme (ECE/HBP/2022/10)

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 (ECE/HBP/2022/Inf.11)

41. The Committee will be presented with information on the activities implemented under the Committee's programmes of work 2021 and 2022. The Committee will also be presented with the programme of work 2023, an outline of key components of this programme of work and a proposal for official publications and promotional materials for 2024.

42. The Committee will be invited to:

(a) Take note of the information on the activities implemented by the Committee under its programmes of work 2021 and 2022;

(b) Adopt the programme of work 2023 and recommend it to the ECE Executive Committee for approval;

(c) Approve the detailed list of activities proposed to implement the 2023 programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme;

(d) Take note of key components of the work programme of the housing and land management component of Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2024 and provide the agreed recommendations on these components, including modifications proposed by the secretariat;

(e) Approve the proposal for official publications and promotional materials of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2024.

19. Update on technical cooperation activities

Documentation: Activities of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management since its eighty-second session (ECE/HBP/2022/5)

43. The Regional Advisor will report on technical cooperation activities since the eighty-second Committee session.

44. The Committee will be invited to take note of the activities and advise accordingly.

20. Election of the Bureau

45. The Committee is expected to elect Bureau members, including its Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who will hold office until the end of the eighty-fifth session.

21. Other business

46. Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item.

22. Adoption of the report and closing of the session

47. The Chair will summarize the major decisions taken by the Committee. The Committee will be invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat. The Chair will inform delegates of the expected date for the next Committee session and close the session.

III. Tentative Timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	
PART I			
Monday, 4 April	10:00-10:30	1	Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
	10:30-18:00	2	Second Forum of Mayors
Tuesday, 5 April	10:00-18:00	2	Second Forum of Mayors
PART II			
Monday, 3 October	14:30–15:00	3	Welcoming by the authorities of San Marino and opening of Part II of the session
	15:00-17:30	4	Panel on urban planning for climate-neutral and circular cities
Tuesday, 4 October	9:30-10:00	5	Report on the outcomes of the roundtable “In Focus: SDG 11” and related recommendations
	10:00-11:30	6	Report on the outcomes of the Second Forum of Mayors and related recommendations
	11:30-12:30	7	Update on the implementation of the <i>Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030</i> and activities of the #Housing2030 initiative

	14:30-16:00	8	Emerging needs of the ECE region in the areas of housing, real estate and urban development
	16:00-16.30	9	Promoting access to affordable housing for women and youth
	16:30-17:00	10	Matters arising since the last Committee session
	17:00-17:30	11	Response to the COVID-19 pandemic at the city level and building urban economic resilience
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Wednesday, 5 October			
	9:30-10:00	11	Response to the COVID-19 pandemic at the city level and building urban economic resilience (continued)
	10:00-11:00	12	Sustainable Development Goals Voluntary Local Reviews: measuring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals at the local level
	11:00-12:30 14:30-15:00	13	Implementation of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) initiative
	15:00-16:30	14	Activities of the Geneva UN Charter Centres for Sustainable Housing and Smart Sustainable Cities
	16:30-17:30	15	Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group
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Thursday, 6 October			
	9:30-11:30	16	Land administration and management
	11:30-12:00	17	Country profiles on urban development, housing and land management
	12:00-12:30	18	Programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2023 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2024
	14:30-15:00	19	Update on technical cooperation activities
	15:00-15:30	20	Election of the Bureau

15:30-16:00	21	Other business
16:00-17:30	22	Adoption of the report and closing of the session
