

U4SSC Action Plan

2023-2024



Ongoing Thematic Groups

▪ City Platforms

- **Co-leaders:** Ramon Ferri (SEGITTUR), Ernesto Faubel (Valencia) and Daniel Vega Díaz (RECI)
- **Secretariat:** ITU
- **Working Groups:** see next slide
- **Scope:** This Thematic Group provides a global platform to explore how ICTs and digital technologies are helping cities to be more sustainable, intelligent, and how city platforms can be the central technological element of this evolution. Finalising the work on WG5 "Reference framework for an integrated management of a smart sustainable city". Starting new WG6 "Data and APIs in Smart City Platforms" and WG7 on "Smart Destination Platforms"
- **Planned e-meetings:** see next slide

Thematic Group on City Platforms



City Platforms Working Groups	Leader	Timeline	Expected publication date	Planned e-meetings	Status
WG1 - IT Solutions for integrated cities management & Use Cases	Ramon Ferri (SEGITTUR) and City of Valencia	N/A	N/A	N/A	Completed Digital solutions for integrated city management and use cases Compendium of survey results on integrated digital solutions for city platforms around the world
WG2 - Smart Public Health Emergency Management	Leonidas Anthopoulos (Greece)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Completed Smart public health emergency management and ICT implementations
WG3 - Smart City Platforms - Transitioning to a new architecture	Martin Brynskov (OASC) Michael Mulquin (OASC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Completed Redefining smart city platforms: Setting the stage for Minimal Interoperability Mechanisms
WG4 - Tourism, Health and Resilience Management from the perspective of a Smart City Platform	Alberto Bernal (Indra Minsait)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Completed Smart tourism: A path to more secure and resilient destinations
WG5 - Reference framework for an integrated management of a smart sustainable city	Ramon Ferri (SEGITTUR) and City of Valencia	2021-2023	2023	N/A	To be published in July 2023
WG6 - Data and APIs in Smart City Platforms	Leonidas Anthopoulos (Greece)	2023-2024	2024	14 July 2023 22 September 2023	Ongoing
WG7 - Smart Destination Platforms	Sandra Carvao (UNWTO) and Ramon Ferri (SEGITTUR)	2023-2024	2024/2025	19 September 2023 17 October 2023	To be kicked off

Proposed new working group

▪ **Smart Destination Platforms**

- **Co-leaders:** Sandra Carvao (UNWTO) and Ramon Ferri (SEGITTUR)

- **Timeline:** 2023-2024

- **Expected publication date:** 2024/2025

- **Secretariat:** ITU

- **Scope:** The proposed Working Group on “Smart Destination Platforms” aims to enhance their competitiveness and sustainability, while improving the visitor experience and promoting responsible tourism practices. The working group will also facilitate the exchange of best practices and promote collaboration among different stakeholders in the tourism sector.

- **Planned e-meetings:**

- 19 September 2023

- 17 October 2023

Ongoing Thematic Groups

- **Lessons learned from building urban economic resilience at city level during and after COVID-19**
 - **Leader:** Gulnara Roll (UNECE)
 - **Timeline:** 2024-2025
 - **Expected publication date:** 2024/2025
 - **Secretariat:** UNECE
 - **Scope:** Building on experiences of cities which developed their local action plans to overcome economic consequences of COVID-19 pandemic, the publication will document key lessons learned in developing and implementing the action plans
 - **Planned e-meetings:**
 - This Thematic Group will commence its activities in 2024. Relevant information on the upcoming e-meetings will be disseminated through the U4SSC Mailing-List.

Ongoing Thematic Groups

▪ **Artificial intelligence in cities**

- **Leader:** Okan Geray (Digital Dubai)
- **Timeline:** 2021-2024
- **Expected publication date:** 2023/2024
- **Secretariat:** ITU
- **Scope:** The dynamic and progressive nature of AI as well as current advances such as generative AI will be considered in various urban settings to enable smart and sustainable cities and communities. The Thematic Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Cities will develop frameworks and methodologies to harness AI in conjunction with other frontier technologies such as big data, IoT, cloud computing and robotics to efficiently and effectively deliver urban services and operational processes.
- **Planned e-meetings:** see next slide

Thematic Group on Artificial intelligence in cities

Artificial intelligence in cities Working Groups	Leader	Timeline	Expected publication date	Planned e-meetings	Status
WG1 - Guiding principles for artificial intelligence in cities	Okan Geray (Digital Dubai)	2021-2023	2023	N/A	To be published
WG2 - Autonomous Cities	Okan Geray (Digital Dubai)	2023-2024	2024	27 July 2023, 16:00 - 17:00, Geneva Time 28 September 2023, 16:00 - 17:00, Geneva Time	To be kicked off

Ongoing Thematic Groups

▪ **Procurement for Smart Sustainable Cities**

- **Co-leaders:** Warren Smith (Dangersmith SARL and CURSHAW) and John Davies (Strategy 4 Technology Limited)
- **Secretariat:** ITU
- **Scope:** This thematic group will develop practical, step-by-step guidance with an expanding collection of case studies from around the world, for social purpose procurement to support smart sustainable cities. It will provide cities with guidance on how to transition away from traditional approaches, to strategically improve their supply chain performance and illustrate the potential of sustainable procurement in bringing positive impacts.
- **Planned e-meetings:** See next slide

Thematic Group on Procurement for Smart Sustainable Cities

Procurement Guidelines for Smart Sustainable Cities	Leader	Timeline	Expected publication date	Planned e-meetings	Status
WG1 - Procurement Guidelines for Smart Sustainable Cities	Warren Smith (Dangersmith SARL and CURSHAW) and John Davies (Strategy 4 Technology Limited)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Completed Procurement guidelines for smart sustainable cities
WG2 - Methodology to support cities to implement the procurement guidelines	Warren Smith (Dangersmith SARL and CURSHAW), John Davies (Strategy 4 Technology Limited) and City (TBC)	2023-2024	2024	20 July 2023 17 August 2023 20 September 2023 19 October 2023 16 November 2023 21 December 2023	To be kicked off

Ongoing Thematic Groups

- **Enabling People-Centred Cities through Digital Transformation**
 - **Co-leaders:** Barbara Kolm (Austrian Economics Centre), Okan Geray (Digital Dubai Authority), Pontus Westerberg (UN-Habitat) and Cristina Bueti (ITU)
 - **Timeline:** 2022-2024
 - **Expected publication date:** 2023/2024
 - **Secretariat:** ITU
 - **Working Groups:** see next slide
 - **Scope:** The Thematic Group on “Enabling People-Centred Cities through Digital Transformation” aims to provide guidance and formulate a series of policy-based recommendations and assessment frameworks for driving digital transformation in an urban context, while improving smart and sustainable city governance.
 - **Planned e-meetings:** see next slide

Thematic Group on Enabling People-Centred Cities through Digital

Enabling People-Centred Cities through Digital Transformation Working Group	Leader	Timeline	Expected publication date	Planned e-meetings	Status
WG1 - Setting the context: Digital Transformation for People-Centred Cities	Okan Geray (Digital Dubai) & Pontus Westerberg (UN-Habitat)	2023-2024	2024	27 July 2023, 14:30-15:30 hours, Geneva time 28 September 2023, , 14:30-15:30 hours, Geneva time	Ongoing
WG2 - Policy Benchmarks for Digital Transformation of People-Centred Cities	Bettina Tratz-Ryan (Gartner) & Mythili Menon (ITU)	2023-2024	2024	21 June 2023, 13:30-14:30 hours, Geneva time 12 July 2023, 14:00-15:00 hours, Geneva time 27 July 2023, 14:30-15:30 hours, Geneva time	Ongoing
WG3 - Digital Transformation Assessment of People-Centred Cities	John Smiciklas (JD Global Sustainability Associates) and Victoria Schmid (Austrian Economic Center)	2023-2024	2023		Ongoing
WG4 - Guidelines for Unlocking Net Zero in Cities Through Sustainable Digital Transformation	Leonidas Anthopoulos (Greece)	2023	2023		Ongoing
WG5 - Methodology for Measurement of GHG Emissions in Smart Sustainable Cities	Paolo Gemma (Huawei) & Shuguang Qi (CAICT, China)	2023-2024	2023		Closed

New Thematic Group on Digital Wellbeing

▪ Digital Wellbeing

- **Leader:** Okan Geray (Digital Dubai)
- **Timeline:** 2023-2024
- **Expected publication date:** 2024
- **Secretariat:** ITU
- **Scope:** The proposed “Digital Wellbeing” thematic group aims to research and benchmark existing digital wellbeing frameworks, approaches, and interventions. Preliminary analysis indicates fragmented approaches to digital wellbeing. The thematic group will then create a digital wellbeing framework encompassing factors that contribute to it at the individual level (e.g. skills, devices, connectivity, digital services experiences, security and safety, digital environment, ...). The framework will be established to acknowledge the subjective nature of digital wellbeing.
- **Planned e-meetings:** 21 September 2023, , 14:30-15:30 hours, Geneva time (Other e-meetings To Be Determined)

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