

Dear Colleagues, thank you for asking me to participate today.

I have been asked to say a few words about the UNECE Regional Action Plan 2030.

The United Nations has five regional Commissions that interact with member states on matters of urban policy and development working together with UN-Habitat.

The Economic Commission for Europe – the UNECE – covers the globe from Vancouver to Vladivostok and has 56 member states that extend from the three continental countries of the United States, Canada and Russia, all of the countries of greater Europe and the three microstates of Monaco, San Marino and Andorra.

At the end of 2020, I was asked by the UNECE Committee of Urban Development, Housing and Land Management – working in partnership with Housing Europe and UN-Habitat – to coordinate a team to research and reflect on the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate emergency for housing and the human habitat.

The Regional Action Plan has evolved from:

- ***Agenda 2030*** – that introduced the global goals and targets,
- the ***UN policy briefs*** on the effects of COVID,
- the UN Habitat publication ***Cities and Pandemics***,
- the ***Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing*** and
- the ***#Housing2030*** research.

All of these have contributed to the Regional Action Plan which founds on Article 5 of ***Agenda 2030*** stating that ***the Global Goals are integrated and indivisible*** – action against one must contribute to all 17.

The Regional Action Plan achieves this by integrating the principles of these documents into two policy areas with associated goals, targets and actions:

1. Across *Cities, Neighbourhoods, Homes and Rural Life* with a focus on coordination, partnership and integration across and between the scales of governance [internationally, nationally and locally]; and
2. *Sustainable Housing and Homes* focusing on implementing the *Governance, Land, Finance and Climate* findings of the #Housing2030 Research.

The research output was brought together in the document ***Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030*** that was endorsed at the **Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management** in Geneva in October 2021.

In a few moments, you will see the short film about Glasgow’s approach to social and affordable housing prepared for a UNECE event held at COP26 in the city in November last year. The UNECE Centres of Excellence network and Glasgow acknowledges the leadership of Vienna as well as Finland, Denmark and the Netherlands in this context and is now working towards delivery of the RAP2030.

Place and Life in the UNECE: Regional Action Plan 2030

TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD
THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Policy Brief
COVID-19 in an Urban World

BRIEF #2:
PUTTING THE UN FRAMEWORK
FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESPONSE
TO COVID-19 INTO ACTION

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY,
GLOBAL SOLIDARITY:
Responding to the socio-economic
impacts of COVID-19

Cities and Pandemics:
Towards a More Just,
Green and Healthy Future

The Geneva UN Charter
on Sustainable Housing

Effective policies for affordable housing in the ECE region

#Housing2030

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Place and Life in the ECE –
A Regional Action Plan 2030

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Targets/Actions

Download here: <https://unece.org/hlm/documents/2021/08/session-documents/place-and-life-ece-regional-action-plan-2030>
The Regional Action Plan 2030 was endorsed at the Ministerial Meeting in October 2021 and will be published in early 2022.
International Workshop on delivery planned for early 2022.