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The detailed programme provides information on the schedule and speakers of the 84th session of the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management. Annotations are available in the draft annotated provisional agenda for the 84th session (ECE/HBP/218). Information on the session and the registration link are at <https://unece.org/housing/events/cudhlm-session84>.

4 October 2023, Wednesday

Time (CET)	Agenda items/ titles of the session
10:00 - 10:15	<p>1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doris Andoni (Albania), Chair, UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management • Tatiana Molcean, Executive Secretary, UNECE • Michal Mlynar, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
10:15 - 10:45	<p>2. Report on the outcomes of the Third Forum of Mayors and related recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Third Forum of Mayors and its recommendations to the Committee - Ahn Thu Duong, Co-Director, Global Cities Hub, Geneva (Switzerland) <p>Deliberations and decisions by the Committee</p>
10:45 - 11:15	<p>3. Follow-up to the adoption of the San Marino Declaration on principles for sustainable and inclusive urban design and architecture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban planning and National Urban Policies - Key challenges towards a better sustainable urban development - Didier Vancutsem, Vice-President, International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA Europe), Brussels, Belgium and Director, ISOCARP Institute, The Hague, The Netherlands



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable and inclusive design in Geneva: examples of the Plage des Eaux-Vives and "Health Protection/Refreshing Spaces" for seniors - Alexandre Hedjazi, Deputy Director, International Affairs; and Senior Lecturer, Institute for Environmental Sciences, University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland • Naming the public space: a tool for cities to achieve gender inclusion - Frédéric Giraut - Professor and UNESCO Chair, "Naming the World", University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland <p>Deliberations and decisions by the Committee</p>
11:15 - 13:00	<p>4. Update on the implementation of the Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030</p> <p>Panel discussion on the implementation of the Regional Action Plan: how countries, cities and other stakeholders support achieving affordable decent housing in an urban context</p> <p>Introduction - Brian Evans, Professor of Urbanism and Landscape and Head of Urbanism, Mackintosh School of Architecture, The Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, UK</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hristina Odjaklieska, Deputy Minister for Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia • Stephanie Furer, Scientific Associate, Swiss Federal Office for Housing, Switzerland • Veronika Reháková, Director, Housing Policy and Urban Development Department, Ministry of Transport, Slovakia • Peter Kahn, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA • Biljana Filipović Đušić, Chair, THE PEP Steering Committee, Serbia <p>Short break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vakhtang Lomjaria, Head Municipal Department of Economic Development, Tbilisi city government, Georgia • Svetlana Dogotaru, Chief Architect, Chisinau City Hall, Republic of Moldova • Andres Jaadla, Chairman, Estonian Union of Co-operative Housing Associations; and Member of the European Committee of the Region, Tallinn, Estonia • Roel Janssens, Secretary to the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics, Sustainable Transport Division, UNECE • Diego Aulestia, Head, Human Settlements Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin American and Caribbean (ECLAC)



	Deliberations and decisions by the Committee
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch break
13:15-14:45	<p>Side event on “Supporting cities in urban resilience building for inclusive responses and recovery”. The side event is organized by the five UN regional economic commissions, UN-Habitat and the Global Cities Hub. See the side event programme under the link.</p> <p>The side event is in person at Tempus Conference Hall and online in WebEx. Meeting link is: https://ungeneva-vc.webex.com/ungeneva-vc/j.php?MTID=m8dd7f4f808434f4e4a0d0f655222f7fb</p> <p>Meeting number: 2743 258 8106 Password: eyPJ2nWpy28</p>
15:00 - 15:30	<p>5. Matters arising since the last Committee session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes of the UNECE Commission session (Geneva, 18-19 April 2023); the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE Region (Geneva, 29-30 March 2023); and UNECE engagement in the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (New York, 10-19 July 2023). Planning participation in the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference or Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP28) – Paola Deda, <i>Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE</i> • Information on the planning of the Eighth Asia-Pacific Urban Forum convened by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) (Suwon City, South Korea, 22-26 October 2023) - Curt Garrigan, <i>Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, Environment and Development Division, UN ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand</i> • Outcomes of the Second United Nations Habitat Assembly (Nairobi, Kenya, 5-9 June 2023) and information on the Twelfth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF12) (Cairo, November 2024) and possible engagement of the Committee in WUF12 events – Graham Alabaster, <i>UN-Habitat Geneva office</i> <p>Deliberations and decisions by the Committee</p>
15:30 - 16:15	<p>6. Review of the implementation of the programmes of work 2022 and 2023:</p> <p>(a) Implementation of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) initiative - Mythili Menon, <i>International Telecommunication Union, U4SSC secretariat</i> <p>Information on UNECE activities as part of the U4SSC initiative:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building on the recommendations of the smart sustainable cities Profile Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, by upgrading informal settlements – Mirlanbek Baigonchokov, <i>First Deputy-Mayor, City of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan</i> • Key outcomes and recommendations of the draft Smart Sustainable Cities Profile: Podgorica, Montenegro – Stefan Đukić, <i>Senior Advisor, City of Podgorica, Montenegro</i> • Key outcomes and recommendations of the draft Smart Sustainable Cities Profile: Almaty, Kazakhstan – Andrey Shovkoplyas, <i>Chair of the Board of Almaty Development Centre, Almaty, Kazakhstan</i> <p>Recommendations for the way forward for the UNECE engagement in the topic of smart sustainable cities and in the U4SSC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Transformation and Security – challenges for smart sustainable and creative cities - <i>Professor Dimitrios D. Vergados, Director of the M.Sc. Programme "Digital Culture, Smart Cities, IoT and Advanced Digital Technologies"; and UNESCO Chair Holder: "Creative Cities in Motion: Urban Sustainable Mobility and Utilization of Cultural Resources", Hellenic Authority for Communication Security and Privacy (ADAE), Athens, Greece</i> • Comments from the side of the private sector – Olzhas Sartayev, <i>Head of Special Economic Zone "Innovative Technologies Park", Almaty, Kazakhstan</i> • Comments on the U4SSC activities and experiences in supporting smart sustainable cities in the ESCWA region – Sukaina Abdul Ilah Al-Nasrawi, <i>Social Affairs Officer, Sustainable Urban Development Lead, Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development, ESCWA, Beirut, Lebanon</i> <p>Deliberations and decisions by the Committee</p>
<p>16:15 - 17:15</p>	<p>6 (b) Building urban resilience through action plans, nature-based solutions, innovative and green financing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes of the joint side event "Supporting cities in urban resilience building for inclusive responses and recovery from natural, man-made disasters, internal and external shocks" and next steps in the cooperation of the UN Regional Economic Commissions to promote urban resilience – Jalal Abdel-Latif, <i>Acting Section Chief, Urban Development Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</i> <p>Tools and case studies to support urban resilience building:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban greening and nature-based solutions in cities - Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab, <i>Chief of the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE</i>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles for Green Financing for Sustainable Real Estate, Infrastructure and Urban Transformation Projects – Mr. Giampiero Bambagioni, <i>Urban Economist, Head of Scientific and International Activities, Tecnoborsa Scpa; Lecturer, Faculty of Architecture, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy</i> Promoting inclusive urban regeneration - Javier Torner, <i>Lead, Planning, Finance and Economy Section, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat</i> Urban Charter of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities - Christina Binder, <i>Bundeswehr University of Munich, Germany; and member of the Congress Group of Independent Experts on the European Charter of Local Self-Government, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe</i> <p>Deliberations and decisions by the Committee</p>
17:15 - 18:00	<p>6 (c) Voluntary Local Reviews: measuring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals at the local level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the Local2030 Initiative and opportunities for the support to the localization of the SDGs in ECE member States - Shipra Narang Suri, <i>Chief, Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat and Chair of the Local2030 Initiative</i> OECD work on SDG Voluntary Local Reviews - Stefano Marta, <i>Coordinator, Territorial Approach to the SDGs, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris, France</i> Preliminary outcomes of the testing of the Guidelines for the Development of Voluntary Local Reviews in the ECE Region within the UNDA project “Voluntary local reviews: evidence for greener, resilient, and sustainable urban recovery in Eastern European and Central Asian countries in transition” and recommendations for UNECE activities in the future - Alexandre Hedjazi, <i>Deputy Director, International Affairs; and Senior Lecturer, Institute for Environmental Sciences, University of Geneva; and Matteo Tarantino</i>, <i>Senior Researcher, University of Geneva, Switzerland</i> <p>Deliberations and decisions by the Committee</p>
18:15-19:30	<p>Cocktail Reception on the occasion of the World Habitat Day organized by UN-HABITAT</p>



5 October 2023, Thursday

Time (CET)	Agenda items/ titles of the session
10:00 - 11:30	<p>6 (d) Activities of the network of the Geneva UN Charter Centres for Sustainable Housing and Smart Sustainable Cities focusing on future challenges of housing affordability in the ECE Region</p> <p>This interactive moderated panel discussion is organized by the network of the Geneva UN Charter Centres for Sustainable Housing and Smart Sustainable Cities¹ in cooperation with the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for Sustainable, Climate-Neutral and Energy-Efficient Buildings and Cities (REM).</p> <p>Anticipating future housing challenges involves considering a range of factors, including population growth, urbanization trends, economic, social and environmental conditions, and technological advancements. The panel is aimed at improving knowledge base and supporting foresight for affordable decent housing in the UNECE region. It will support developing joint activities between the centres of excellence in the future.</p> <p>Introduction by the moderator Peter Bille Larsen, Senior Lecturer, University of Geneva. It will be followed by a panel discussion.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuria Matarredona, Director General, Urban Agenda and Architecture, Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda, Madrid, Spain • Alice Pittini, Research Director, Housing Europe, Brussels, Belgium • Besim Nebiu, Director, Central and Eastern Europe/Commonwealth of Independent States (CEE/CIS), Habitat for Humanity International, Europe and Middle East Area Office • Knut Hoeller, Executive Board Member, Initiative Wohnungswirtschaft Osteuropa (IWO), Germany • Alberto Cendoya, Norman Foster Foundation, Madrid, Spain • Sadmira Malaj, Observatory of the Mediterranean Basi (OMB), POLIS University and Co-PLAN Institute, Tirana, Albania <p>Deliberations and decisions by the Committee</p>
11:30 – 11:45	Short break
11:45 - 12:15	<p>6 (e) Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for Sustainable, Climate-Neutral and Energy-Efficient Buildings and Cities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group - Paloma Taltavull de la Paz, Professor in Applied Economics,

¹ <https://unece.org/housing/charter-centres>



	<p><i>Department of Applied Economic Analysis, University of Alicante, Spain and REM Chair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on activities of the International Fire Safety Standards Coalition and implementation of the ECE International Safety Standards² - Gary Strong, <i>Fire Safety Lead - Global Building Standards Director, RICS - Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and Chair, International Fire Safety Standards Coalition</i> <p>Deliberations and decisions by the Committee</p>
<p>12:15 - 13:00</p>	<p>Agenda item 6 (f) Carbon-neutral and energy-efficient housing in the ECE region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities of the UNECE Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency and UNECE Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency in Buildings - Igor Litvinyuk, <i>Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE</i> Activities of the Global Alliance for Building and Construction (GlobalABC) - Jonathan Duwyn, <i>Programme Management Officer, Buildings and Construction and Acting Head, GlobalABC Secretariat</i> Activities of the Green Building Alliance - Jenna Cramer, <i>President and CEO, Green Building Alliance, USA</i> <p>Deliberations and decisions by the Committee</p>
<p>13:00 - 15:00</p> <p>13:15 - 14:45</p>	<p>Lunch break</p> <p>Side event “Promoting access to decent, adequate, affordable and healthy housing for all”. In-person in Tempus and online in WebEx. Meeting link: https://ungeneva-vc.webex.com/ungeneva-vc/j.php?MTID=m30b6781b680da3179c84353fadeae3fe</p> <p>Meeting number: 2741 646 9169 Password: Nwb2P4R7a35</p>
<p>15:00 - 16:00</p>	<p>6 (g) Land administration and management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the implementation of the Programme of Work 2022-2023 of the Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA) and on outcomes of the WPLA 13th session - Victoria Abbot, <i>Head of External Affairs, Customer and Strategy Group, HM Land Registry, United Kingdom and WPLA Chair</i> Recap of the keynote segment of the WPLA thirteenth session - Hartmut Müller, <i>Mainz University, Mainz, Germany and FIG representative</i> Ecosystems in land administration - exploring how land authorities are adapting their organizational and institutional arrangements to respond to the increased complexity of ecosystems – Victoria Abbot, <i>Head of</i>

² <https://unece.org/housing/standards>



	<p><i>External Affairs, Customer and Strategy Group, HM Land Registry, United Kingdom and WPLA Chair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity-building activities to support the implementation of the COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region – Professor Chryssy Potsiou, School of Rural, Surveying & Geoinformatics Engineering, National Technical University of Athens, Greece and WPLA Bureau member • Planning of the WPLA workshop on ecosystems and security - Pilar Verdejo, Land Property Registrar, Valencia, Spain and WPLA Bureau member • Robert Lewis-Lettington, Chief of Section, Land, Housing and Shelter: and Secretary to the Global Land Tool Network; UN-Habitat <p>Deliberations and decisions by the Committee</p>
<p>16:00 - 18:00</p>	<p>6 (h) Country profiles on urban development, housing and land management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Country Profile on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management of Albania - Oleg Golubchikov, Lead writer and Professor at Cardiff University, UK; and Elena Szolgayova, UNECE expert • Planning of the Country Profile on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management of Montenegro – Government of Montenegro and CEB – Radmila Lainovic, Director General for Housing and Legalization, Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism, Montenegro; and Elena Szolgayova, UNECE expert • Planning of the Country Profile on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management of Uzbekistan – Diyor Ergashev, Project Manager, Land Reform Implementation, Institute for Macroeconomic and Regional Studies under the Cabinet Ministers, Tashkent, Uzbekistan and Luigi Cipolla, International Consultant on Smart and Sustainable Planning. • Planning of the Country Profile on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management of Armenia – Armen Ghularyan, Chairman, Urban Development Committee of the Republic of Armenia <p>Deliberations and decisions by the Committee</p>



6 October 2023, Friday

Time (CET)	Agenda items/ titles of the session
10:00 - 13:00	<p>7. Update on technical cooperation activities UN4UkrainianCities project</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>Gulnara Roll, Secretary to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Management, UNECE</p> <p>Housing and urban development policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natalia Kozlovska, Deputy Minister for Development of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure • Serhii Komnatnyi, Senior Housing Expert, UNECE • Denys Nizalov, Associate Professor, De Montfort University, Leicester, UK/Global Land Alliance • Jose Herrera, Director General for International Relations, General Coordination of the Mayor's Office, City of Madrid, Spain <p>Questions and answers</p> <p>Master plans of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv and their pilot projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olga Demianenko, Senior urban economy expert, UNECE • Alberto Cendoya and Diego Lopez Urruchi, Architects, Architecture, Design and Technology Unit, Norman Foster Foundation, Madrid, Spain • Dmytro Falko, Chairman of the Mykolaiv City Council, Mykolaiv, Ukraine • Ana Paez, Programme Manager, One Works, Milan, Italy <p>Questions and answers</p> <p>Municipal Investment Tracker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vadym Lysenko, Coordinator, Municipal Investment Tracker, UNECE • Katerina Avtonomova, Advisor to the Mayor of Borodyanka. Ukraine; and Architect Paolo Cucchi, Principal of PCA Architecture, Italy/Malaysia • Vladislav Malashevskyy, Irpin Reconstruction Summit Project Manager • Sara Lemniei, SLK Capital, Chief Executive Officer



	<p>Other projects for urban development in Ukraine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Filiep Decorte, UN-Habitat, Chief of Programme Development Branch</i> • <i>Knut Hoeller, Executive Board Member, Initiative Wohnungswirtschaft Osteuropa (IWO), Germany</i> • <i>Representatives of other governments and organizations on cooperation</i> <p>Conclusions and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Paola Deda, Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE</i> <p>Deliberations and decisions by the Committee</p>
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 - 15:15	<p>Continuation of the Committee session</p> <p><i>Reading the draft report of the Committee session</i></p>
15:15 - 16:30	<p>8. Programmes of work of the housing and land management component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2024 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2025</p> <p>Presentation of activities under the programme of work 2024 and of publications planned for 2025 - <i>Gulnara Roll, Secretary to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, UNECE</i></p> <p>Deliberations and decisions by the Committee</p>
16:30 - 17:00	<p>9. Election of the Bureau</p> <p>Presentation of the list of Bureau candidates</p> <p>Election of Bureau members</p>
17:00 - 17:30	<p>10. Other business</p> <p>Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item.</p>
17:30 - 18:00	<p>11. Adoption of the report and closing of the session.</p> <p>The Chair will summarize the major decisions taken by the Committee. The Committee will be invited to agree on its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat. The Chair will inform on the expected date for the next Committee session. The Chair will close the session.</p>