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(HABITAT) FOR THE BIENNIUM 2002-2003

Draft work programmes of the regional commissions in the field
of human settlements for the biennium 2002-2003

Note by the secretariat

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Annex I

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

SUB-PROGRAMME 3

ENSURING FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Section: 16, Economic and Social Development in Africa

Account Grouping Number: 385

Sub-Programme title: Enhancing Food Security and Sustainable Development

Organizational Unit: Economic Commission for Africa

I. Objectives

The objectives of the subprogramme are to strengthen the capacity of member States to design institutional arrangements and implement national policies and programmes that reinforce the linkages within the nexus of food security, population, environment and human settlements in order to achieve sustainable development, and to contribute to building the capacity of African countries to utilize science and technology in achieving food security and sustainable development.

II. Strategy

The course of action envisaged will include the dissemination of studies as well as the development and refinement of analytical models on the inter-relationship between population, environment, agriculture and development (PEDA Models); building consensus and promoting the exchange of experiences through the convening of meetings to monitor progress in the implementation of measures relating to regional and global platforms adopted in the areas of population, environment, food, and human settlements; providing support through technical advisory services for capacity building in policy analysis and implementation; and the maintenance of the ECA science and technology web-based network (ESTNET).

The responsibility for implementing the subprogramme lies with the Food Security and Sustainable Development Division (FSSDD).

III. Expected accomplishments

The expected accomplishments would include improved capacity of member States to formulate and implement policies on the nexus issues; enhanced capacity to apply science and technology to achieve food security and sustainable development; enhanced capacities by member states to the implementation of commitments in the global platforms of action; and integration of the nexus of population, agriculture, and environment into the development process.

IV. Indicators of achievement

Indicators of achievements would include the number of countries whose food security and sustainable development policies have been influenced by the use of the PEDA models; and increased level of participation in ESTNET by policy-makers, researchers and other users.

V. Outputs

A. Servicing of Intergovernmental and Expert Bodies

1. Substantive Servicing of Meetings

- (i) Third session of the Committee on Sustainable Development;
- (ii) Third session of the Committee on Natural Resources and Science and Technology.

2. Parliamentary Documentation

- (i) The state of food security in Africa ;
- (ii) Progress reports on raising awareness and building analytical capacity to address nexus issues in Africa ;
- (iii) Reports on emerging issues in Science and Technology for Food Security and Sustainable Development ;
- (iv) Progress reports on the follow-up of major global, regional and international conferences related to food security and sustainable development .

3. Other Services Provided

- (i) Fifth meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the implementation of the Dakar-Ngor Declaration/ at International Conference on Population and Development-Programme of Action (DND/ICPD-PA) (2003);
- (ii) Meetings of the Advisory Board on Population, Agriculture and Environment (one in 2002 and one 2003);
- (iii) Meetings of the Advisory Board on Science and Technology (one in 2002 and one in 2003);
- (iv) Third Meeting of the Working Group for the Follow-up to the DND/ICPD (2002).

B. Other Substantive Activities

1. Recurrent Publications

- (i) Population and Development Bulletin (one in 2002 and one in 2003);
- (ii) ESTNET Newsletter (one in 2002 and one in 2003).

2. Non-recurrent Publications

- (i) Land tenure systems and their implications for food security and sustainable development in Africa;
- (ii) Study on science, technology and investment policy (STIPS) in selected African countries;
- (iii) The state of the transition in population, environment and agriculture in Africa.

3. Electronic, Audio, and Video Issuances

Emerging issues affecting food security and sustainable development in Africa: One volume prepared as the outcome of electronic discussions on emerging issues (one volume).

4. Booklets, Pamphlets, Fact Sheets, Wall Charts, Information Kits

Posters on the World Environment Day (one in 2002 and one in 2003)

5. Technical Materials for Outside Users (databases, software, etc)

- (i) ESTNET databases: Updates;
- (ii) PEDDA Software: Updates;
- (iii) Technical manuals and distance-learning modules for tools developed to analyse the nexus issues and implications for food security.

C. International Cooperation and Interagency Coordination and Liaison

1. Participation in Activities of the National, Regional, Interregional and Global Intergovernmental Organizations

Technical support to major African regional economic communities (SADC, ECCAS, ECOWAS, UMA, COMESA, CEN-SAD) through ECA-SRDCs to implement PEDDA models and ESTNET in member States, and provision of advocacy documents on issues related to food security and sustainable development.

2. Participation in Activities of Non-governmental Organizations

Cooperation with African and non-African NGOs on raising awareness on nexus issues in the member states.

3. Participation in Activities of Funds, Programmes and Agencies of the United Nations systems (meetings, joint missions and other undertakings)

Joint undertakings with other United Nations Agencies such as IFDC, FAO, IFAD, UNEP, UNCHS, WMO, UNDP, IBRD, UNCSTD, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNU-INRA to better assist member states and regional institutions on issues related to the nexus of population, agriculture and environment and in the areas of food security, sustainable development and science and technology, including:

- (i) Joint activities with UNEP to service AMCEN and follow-up on Agenda 21 (2002);
- (ii) Follow-up activities to the initiative on UN Response to Long-term Food Security, Agriculture Development and Related Aspects in the Horn of Africa.

D. Technical Cooperation**1. Advisory Services**

Six missions upon request to the governments and their intergovernmental organizations in the areas of food security and sustainable development, and capacity building in managing the nexus issues.

2. Fellowships

A visiting scholars, fellows and interns programme to enhance analytical capacity for the management of the relationships between population, environment, agricultural and human settlements (5 fellows each year).

3. Field Projects

- (i) Strengthening analytical, accounting and policy tools for addressing population, environment and development linkages in Africa. The project promotes a holistic approach for the understanding by decision-makers of the policy implications of the population, environment and development linkages, through credible, easy-to-understand analytical tools, appropriate data and concerted awareness-raising. It encourages the application of the System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting tools (SEEA) in natural resources management in Africa and supports the development, adoption and customization of the population, environment, development and agriculture (PEDA) model to country specific conditions.
- (ii) Strengthening Africa's capacity in science and technology (S&T) for development. The project focuses on raising awareness of the catalytic role of S&T in increasing competitiveness, and on helping member States to evaluate their S&T development options. It also aims to help them develop the policy and institutional capacities needed to strengthen and use S&T resources for socio-economic development – particularly in agriculture.
- (iii) UNFPA technical support service. The project aims at providing regional advisory services on population issues to African member States. The regional advisers are grouped in Country Support Team (CST) in the following three locations: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Dakar, Senegal; Lusaka, Zambia; and Harare, Zimbabwe.

Annex II

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA
AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP)

**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SECTION
POPULATION, RURAL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

I. SERVICING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT BODIES (RB/XB)

1. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

4-1-101 Plenary and committees (2002) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)
(Expected accomplishment a)

4-1-102 Plenary and committees (2003) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)
(Expected accomplishment a)

(b) Committee on Socio-economic Measures to Alleviate Poverty in Rural and Urban Areas:

4-1-103 Plenary (2003) (6 meetings) (Expected accomplishment a)

2. Parliamentary documentation:

(a) Commission:

4-1-201 Report on issues related to population and rural and urban development (2 in 2002, 2 in
2003) (Expected accomplishment a)

(b) Committee on Socio-economic Measures to Alleviate Poverty in Rural and Urban Areas:

4-1-206 Report on issues related to urban development, including urban poverty (2003) (Expected
accomplishment a)

3. Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work (intermediate outputs):

4. Assistance to intergovernmental bodies under their established mandates:

II. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES (RB/XB)

1. Mandated recurrent publications:

2. Discretionary recurrent publications:

3. Mandated non-recurrent publications:

4-2-304 Critical analysis of urban policies and their impact on urban poverty eradication (2002)
(RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment d)

4-2-305 The Human Dignity Initiative: Enabling policies and comparative analysis of community-
based safety nets (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment b)

4. Discretionary non-recurrent publications:

5. *Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, video tapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes (number of the activities for each type):*

- 4-2-503 ESCAP Homepage on Human Settlements on the World Wide Web
<<http://www.unescap.org/huset/index.html>> (triannual updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB)
(Expected accomplishment d)
- 4-2-505 CD-ROM containing material for the Implementation of community-based safety nets
(policy guidelines, good practices, training modules, etc.) (2002, 2003) (RB/XB)
(Expected accomplishment b)

6. *Exhibits:*

7. *Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:*

8. *Special events:*

9. *Technical material for outside users (databases, software, etc.):*

- 4-2-907 Development of Internet-based learning system for local government officials (2003)
(RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment c)

III. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND LIAISON (RB/XB) *(Note: State specific cooperation and coordination and liaison. Please refer to Page 33 of the main Instructions for the preparation of programme budget for 2002-2003)*

- 4-3-007 Coordination of programme activities with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies including UNCHS in implementing the Habitat Agenda (2002, 2003)
(RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment a)
- 4-3-008 Technical and substantive support to regional networks including CityNet, Logotri (Network of Local Government Training Institutes), ACHR, IULA-ASPAC (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment b)

IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION (RB/XB)

1. *Advisory services at the request of the governments (number of missions):*

- 4-4-106 Advisory services on implementation of Habitat Agenda and Regional Action Plan of Urbanization (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment b)

2. *Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia) (number of events and number of officials to be trained should be indicated):*

- 4-4-215 Regional workshop on local government systems (2002) (RB/XB) (20 participants)
(Expected accomplishment d)
- 4-4-216 Seminar on rural-urban linkages in the context of regional development (2003) (RB/XB)
(20 participants) (Expected accomplishment d)
- 4-4-217 National level symposia on enabling policies for community-based initiatives (6 in 2003) (RB/XB) (20 participants each) (Expected accomplishment b)
- 4-4-218 High-level Regional Seminar on framework for community-based safety nets (2003)
(RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment a)
- 4-4-219 National forums on women in local government (5 in 2002) (RB/XB) (20 participants each) (Expected accomplishment d) (Code 5)

4. *Field projects (country, subregional, regional, interregional):*

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- 4-4-401 Establishment of regional resource centres to promote municipal finance, urban governance, urban environment management, IT for local government, urban land management and empowering the poor (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment d)
- 4-4-402 Projects on community-based safety nets as tools for human development the human dignity initiative (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment b)

Annex III

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE)

SUBPROGRAMME 10 - HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

10.1.1 Country profiles on the housing sector

Description: The housing sector has a critical role to play in ensuring the success of economic and social development in the ECE region and the reform process in countries in transition. At the same time, the process of transition to a market economy has had a profound impact on housing policy implementation and management. This project represents a tool for Governments to analyse their housing policies, strategies, institutional and financial frameworks for the housing sector and to compare the progress made internationally. The country profile is a process-oriented exercise. At its core is an analytical study on the housing sector, drafted by independent international experts. It draws on the Committee's work on housing and building statistics. Recommendations for improving policies and practices are an essential part of the programme. It also aims to provide information to potential investors.

Work accomplished: The country profiles on the housing sector of Bulgaria, Poland, Slovakia and Lithuania have been published. A roster of international experts was established. The international team of experts for the study on the housing sector of Romania undertook two missions in May and July 2000. The country profile project is presented on the Web site (<http://www.unece.org/env/hs/cph>).

Work to be undertaken: The Committee will continue its activities for the preparation of country profiles on the housing sector, namely work will start on a sixth study on Moldova. A fact-finding mission by an international team of experts is planned for January 2001. Possibilities for holding further workshops or ad hoc meetings of experts to discuss the results of project implementation and disseminating the experience in ECE countries will be explored. A follow-up programme for the studies undertaken will be tested. Cooperation with Habitat, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Council of Europe, the European Union and the World Bank will be maintained and strengthened.

Duration: 2000 - 2003.

10.1.2 Improvement of urban environmental performance

Description: Local systems and cities are efficient starting points for promoting sustainable consumption patterns. Numerous initiatives have already been launched in cities and towns to raise public awareness of the environmental impact of individual consumption behaviour, to promote environmentally sound goods, services and sustainable use of energy, water, raw materials and land by individuals and communities. It is recognized that environmentally sound urban and regional transport coordinated with sustainable land use and planning at the central, regional and local levels may lead to a substantial reduction in the impact on human health, natural resources and the environment, while improving the quality of life and economic performance. Integration of land use and local transport policies requires integrated thinking and action across all policy areas and at all levels of decision-making.

Work accomplished: In cooperation with the Committee on Environmental Policy, a workshop on encouraging local initiatives towards sustainable consumption patterns was held in Vienna in February 1998. As a follow-up, a joint steering group on urban transport patterns and land-use planning was established. At its first meeting, held in Lyons (France), the steering group prepared a detailed work programme (HBP/2000/8).

Work to be undertaken: A workshop will be organized in the city of Lyons in 2001 jointly with the ECE Committee on Environmental Policy. The workshop will address practical experience in the environmentally sound management of urban transport integrated with sustainable land-use planning. Based

on the workshop's results, guidelines for governments will be prepared for submission to a joint meeting of the Bureaux of both Committees, and then, if agreed, to the Fifth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe".

Duration: 2000 - 2002.

10.1.3 Land registration and land markets

Description: Proper land registration is crucial for security of tenure and property rights, effective housing policies and the promotion of market-oriented reforms in economies in transition, as well as in the context of European integration. The activity is aimed at providing assistance to countries in transition in reforming cadastre and land registration systems and sharing information and experience of modernizing land administration systems in the developed market economies through education and training; research and development; exchange of experience; transfer of technology; and standardization.

Work accomplished: The inventory of land administration systems in Europe and North America was published in 1999 and the study on key aspects of land registration and cadastre legislation was prepared and published with the assistance of HM Land Registry (United Kingdom). Three workshops were held: on modern cadastre (Bonn, Germany, in March 1999); on land registration (London, September 1999) and on public/private sector relationships in the establishment of land registration systems (Tirana, March 2000). A workshop on safety mechanisms in the creation of real property markets was organized in Madrid (Spain) on 28-29 September 2000.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Land Administration (website <http://www.unece.org/env/hs/wpla/>) will promote the practical application of the ECE Land Administration Guidelines (ECE/HBP/96) in countries in transition, *inter alia*, through different types of operational activities in these countries. The delegation of Austria will continue work on the list of international projects on land administration in the ECE region. As a joint activity with UNDP, it is envisaged that in November 2000 a team of international experts will visit Armenia to evaluate its land administration reform. A survey of the current structure of landownership and the existing legislation to restrict/limit the sale of property in ECE countries, and the study on valuation for taxation purposes will be prepared by the delegation of the Russian Federation. In 2001, workshops are planned in Sweden and Armenia. The second session of Working Party on Land Administration will take place in Geneva on 19-20 November 2001.

Duration: 2000 - 2003.

10.1.4 Housing modernization and management

Description: This activity provides an opportunity to look in detail at urban regeneration policies and at the existing and emerging housing problems, especially regarding the existing housing stock and its management. As a result of the privatization process in countries in transition, the proportion of owner-occupied dwellings in multi-family housing has increased considerably. It is therefore important to establish property rights, define mixed ownership forms, and analyse legal conditions of condominiums, their organizational and management frameworks.

Work accomplished: A meeting on public/private partnership in human settlements development was organized in Manchester (United Kingdom) on 6-7 November 1999. A workshop on urban renewal and housing modernization took place in Prague on 14-17 June 2000.

Work to be undertaken: A Consultant was designated and the Reference Group was established to prepare practical guidelines on housing condominiums to address the major aspects in the public/private sectors in economies in transition. The Advisory Network will consider activities on preparation of a handbook on housing finance.

Duration: 2000 - 2003.

10.1.5 Development of human settlements statistics

Description: The Committee, together with the Conference of European Statisticians, develops and improves international human settlements statistics, and publishes the Bulletin of Housing and Building Statistics for Europe and North America every two years.

Work accomplished: The Bulletin of Housing and Building Statistics for Europe and North America was published in 2000. The human settlements statistics Web site (<http://www.uncece.org/env/hs/bulletin/>) has been in operation since 1999.

Work to be undertaken: The Committee will prepare the next issue of the Bulletin of Housing and Building Statistics for Europe and North America to be published in 2002. Meanwhile, annual statistics gathered through the questionnaire will be posted on the Web site. An informal consultation to coordinate activities on the housing statistics in ECE and EU will be organized at the beginning of 2001.

Duration: 2000 - 2003.

10.1.6 Major trends characterizing human settlements development

Description: The development of human settlements encompasses a wide range of changes and trends which are not always compatible with the principles of sustainability. More knowledge of the forces influencing the configuration of urban development and the characteristics of the implementation of urban policies will be provided by studying major trends characterizing human settlements development and presenting national experiences in formulating and implementing policies for a more sustainable development of human settlements.

Work accomplished: The study on Major Trends Characterizing Human Settlements Development (ECE/HBP/108) was published as a result of work carried out by two task forces. The study served as a background paper to the Eighth Conference on Urban and Regional Planning. An abstract of the study was prepared to assist the participants in the preparation of their response papers for the Conference. The Eighth Conference was held in Madrid from 8 to 11 June 1998. Another study on Human Settlements Trends in Central and Eastern Europe was prepared and published in October 1997 (ECE/HBP/105). A team of experts visited Kyrgyzstan in July 1999 and prepared a country review "Sustainable Development and Human Settlements - Overview and Recommended Actions" (HBP/2000/2) to assist the Government of Kyrgyzstan in the implementation of its human development strategies.

Work to be undertaken: Both above-mentioned publications will be revised every five years in a single volume. A research conference on sustainable and livable cities will be organized in the United Kingdom in 2002. A meeting of the working group for the preparation of the conference will be organized in winter 2000/2001. The ECE strategy on sustainable quality of life in human settlements in the 21st century will be published. The Committee will continue the exchange of experience in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

Duration: 2000 - 2002.

Annex IV

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN (ECLAC)
ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS DIVISION

SUBPROGRAMMES/SUBJECTS/AREAS/ACTIVITIES	RELATIVE PRIORITY			Estimated funding (expressed in work/months)	
	A	B	C	RB	XB
	15%	70%	15%		
SUBPROGRAMME 8: ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS					
<u>Subject area 8.1: Status of sustainable development in the region</u>					
(a) <u>Organisation and substantive servicing of meetings of experts</u> Meeting of experts to consider the main conclusions of the status report on sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean.	X			4	
(b) <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>					
(i) A status report on sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean	X			8	
(ii) A study on experience in the application of methodologies for the processing and use of information in decision-making with environmental impact within the area of public policies. Special attention will be paid to elements such as indicators and environmental accounts and statistics, among others.		X		12	
(iii) A study on the impact of production and consumption patterns on the resource base and ecosystems which support them.			X	6	

SUBPROGRAMMES/SUBJECTS/AREAS/ACTIVITIES	RELATIVE PRIORITY			Estimated funding (expressed in work/months)	
	A	B	C	RB	XB
	15%	70%	15%		
SUBPROGRAMME 8: ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS					
<u>Subject area 8.1:</u> Status of sustainable development in the region (continued)					
<p>(c) <u>Technical material</u></p> <p>Updating and improving the database on indicators and parameters for measuring and assessing the status of sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean</p>		X		12	
<p>(d) <u>Operational activities</u></p> <p><u>Advisory services</u></p> <p>Provision of technical cooperation to countries that request it in environmental accounting methodologies and the development of environmental indicators (XB).</p>		X		4	3

Annex V

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR
WESTERN ASIA (ESCWA)

List of Outputs for the Biennium 2002-2003
Human Settlements Section

- A. Servicing of Intergov. Expert Bodies:**
- (i) Parliamentary documentation:**
 - a. Report to ECOSOC on Palestinian People Under Occupied (2002)
 - b. Report to ECOSOC on Palestinian People Under Occupied (2003)
 - (ii) EGM:**
 - a. Security of tenure in the ESCWA region. (2002)
 - b. Sustainability of the urban environment in the ESCWA region. (2003)
- B. Other Substantive Activities**
- (i) Recurrent Publications:**
 - a. Human Settlements Data Sheets. (2003)
 - (ii) Non-Recurrent Publications:**
 - a. Urbanization and socio-cultural change. (2003)
 - b. Housing policies & Municipal finance & security of tenure. (2002)
 - c. Population explosion, cities & poverty. (2002)
 - d. Self-governance & local authorities. (2003)
 - (iii) Technical Material**
 - a. Maintenance & Dev. Of Regional information system on social policies & measures in the areas of HS (continuous).
- C. Advisory services and Technical assistance:**
- a. Facilitation of networks related to urban planning and development.
 - b. Support and promotion of local urban observatories.
 - c. Promotion of accessibility in the urban environment.
