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### Draft programme of the workshop on housing affordability (*as of 30 Sept.*)

Wednesday, 2 October 2024, (10.15–13.00 and 15.00–18.00)

Room XVII, E-building, Palais des Nations, Geneva (in person only)

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Indicative timing	Speakers
10.15–10.45	<b>I. Outcomes of the UNECE study on housing affordability</b> <i>Ms. Paloma Taltavull, Chair, UNECE Real Estate Market Advisory Group</i>
	<b>II. Good practice examples from cities for addressing housing affordability challenges: measures and practical experience</b> Moderator: <i>Ms. Katja Schäfer, Inter-Regional Advisor, UN-Habitat</i>
10.45–Noon	<b>Panel 1.</b>
	<b>Glasgow (UK)</b> <i>Ms. Susan Aitken, Leader of the City Council</i>
	<b>Debrecen (Hungary)</b> <i>Dr. Lajos Barcsa, Deputy Mayor</i>
	<b>Konya (Türkiye)</b> <i>Mr. Mustafa Uzbaş, Deputy Mayor</i>
	<b>Klang (Malaysia)</b> <i>Ms. Noraini Roslan, Mayor</i>
	<b>Utrecht (the Netherlands)</b> <i>Mr. Dennis de Vries, Deputy Mayor</i>
	<b>Mafra (Portugal)</b> <i>Mr. António Felgueiras, Deputy Mayor</i>
Noon–13:00	<b>Panel 2.</b>
	<b>London (UK)</b> <i>Mr. Tom Copley, Deputy Mayor</i>
	<b>Tallinn (Estonia)</b> <i>Ms. Madle Lippus, Deputy Mayor</i>
	<b>Madrid (Spain)</b> <i>Mr. Raul Monte Hidalgo, Director General for Urban Regeneration, Housing Division of the City Council</i>

	<b>Tbilisi (Georgia)</b> <i>Mr. Vakhtang Lomjaria, Head of Economic Development Department, City Hall</i>
	<b>Milan (Italy)</b> <i>Prof. Massimo Bricocoli, Head of the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies, Polytechnic University</i>
	<b>Amsterdam (the Netherlands)</b> <i>Ms. Marrit Woudwijk and Mr. Michiel Voskamp, De Torteltuyn, Housing cooperative</i>
15:00–15:15	<b>Moderator's summary</b>
15.15–16.15	<b>III. Good practice examples from states' for addressing housing affordability challenges: measures and practical experience</b> Moderator: <i>Ms. Paola Deda, Director, Forests, Land &amp; Housing Division, ECE</i>
	<b>Czechia</b> <i>Mr. Jan Schneider, Director General, Department for Regional and Housing Policy Strategy, Ministry of Regional Development</i>
	<b>Switzerland</b> <i>Ms. Sarah Vallon, Collaboratrice scientifique, Swiss Federal Office for Housing</i>
	<b>Ukraine</b> <i>Mr. Knut Höller, Executive board member, Housing Initiative for Eastern Europe (IWO)</i>
	<b>Uzbekistan</b> <i>Mr. Diyor Ergashev, Deputy Head of Department of Coordination of Land Reforms, Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction</i>
	<b>Greece</b> <i>Mr. Tassos Kriekoukis, Ambassador</i>
16.15–16.30	<b>Moderator's summary</b>
16.30–17.45	<b>IV. International work for improving access to affordable housing</b> Moderator: <i>Ms. Paola Deda, Director, Forests, Land &amp; Housing Divis. ECE</i>
	<b>UN-Habitat</b> <i>Mr. Robert Lewis-Lettington, Chief of Land, Housing and Shelter section</i>
	<b>UNEP</b> <i>Ms. Gulnara Roll, Head of Cities Unit</i>
	<b>Housing Europe</b> <i>Ms. Edit Lakatos, Senior Policy Officer</i>
	<b>Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</b> <i>Ms. Doris Kampus, Rapporteur on Social Housing Innovations for the Committee on Social Inclusion and Human Dignity</i>
	<b>European Mortgage Federation</b> <i>Mr. Luca Bertalot, Secretary General</i>
	<b>International Union of Tenants</b> <i>Mr. Dan Nicander, Secretary General</i>
	<b>Geneva UN Charter Centre of Excellence on Youth Homeless prevention,</b> Canadian Observatory of Homelessness, Homeless Hub, York University <i>Ms. Emily Kellway, Toronto Centre of Excellence &amp; Policy Coordinator</i> <i>Ms. Amanda Buchnea, Strategy, Policy &amp; Innovation Specialist at the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness</i>
	<b>Habitat for Humanity International (NGO)</b> <i>Mr. Gyorgy Sumeghy, Associate Director</i>
17.45–18.00	<b>Moderator's closing remarks</b>