



SELF-EVALUATION OF WORKSHOPS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON LAND ADMINISTRATION

. The objective is to ascertain the workshops' relevance of for the Working Party's programme of work and to identify ways to improve future events



SELF-EVALUATION OF WORKSHOPS

MAIN FINDINGS

- Over 95% of participants in all 4 events thought that Working Party workshops supported land administration practices in the region and were of “good” or “excellent” quality.
- Over 95% supported the view that workshops are a “good” or “excellent” way to support land administration practices in the UNECE region.
- Similar approval ratings were obtained for the organizational aspects of the events, the quality of presentations and the recommendations provided during the conclusions.



SELF-EVALUATION OF WORKSHOPS MAIN FINDINGS

- Important majorities in all 4 events approved of the following statements:
 - 1) Workshops/presentations made an important contribution to the POW of WPLA.
 - 2) Workshops/presentations were seen as major contributions to participants' work in their home countries.



SELF-EVALUATION OF WORKSHOPS MAIN FINDINGS

- Working Party workshops were appreciated for being an international forum to share experiences and to identify common goals and concerns, and as an opportunity for informal networking.



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MAIN FINDINGS: ISSUES TO IMPROVE

- Avoid repetition of issues.
- Allocation of time for speakers.
- Topic imbalance: some sessions focus too much on technicalities and the “tool box” of the professional, rather than on the related socio-economic contexts underpinning land management issues.
- Enforcement of Non-Smoking UN Rules.



SELF-EVALUATION OF WORKSHOPS RECOMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

- A deeper understanding of the synergies between land administration and housing policies / sustainable development
- Data management referred as an emerging issue warranting further discussion.
- The need to develop more practice-oriented with a clear message and examples of good practice (and more concrete recommendations) was underlined.
- Reports about flawed experiences.



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- More active role for moderators to generate more critical debate.
- Participation could be made more active through the creation of working groups on a defined topic (1–2 hours)
- Bring in local authorities, representatives of the private sector and civil society (e.g. women's organizations and consumer associations). Speakers from academia and research institutions
- Promote availability of papers / presentations
- Financial support to cover a wide and geographically balanced participation of UNECE countries should be promoted



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POSITIVE HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST EVENTS

| Presentations | Discussions |
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| Land book e-systems | Improving cadastres and land registry services |
| New approaches on e-services | Land administration and business |
| Simplified procedure for property registration | Real estate markets (and their sustainability) |
| Public-private partnerships | Single-agency registration system |
| Awareness as a key factor for developing inter-organizational collaboration | Introducing private surveyors companies as a partner to cadastre authorities |
| Multi-purpose cadastres | Governance and employment |
| Cost-recovery principle | Transformation of land registry in the development/evolution of integrated land administration (particularly through e-conveyancing) |
| Fees and charges | |
| One-stop shops | |
| Finance and land market issues | |

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SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

| Administrative aspects | Juridical and political aspects | Technical aspects | Service-oriented and economic aspects | Developmental and social aspects |
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| Quality controls of land management | Inheritance rights of land and real estate | Uses of remote sensing for land administration tasks | Benchmarking | Good governance and anti-corruption |
| “INSPIRE” (European Union initiative) and EULIS (The European Land Information Service) | Housing policies | Multifunctional cadastre | Developments of e-services (also cross-border e-services) | Risk assessment |
| e-Government, e-registration, e-administration and “one-stop-shops” | Impact of European Union Directives on “domestic” laws | Technical aspects of the shift from land registration to regulation/provision of services | Increased demands on security of land registration and cadastre business, ensuing from new technologies | Security of tenure and land administration (e.g. informal settlements) |
| | Discussion on how to encourage government ministries and agencies to work to “join up” themes (i.e. a joint approach to land policy and the issue of spatial data) | | | Considerations on how land registration principles can be applied to building regulation and environmental controls affecting property |

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| Agreement on common terminology (e.g. how to handle problems associated with different legal systems, customs and languages) | Interaction and linkages with civil society in land administration | Improvement of data management and quality in cadastre databases and registers | Fees and charges: sustainability and continuity of land registration and cadastre business | Capacity-building in organizations and awareness in the public sector |
| Discussions on data transparency and/or whether registers should be “open” or not | Land use and land use rights. Formal and informal land use rights | Statistics – which e-services are most popular (in private/public sector, for citizens, free or not free) | Influence of different WPLA guidelines on Land Administration | How to reach a balance right to information and security of personal data |
| | Land consolidation | | | |
| | Optimal immovable property formation | Geographic Information Systems (GIS): data sharing, technical solutions and practical experience | | Microfinancing for land and housing |



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- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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