U4SSC Thematic Group: Enhancing Urban Economic Resilience and Smart Sustainable Cit

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### **Enhancing Urban Economic Resilience and Smart Sustainable Cities**

- Leader: UNECE
  - **Timeline:** 2024-2025
  - **Expected publication date:** 2025
  - Secretariat: UNECE
  - Scope: This thematic group is focuses on enhancing urban economic resilience through an e-learning platform and workshop. It offers tools for crisis recovery, financing strategies, and sustainable urban planning, with opportunities for UN entities to contribute and expand its impact.
  - Planned e-meetings:
    - This Thematic Group will commence its activities after the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Relevant information on the upcoming e-meetings will be disseminated through the U4SSC Mailing-List.



### **Urban Resilience E-Learning Platform**

#### Activity:

UN-Habitat, in collaboration with UN Regional Economic Commissions and UNCDF, has developed a robust e-learning platform that features a course specifically focused on urban economic resilience during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to this, the platform also offers two other key courses on diagnostic and planning tools designed to support city officials and urban practitioners in enhancing urban economic resilience.



### **Urban Resilience E-Learning Platform**

#### **Opportunity for U4SSC Partners**:

U4SSC partners have the opportunity to engage with and advocate for these learning materials within their networks. By promoting these courses, partners can help local governments and urban practitioners enhance their knowledge and resilience strategies. Additionally, partners can collaborate with UN-Habitat to expand the reach and impact of the platform.

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## Workshops to Support UNDA 16th Tranche Project

#### Activity:

As part of the UNDA (United Nations Development Account) 16th tranche project, which will be implemented from March 2024 to March 2026, workshops and capacity-building activities are planned to support urban economic resilience in five cities: Amman, Jordan; Santa Fe, Argentina; Podgorica, Montenegro; Quito, Ecuador; and Coimbatore, India. These workshops will focus on financing strategies and fundraising for development and urban projects, with the goal of enhancing resilience during and after crises.



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#### **Opportunity for U4SSC Partners**:

U4SSC partners can engage in these workshops by contributing diverse materials and expertise, which will enrich the content and outcomes. The knowledge gained from these workshops will form the basis for new e-learning modules, scheduled for release in 2025-26, offering partners a chance to be involved in the development process. These modules will cover key topics such as urban economic resilience strategies, financing mechanisms for urban projects (e.g., PPPs, land value capture), capacity building for local governments on revenue generation, best practices in urban planning and crisis recovery, and the integration of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in urban contexts.



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# Thank you!



