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Programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing and Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2025 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2026**Outline of key components of the programme of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2026****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 2026. These components are based on the subprogramme-related section of the Economic Commission for Europe proposed programme budget for 2025, 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 recommendations of member States agreed by the Committee and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the subprogramme for 2026. The proposed programme plan will be prepared by the secretariat at the end of 2024 and included in the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) proposed programme budget for 2026.

I. Objective

1. The objective, to which the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme 8 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.

II. Strategy

2. The responsibility for component (a) Housing and land management of subprogramme 8 is vested in the Forests, Land and Housing Division.

3. 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.

4. 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 Sustainable Development Goals 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 12, and build their capacities for the implementation of measures to accelerate the achievement of the Goals through technical assistance, thematic studies, training, exchange of experiences and best practices as well as policy advice on: affordable, energy efficient and decent housing for all; housing finance; smart sustainable cities, digitization in 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 the climate neutrality of buildings;

(b) Support local governments in the development of evidence-based policies on sustainable housing and urban development through the application of the ECE/International Telecommunication Union key performance indicators on smart sustainable cities, indicators on urban economic resilience and the United Nations system-wide urban monitoring framework; and in the preparation of smart sustainable cities profiles and Sustainable Development Goals voluntary local reviews, based on the assessments of achievement of the Goals;

(c) Provide assistance to national and local governments in 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 the capacities of national and local governments in the design, implementation and monitoring of urban resilience plans and sustainable urban infrastructure development projects, including those that provide support to the most vulnerable persons, especially those in informal settlements;

(e) Promote multi-stakeholder partnerships and innovative financing instruments to unlock further financing and partnerships for the implementation of these plans and projects, in collaboration with the Geneva United Nations Charter Centres of Excellence;

(f) Subject to approval by the ECE Executive Committee, organize the sixth Forum of Mayors to discuss the challenges for sustainable housing and urban development.

5. 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 *Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling Challenges from the COVID-19 Pandemic, Climate and Housing Emergencies in the Region, City, Neighbourhood and Homes*, as well as relevant best practices, including those developed and shared by the Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence;

(c) Improved understanding by city authorities of their socioeconomic development priorities through the preparation of smart sustainable cities profiles and voluntary local reviews of the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, based on the revised guidelines for the development of voluntary local reviews in the ECE region and using ECE/International Telecommunication Union key performance indicators for smart sustainable cities, urban economic resilience indicators and a United Nations 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 people living in informal settlements.

III. Deliverables to be implemented in 2026

6. Table 3 below lists all deliverables of the housing and land management component of subprogramme 8.

Table 3

Subprogramme 8: housing and land management component deliverables for 2025 by category and subcategory

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2025 planned</i>	<i>2026 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies		
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	18	11
1. The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management	11	11
2. The Working Party on Land Administration	7	-
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	24	
3. The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, its Bureau and expert bodies	14	14
4. The 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 urban development, housing and land management	1	1
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	8	8
6. Workshops, seminars and training on urban development, housing and land management (including real estate)	8	8
Publications (number of publications)	4	4
7. Country profiles and studies on urban development, housing and land management	4	4
Technical materials (number of materials)	2	2
8. Technical guidelines on urban development, housing and land management	2	2
Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions (number of missions)	1	
9. Fact-finding missions for policymakers in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on urban development, housing and land management	1	1
C. Substantive deliverables		

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2025 planned</i>	<i>2026 planned</i>
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Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services for policymakers in up to 4 countries regarding the country profiles on urban development, housing and land management

D. Communication deliverables

Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: booklet/fact sheets

External and media relations: press releases and social media posts

Digital platforms and multimedia content: websites of the subprogramme
