



Working Party on Land Administration

7th Session

30 June – 1 July 2011

Agenda item 6: Report on the comprehensive review of the activities of the Working Party and the evaluation of the activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group

Overview of the activities undertaken by WPLA in the period 2007-2011

Workshops organized by WPLA

- Nine demand driven workshops, aimed at strengthening the capacity of ECE member States, particularly those with economies in transition, in the area of land administration
- Main topics included:
 - Real Property Cadastre and Registration Services;
 - Transparent Land Management;
 - Data Management to Improve Land Administration;
 - Spatial Planning and Security of Tenure;
 - Influence of Land Administration on People and Business;
 - Legal Empowerment of the Poor;
 - Effective and Sustainable Land Management;
 - Real Estate Market Needs for Good Land Administration and Planning; and
 - Land Registers and Integrated Land-information Services.

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Publications

1. Land-administration reviews

- Bulgaria (2009)
- Azerbaijan (2007)

2. Chapters on land administration in Country Profiles on the Housing Sector (CP)

- CP Tajikistan (foreseen 2011)
- CP Kyrgyzstan (2010)
- CP Belarus (2008)

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Publications

3. Publications containing policy guidelines

- Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets: Principles and guidance for the development of a country's real estate sector (2010)
- Guidance and Good Practice for the Application of Fees and Charges for Real Property Cadastre and Registration Services (2009)
- Self-made cities: In search of sustainable solutions for informal settlements in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region (2009)
- Spatial Planning - Key Instrument for Development and Effective Governance with Special Reference to Countries in Transition (2008)

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Forums, Roundtables and Seminars supported by the Real Estate Market Advisory Group

- Roundtable on Sound Rules to Improve the Real Estate Sector, Lisbon, Portugal (27 January 2011)
- International Forum on Greening Real Estate Markets: A Multi-Stakeholder Perspective (Dessau, Germany, 29-30 November 2010)
- Roundtable Towards Sustainable Real Estate Markets (Ukraine, Kiev, 18 June 2010)
- UNECE Forum on Rethinking Real Estate Markets (Rome, Italy, 3-4 June 2009)
- Seminar on the Real Estate and Financial Crisis: Causes, Effects and Impacts on Development (New York, USA, 16 December 2008)

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International cooperation with organizations dealing with land administration issues

- 10th annual General Assembly of EuroGeographics held in Brussels, Belgium (10-13 October 2010)
- International Forum on Property Transaction in the Digital Age organized by Zenit GmbH in Mulheim an der Ruhr, Germany (30 September and 1 October 2010)
- International Land Management Symposium, organized by the German Agency for Geo-information, Land Development and Real Estate (GLL) held in Hannover (9 - 11 May 2010)
- International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Annual Congress held in Sydney, Australia (11-16 April 2010)

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International cooperation with organizations dealing with land administration issues

- Conference on Citizen Rights to Real Property organized by the Agency for Land Relation and Cadastre of Moldova held in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova (30 November and 1 December 2009)
- International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Commission 3 workshop on Spatial Information for Management of Sustainable Urban Areas held in Mainz, Germany (2-4 February 2009)
- Plenary session of the Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union (PCC) held in Rome, Italy (10-12 December 2008)
- 14th Meeting of the Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure in Asia and the Pacific held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (19-22 August 2008)

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International cooperation with organizations dealing with land administration issues

- Expo Italia Real Estate (EIRE) held in Milan, Italy (10-13 June 2008)
- United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-16) meeting in New York (5-16 May 2008)
- Roundtable on the Role of Land Administration in Economic Development organized by the Conference Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure in Asia and the Pacific in a workshop held in Ulanbaatar, Mongolia (27 June 2007)
- 5th General meeting of the European Land Registry Association (ELRA) held in Brussels, Belgium (23-24 April 2007)

Evaluation of the activities of the REM Advisory Group

I. REM Programme of Work

- Positive contribution to the programme of work of WPLA (with 60% replies for “major contribution”)
- Important contribution to the programme of work of CHLM (with 88 % replies for “major” or “moderate” contribution)
- Positive impact on improving land administration in the UNECE region (with 87% replies for “major” or “moderate” contribution)

Evaluation of the activities of the REM Advisory Group

II. Suggestions for future activities of the REM Advisory Group and on how to improve its work

- **More focus on real-estate valuation**
- **More of the solution-oriented approach in REM activities**
- **More focus on preparing publications with specific recommendations and guidelines**
- **Expand geographical focus of the REM activities to include countries of Central Asia**

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III. Issues deemed underrepresented in the programme of work

- Statistical comparison of data on real estate markets in UNECE countries
- Influence of the real-estate market on urban and rural spatial planning and development
- Public-private partnerships in land administration
- Relationship between mass valuation and individual valuation of real estate and their influence on real estate markets
- Real property market prices and trends in the region (residential, commercial, agricultural)
- Link between the new technologies such as land information system or computer assisted mass appraisal system and land-registration security
- Taxation systems as they influence real-estate markets
- The creation of effective mortgage instruments in countries with economies in transition

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IV. Terms of reference and composition of the REM Advisory Group

- **Provide advice both to CHLM and WPLA**
- **Membership should be representative of ECE sub-regions**
- **The number of REM members should be increased**

Thank you for attention!