



# Can you help build a simple, smart future for cities and communities?

UNITED FOR SMART SUSTAINABLE CITIES (U4SSC)  
IS SEEKING YOUR EXPERT INPUT FOR ITS NEW THEMATIC GROUP:  
**"SIMPLE WAYS TO BE SMART"**

Are you an urban practitioner, city planner, engineer, designer, scientist, sociologist, geographer, government official, researcher or any other relevant actors who are **passionate about the topic of Smart Sustainable Cities** and would like to contribute to the work of this **international thematic group**?

Be part of the **U4SSC Initiative** - a **multi UN agency global initiative** to advocate for public policy and to encourage the use of digital technologies to facilitate and ease the transition to smart sustainable cities. Join this thematic group which is responsible for the development of the deliverable **"Simple ways to be smart"**.

This thematic group will identify a set of criteria for **simple and effective smart solutions that are applicable to medium-sized and developing cities and communities**. Case studies will be collected and analyzed in order to guide the implementation of these solutions.

The thematic group is also an ideal way to **meet and share knowledge and insights around smart sustainable cities with other experts** from across governments, public/private sector, academia, research and beyond.

## KEY INFO

The meetings, virtual meetings and work of the thematic group will be conducted through the U4SSC's SharePoint collaboration webpage. The first meeting is scheduled for 27 February 2020, although this call will remain open for people to join after that. Experts will need to contribute to drafting chapters corresponding to their areas of expertise. The report will be compiled and published through the U4SSC.

The project leaders for the deliverable are Judy Backhouse and Soumaya Ben Dhaou (UNU-EGOV).

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## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Applicants will need to confirm the following:

- **Communication:** The applicant can easily express themselves in English (the working language of all meetings, documents and means of communication), in oral and writing.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Applicants must be willing to share information and expertise and contribute actively to the deliverables.
- **Availability:** Applicants must be willing to avail themselves for online meetings of the thematic groups.
- **Transparency:** Applicants must agree to publish their names along with their professional capacity (e.g. consultant, scientist, researcher), country of residence and email address on the U4SSC platform and deliverables. Applicants must register at the U4SSC website to facilitate the tasks of the thematic group.

Click [here](#) to submit your application today!

Deadline for submissions:  
**31 March 2020**

## U4SSC

The U4SSC is a multi UN agency global initiative coordinated by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), and supported by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) United Nations University-Operating Unit on Policy-Driven Electronic Governance (UNU-EGOV) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 11: "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable", the New Urban Agenda, Paris Agreement and other related international agreements.

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