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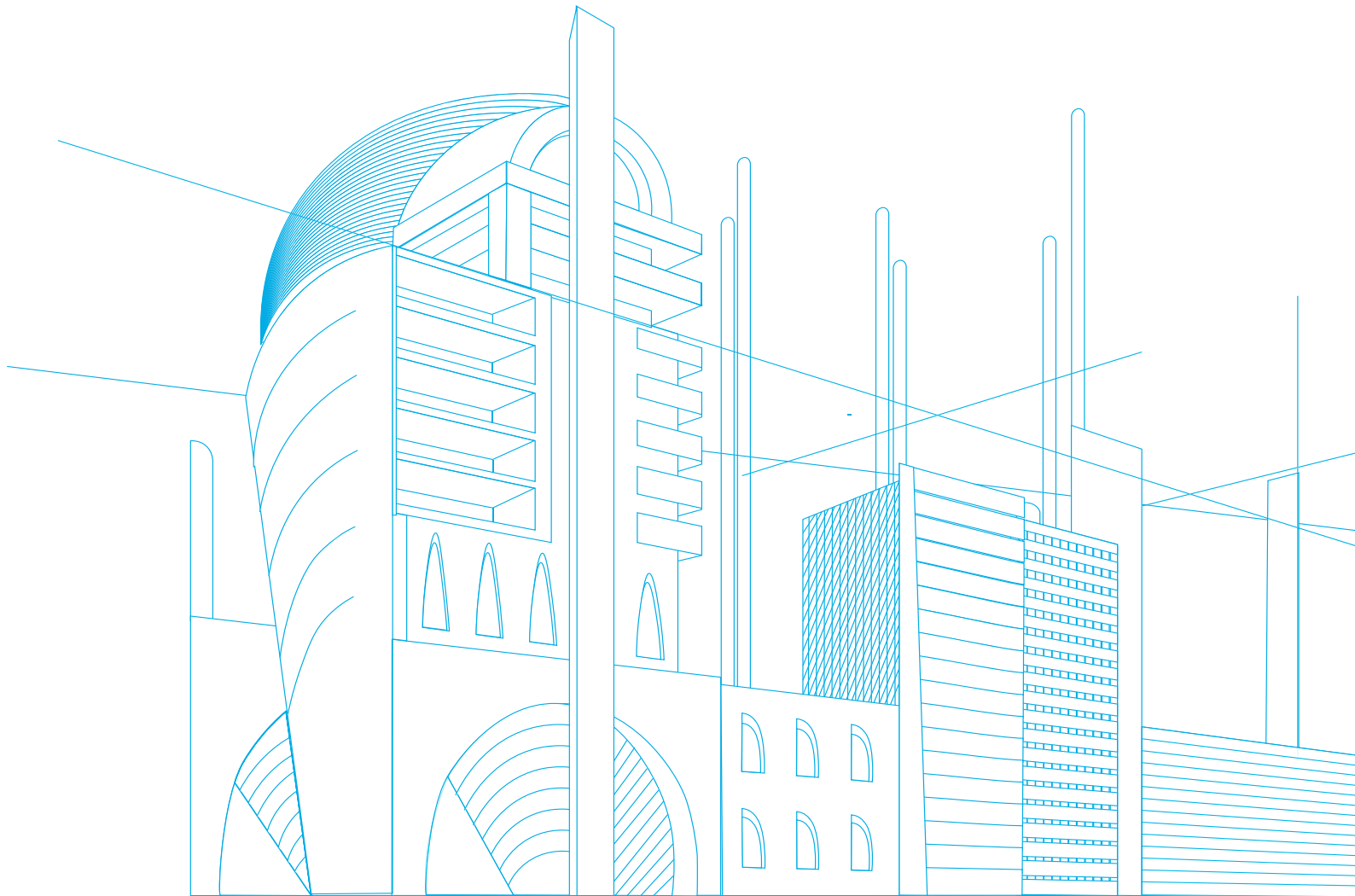


UN-HABITAT IN RUSSIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES (CIS) REGION



ABOUT US

UN-Habitat is the United Nations programme working towards a better urban future. Its mission is to promote socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements development and the achievement of adequate shelter for all.





UN-Habitat in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)

The UN-Habitat Executive Office in Moscow was established in 1989 in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Center for Human Settlements (UN-Habitat) and the USSR State Committee for Architecture and Urban Planning.

Thus, the history of cooperation of the Russian Federation with the structures dealing with housing policy and sustainable urban development in the UN system spans over the period of almost 30 years.

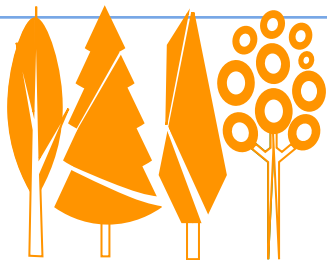
In accordance with Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 323 of June 3, 2003 "On Approving the Interdepartmental Distribution of Responsibilities for Ensuring Russia's Participation in International Organizations of the UN System the Ministry for Construction Industry, Housing and Utilities Sector of the Russian Federation is the principal agency for cooperation between Russian organizations and UN-Habitat.

The basic principles of cooperation aimed at the achievement of sustainable development of human settlements and implementation of the Habitat Agenda as well as achievement of the relevant development goals of the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium were incorporated in the Agreement on Cooperation concluded by the Parties on April 11, 2006.



The Agreement envisaged joint work in the following areas:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sustainable planning and management of urban development; ● Responsible and accountable urban governance in compliance with the UN-Habitat Global Campaign on Urban Governance; ● Protection of the citizens' housing rights in compliance with the UN-Habitat Global Campaign for Secure Tenure; ● Strengthening of local authorities through | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> capacity building and promotion of effective decentralization; ● Sustainable financing of housing sector and urban development; ● Public-private partnership for urban infrastructure development and management; ● Sustainable development of the cities in the Arctic region; ● Monitoring of urban conditions and trends through a network of urban observatories. |
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In May 2018 the UN-Habitat Moscow Office was renamed into the Project Coordination Office for Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in order to reflect its activities in the sub-region since 2009.

KEY DATES AND EVENTS

1989-2004 UN-Habitat Executive Office operated in Russia

04/2009 Establishment of the UN-Habitat Programme in Russia

05/2009 Establishment of the Commission on Cooperation between UN-Habitat and CIS Intergovernmental Council for Cooperation in Construction Activities

09/2009 UN-Habitat Executive Director Ana Tibaijuka visited Moscow to attend a session of the CIS Inter-Governmental Council for Cooperation in Construction Activities

01/2010 The first meeting of the Commission on Cooperation between UN-Habitat and the CIS countries in St. Petersburg

01/2010 A Letter of Agreement signed in St. Petersburg by UN-Habitat and the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management. The UN-Habitat Moscow Office has taken up the responsibility to assist the latter in information and other



1989—2010

KEY DATES AND EVENTS

03/2011 The second meeting of the Commission on Cooperation between UN-Habitat and CIS. The first workshop for employees of specialized ministries of CIS countries held in Raubichi (Republic of Belarus)

05/2012 Memorandum of Understanding signed between UN-Habitat and the CIS Intergovernmental Council for Cooperation in Construction Activities

05/2012 UN-Habitat Executive Director Dr. Joan Clos visited Moscow and St. Petersburg

09/2012 The third meeting of the Commission UN-Habitat – CIS held during the Sixth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF 6) in Naples (Italy)

Participants in the third meeting of the Commission UN-Habitat - CIS





Participants in the UN-Habitat workshop on brownfields redevelopment visit sites in St.Petersburg



Project in the Voronezh Region

2012-13 Implementation of the project on assistance to schools in the Voronezh Region affected by severe forest fires (funded by the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway)

02/2013 The fourth meeting of the Commission UN-Habitat – CIS held in Sochi

06/2013 UN-Habitat workshop on brownfields redevelopment held in St Petersburg

2011—2013

KEY DATES AND EVENTS

2014 Establishment of the Methodology Center of the UN-Habitat Moscow Office in Minsk (Belarus) to assist CIS countries in preparing national reports and to draft aregional report for the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

2014-2017 Implementation of the UNDA 9th tranche project "Strengthening national capacities for sustainable housing in selected countries with economies in transition" (Armenia, Moldova, Tajikistan). The project is implemented in cooperation with the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management

06/2014 The first meeting of CIS national coordinators held in Minsk (Republic of Belarus) as part of the work to prepare national reports for Habitat III

The first meeting of CIS national coordinators in Minsk (Republic of Belarus)





Side event at CIS mayors' meeting in Vladikavkaz)

06/2014 A side event on the upcoming Habitat III Conference held at a meeting of CIS mayors in Vladikavkaz (Russia)

11/2014 A high-level delegation of St. Petersburg Government visited UN-Habitat Office in Barcelona. UN-Habitat work on city resilience was in the focus of discussions.

03/2015 The second meeting of CIS national coordinators held in Minsk (Republic of Belarus)

10/ 2015 The third meeting of CIS national coordinators held in Minsk (Republic of Belarus)

11/2015 Discussions on city resilience continued in Barcelona with the participation of a high-level delegation from St Petersburg

02/2016 Experts from Russia and Belarus attend a global expert group meeting on UN-Habitat Urban Planning and Design Labs

2014—2016

KEY DATES AND EVENTS

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03/2016 Presentation of the key points of the CIS regional report at the conference "European Habitat" in Prague (Czech Republic). Meeting of CIS national coordinators in Prague

03/2016 High-level delegations from St.Petersburg and Yakutsk attend the Barcelona Resilience Week



CIS regional report

CIS regional report for Habitat III presented at European Habitat in Prague





Launch of UN-Habitat publications in Minsk (Republic of Belarus)

04/2016 The Russian version of *Urban Planning for City Leaders* and *International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning* launched in Minsk. Training seminar for chief architects and vice mayors of Belarus cities was held

10/2016 Roundtable discussion on sustainable urbanization in the CIS region held at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in Quito, Ecuador

2017-2020 Implementation of the UNDA 10th tranche project “Evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development in selected countries with economies in transition” in Kyrgyzstan

2016—2017



UN-Habitat delegation in Yakutsk

KEY DATES AND EVENTS

2017 UN-Habitat and UNECE started working together on country profiles of Kazakhstan and Belarus in housing, land management and urban development

01/2017 The City of Yakutsk joined the UN-Habitat City Resilience Profiling Programme

05/2017 Best practices from the CIS region presented at a side event held within the framework of the Second International Conference on National Urban Policy in Paris



UN-Habitat delegation in Sochi

06/2017 International Conference “Public space as a place for dialogue: Promoting the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Russia and the CIS Region” (St. Petersburg, Russia) was jointly organized by the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Utilities of the Russian Federation, UN-Habitat and the Municipal Government of St. Petersburg. UN-Habitat Executive Director Joan Clos visited Russia to attend the St. Petersburg Economic Forum

10/2017 UN-Habitat Delegation took part in the XIX Festival of Youth and Students held in the Sochi, Russia

12/2017 Head of the UN-Habitat Moscow Office and representatives of the UN-Habitat Secretariat joined the Expert Council on Urban Environment established under the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Utilities of the Russian Federation

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KEY DATES AND EVENTS

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12/2017 UN-Habitat and the Tomsk State University signed a Memorandum of Understanding during the Second Forum of University Cities. The City of Tomsk joined the UN-Habitat City Prosperity Initiative

02/2018 A delegation from Russia took part in the Ninth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF 9) "Cities 2030, Cities for all: Implementing the New Urban Agenda" held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. A number of networking events were held.



Memorandum with Tomsk State University signed

02/2018 Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the National Youth Council of Russia and the UN-Habitat Secretariat at the World Urban Forum 9

05/2018 The UN-Habitat took part in the 11th Astana Economic Forum "New Eurasia: Growing Trade and Investment from Shanghai to London" (Kazakhstan)

05/2018 The UN-Habitat Moscow Office joined the Ministry of Construction Working Group on Smart Cities

05/2018 - The National Youth Council of Russia signed the Compact for World Urban Youth Councils Network

05/2018 The UN-Habitat Moscow Office was renamed into the Project Coordination Office for Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).



The Russian delegation at WUF9

07/2018 UN-Habitat takes part in the Moscow Urban Forum 2018 "Megacity of the future. New space for living". UN-Habitat - a Global Partner of the Forum



11/2018 UN-Habitat presents its vision on priorities of cooperation with the CIS Inter-Governmental Council for Cooperation in Construction Activities

04/2019 UN-Habitat and the Russian Ministry of Construction join hands in the preparation of a Smart City Forum in Kaluga (Russia)

05/2019 The most representative Russian delegation takes part in the First Habitat Assembly (Nairobi, Kenya)

05/2019 Launch of the Profile on Land Management and Urban Development (prepared jointly with UNECE) in Minsk

07/2019 Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat pays her first visit to Russia; UN-Habitat takes part in the Moscow Urban Forum 2019 "Quality of Life: Projects Changing Cities"

07/2019 A meeting of the Committee on Cooperation between UN-Habitat and the CIS Inter-Governmental Council for Cooperation in Construction Activities takes place in Moscow, followed by a training seminar on modern approaches to urban planning

07/2019 UN-Habitat and the Russian National Research University Higher School of Economics sign a Letter of Intent on the establishment of a joint hub in Moscow

10/2019 The Russian city of Ekaterinburg to host the global observance of the World Cities Day

2017 — 2019

Zooming in some key events and activities

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Implementation of the UNDA 9th tranche project that supports sustainable housing in selected countries with economies in transition (Armenia, Moldova, and Tajikistan) It was the first big project implemented jointly by the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management and the UN-Habitat Moscow Office.



World Habitat Day celebrated in Russia and CIS



Zooming in on some key events and activities

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Zooming in some key events and activities

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Cooperation with the City of Yakutsk



Cooperation with the Republic of Belarus

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Hub for UN-Habitat publications in the Russian language

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UN-Habitat – global partner of the Moscow Urban Forum



Ms. Maimunah Mohd Shrif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat pays her first visit to Russia

Zooming in some key events and activities

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UN-Habitat and UNECE acting as one in the CIS region

The UN-Habitat Moscow Office has been implementing all its major projects in the region in close cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)



New initiatives

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Sustainable Development Goal 11 “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable” is of vital importance to UN-Habitat. It is one of 17 goals formulated in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The SDGs are a universal call for action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all, each goal having specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years.

In October 2016, the New Urban Agenda was unanimously adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), serving as a new vision for cities and municipalities for the next 20 years. The Agenda also provides guidance for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

All the main projects, in particular the UNDA 9th and 10th tranche projects, are implemented in close cooperation with UNECE.

New initiatives include but are not limited to:

- Preparation of the New Urban Agenda for CIS countries;
- Assistance in the preparation of the national urban policies for selected countries of the CIS region;
- Establishment of centres of excellence at key universities of the region.

With its partner organizations, UN-Habitat Project Coordination Office for Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) serves as a contact point for any country within the region that needs advice, information or practical assistance in various areas of urban development as well as a platform for the exchange of experience, knowledge and best practices.

