

Name of Staff Member	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat):	<i>Ms. Katja Schaefer</i> , Inter-regional Advisor, UN-Habitat Programme Division <i>Ms. Tatiana Khabarova</i> , UN-Habitat Programme Manager, UN-Habitat Project Coordination Office for Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
	Key Experts on housing and urbanization in Russia and CIS representing the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE):	<i>Ms. Irina Gentsler</i> , Institute for Urban Economics <i>Mr. Nikolai Bobylev</i> , Associate professor and Head of Master Programme in Environmental Management, Saint Petersburg State University
Office	UN-Habitat and UNECE	
Type of Mission	Fact Finding Mission on housing and sustainable urban development in Uzbekistan	
Mission Area	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	
Mission Dates	15 – 18 April 2019	
Mission Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify key stakeholders to be engaged in the National Urban Policy development process in Uzbekistan, including preliminary capacity assessment, and collaboration modalities. - Review the diagnosis prepared by the working group, identify data gaps and provide recommendations on enhancing the analysis. - Round table discussion with key national and local stakeholders to explore entry points for National Urban Policy development in Uzbekistan. - Presentation on internationally recognised good practices on urbanization including such areas as urban housing and innovations in urban development, policy documents on urbanization prepared and adopted in other countries, including evidence-based National Urban Policies relevant to the Uzbekistan context. - Review the roadmap for preparation of National Urban Policy in Uzbekistan, elaborated by the IFMR including timeframes for feasibility, diagnosis, formulation, implementation as well as monitoring and evaluation. - Engage key strategic partners in the discussion for preparation, formulation and implementation of a National Urban Policy for Uzbekistan, including other ongoing processes such as the <i>Tashkent 2025 Transformation</i> process and potential resource mobilisation. - Agree on content, focus and outcome of Uzbekistan Urban Forum. - Define milestone documents to be prepared as part of the National Urban Policy development process, including key document to be presented to the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan at the beginning of July 2019. - Identify additional local and regional experts in priority areas required for the National Urban Policy in Uzbekistan, but not covered by the IFMR working group. - Elaborate Terms of Reference for review of existing legislation relevant to urban context, including recommendations for revision and implementation in accordance with National Urban Policy implementation, including the definition of rural and urban areas. - Elaborate Terms of Reference for review of international indexes related to urbanization and providing recommendations on how to improve Uzbekistan's ranking in them, including CPI for evidence based decision making and Smart Sustainable Cities Indicators.. - Agree between UNDP, UN-Habitat and UNECE working modalities for technical support to the National Urban Policy development process in Uzbekistan, and the wider region if appropriate. 	
Mission Highlights, outcomes and next steps	Meetings and main discussion points	
	DAY 1: Monday, 15 April 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Matilda Dimovska, UNDP Resident Representative and staff of Sustainable Development Division and UNDP Strategic Studies for Sustainable Development Project: - Senior Management of Ministry of Economy and Industry (Mr. Sakhil I. Saifnazarov, Deputy Minister), Agency for Urbanization and the Institute for Forecasting and Macroeconomic Research (Mr. Tursun M. Akhmedov, Deputy Director) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representatives of Ministry of Construction (Mr. Shukhratkhodja Khashimov, Deputy Minister), State Unitary Enterprise "Uzshakharsozlik LITI", "Toshkentboshplan" LITI, "Toshuizhoy" LITI (Mr. Galib G. Madjidov, General Director) - Representatives of Ministry of Housing and Communal Services (Mr. Khaydarov Takhir Abidjanovich, Deputy Minister) - Representatives of the hokimiyat of City of Tashkent (Mr. Timur Abdukayumov, Project Manager, Ms. Maria Tschuschaja, PR Manager), Public Council of Tashkent and Urban Center "Tashkent-Transformation 2025" and (Ms. Adelja Schamgunova, Executive Director) <p>DAY 2: Tuesday, 16 April 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with the representative of Asian Development Bank (Mr. Doniyor Mukhammadaliyev, Social Sector Officer) - Meeting with Tashkent Institute of Architecture and Construction (Mr. Mirisayev Abdullo, Vice Rector and Prof. M. K. Ahmedov) - Meeting with Working Group of Ministry of Economy and Industry, Agency for Urbanization and Institute for Forecasting and Macroeconomic Research (Mr. Tursun M. Akhmedov, Deputy Director) on Urbanization Concept and preparation for Round Table - Meeting with members of UNCT on "Right to the City and Cities for All" <p>DAY 3: Wednesday, 17 April 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Round table on the theme "Concept of Urbanization 2030 and National Sustainable Development Goals" headed by Ministry of Economy and Industry, Agency for Urbanization (Mr. Shasur Aripov, Director) and Institute for Forecasting and Macroeconomic Research (Mr. Tursun M. Akhmedov, Deputy Director) - Meeting with United Nations Resident Coordinator Office (Ms. Helena Fraser, Resident Coordinator and Mr. Zarif Jumaev, UN Coordination Analyst) - Summing up the mission and discussing further actions with the Sustainable Development Division, UNDP Uzbekistan <p>DAY 4: Thursday, 18 April 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with Worldbank (Ms. Manjusha Rai, Urban Consultant) <p>Outcomes/ main takeaways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UN-Habitat/ UNECE mission was conducted very timely, at a turning point in Uzbekistan policy development. Urbanisation has been placed as a priority of the country's upcoming national development period. An Urban Agency as well as Urban Fund have been established, and ambitious plans have been embarked on (National Urbanization Strategy, Tashkent Transformation 2025 process, to name a few). Adjusting the priorities of the NUP process and Tashkent Transformation 2025 process to be more inclusive, sustainable and achievable, UN-Habitat in partnership with UNECE (and other development partners) can provide crucial technical support to this process. - Donor Coordination Action Plan compiled by the ADB and UNDP; UN-Habitat and UNECE to add areas of cooperation; ADB will take lead in developing concept, UNDP/UN-Habitat and UNECE to provide feedback and technical expertise throughout work process. EBDR (regional development) and UNISDR (making cities resilient campaign) will resume activities in Uzbekistan soon. - National partners have indicated interest in updating the UNECE <i>Country Profile on Housing and Land Management</i>; review of UNECE Country Profile alongside development of a Housing Policy is vital. - Worldbank is suggesting UN-Habitat to prepare "State of Uzbekistan Cities Report" as baseline for evidence-based decision making. - Monitoring of the implementation of the NUP process and impact is key, hence the application of CPI and KPI for smart cities have been welcome. Experiences from Tomsk and Perm can be shared.
--	--

- Areas for engagement of UN-Habitat and UNECE (supported by UNDP and UNCT) in Uzbekistan following the implementation framework of the New Urban Agenda¹ (1 – National Urban Policy; 2 – Urban legislation, rules and regulations; 3 - Urban planning and design; 4 - Urban economy and municipal finance; 5 - Local implementation): state of urbanization in Uzbekistan; CPI/ KPI urbanization; legislative review and training; institutional arrangements for Urban Agency and wider urban development framework; municipal finance and participatory budgeting (link to UN-Habitat regional project possible and/ or UNDP joint programme); privatization of land (GLTN); Housing Policy including mechanisms for implementation, i.e. (preferential) housing mortgage schemes; urban planning and building regulations (with focus on energy efficiency); public spaces.
- CCA and UNDAF cycle is coming up in autumn 2019 and both UN-Habitat and UNECE are welcome to participate.

Next steps and/or decision points

- Add contacts to CIS database.
- Follow up with UNDP on media coverage of UN-Habitat/ UNECE mission to Tashkent > UN-Habitat, asap
- Write news-feature for UN-Habitat/ UNECE/ UNDP www > UN-Habitat/ UNECE, asap
- Share UN-Habitat/ UNECE mission report with UNDP, RC office, national and development partners > UN-Habitat/ UNDP, asap
- Write follow-up emails to all meeting hosts that were organized > UN-Habitat/ UNDP, asap
- UNDP to add UN-Habitat and UNECE to donor coordination group on urbanization > UN-Habitat/ UNECE, asap
- Invite Uzbekistan to Delhi Workshop on ASSESSING THE FEASIBILITY OF APPLYING A GLOBAL DEFINITION OF CITIES/URBAN AREAS IN SUPPORT OF GLOBAL MONITORING OF SDGs AND NUA URBAN TARGETS from 8 – 11 July 2019 and other capacity-building events in the region. To follow up on a request for a possible study tour to Estonia to the Center of Geneva Charter by the experts of the Ministry of Housing and Communal Services > UN-Habitat, asap.
- Reach out to OECD and explore interest to engage on NUP (among other issues) in Uzbekistan > UN-Habitat, asap
- Explore with CRPP team whether Tashkent can be added as a pilot city > UN-Habitat, asap
- Follow-up with Urban Agency: provide feedback to outline of National Urbanization Strategy 2030; share joint UN-Habitat/ UNECE recommendations with national counterparts, RC office and Urban Coordination group for follow up > UN-Habitat/ UNECE, asap; explore possibility to conduct revised Country Profile on Housing and Land Management > UNECE, tbc
- Follow-up with Tashkent Transformation 2025: share documents - Tirana case study, Urban Planning for City Leaders; GLTN – land privatization and how to process relocation instead of forced evictions, Evaluation (CPI, KPI, assess implementation of urban development plan but also performance of Mayor's Office) > UN-Habitat, asap
- Follow-up with UNDP: Support Junior Urban Consultant in extending technical support to urbanization process in Uzbekistan; share background documents on human-rights based approach to urban development, National Urban Forum, CPI + SDG monitoring; draft joint Concept Note and provide budget for preparation of Bukhara Strategic Development Plan > UN-Habitat/ UNDP, tbc
- Follow-up with RC Office: non-resident agency status with RC office > UN-Habitat, asap; compliment urban mapping initiative from RC office; CCA, UNAPF – mainstreaming of urbanization issues > UN-Habitat/ UNECE, asap
- Follow-up with Worldbank: organize call with urban team in Washington and Team Leader in charge of Uzbekistan to explore areas of collaboration (i.e. State of Uzbek Cities Report, draft Concept Note and provide budget; explore if Worldbank/ UN-Habitat initiative IFSUD can be expanded to Uzbekistan > UN-Habitat, tbc
- Follow-up with ADB: share ToR and background documentation for holding NUF in Uzbekistan > UN-Habitat, asap.

¹ Action Framework for the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda: <http://nua.unhabitat.org/AFINUA19thApr.pdf>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Connect with UNESCO</u>: urban heritage and registration of buildings as well as public spaces > UN-Habitat, tbc - <u>Follow-up with Tashkent Institute for Architecture and Construction</u>: explore inclusion to UN-Habitat City Network > UN-Habitat, tbc <p>Attachments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annex 1: Terms of Reference I National Urbanisation Strategy Uzbekistan 2030 - UN-Habitat + UNECE Technical Mission to Tashkent, Uzbekistan. - Annex 2: Programme I National Urbanisation Strategy Uzbekistan 2030 - UN-Habitat + UNECE Technical Mission to Tashkent, Uzbekistan. - Annex 3: Agenda Round table I Concept of Urbanization 2030 and National Sustainable Development Goals. - Annex 4: Aid Memoire I National Urbanisation Strategy Uzbekistan 2030 - UN-Habitat + UNECE Technical Mission to Tashkent, Uzbekistan - Presentation "Development of Urbanization in the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2030" - Contacts I Tashkent, Uzbekistan have been uploaded to CIS contact database: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ywgPyj0u1bClrbA3imYn_ShfMnjrCLT6zl7SkMwPtSE/edit?usp=sharing
Distribution list	<p>To: Raf Tuts</p> <p>Cc: UN-Habitat - Asa Jonsson, Tatiana Khabarova, Galina Kolesnikova; Shipra Narang Suri; Remy Sietchiping; Javier Torner; Kerstin Sommer; Andre Dzikus; Robert Lewis-Lettington; Eduardo Moreno; Robert Ndugwa; Luis Favela; Maimunah Sharif I UNECE – Gulnara Roll, Irina Gentsler, Nikolai Bobylev</p>

Prepared by katja.schaefer@un.org and tatiana.khabarova@un.org.