



The ninth session of the Working Party on Land Administration: Land and Sustainable Development Goals

How sound land management and administration can support the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda

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Draft detailed session programme

Background

“The Ninth Session of the Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA): Land and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)” will provide an international platform for a high-level exchange on issues related to land administration and management. At the Session on 26-27 February, representatives of the UNECE member States will review the work of the WPLA since its Eighth Session and discuss how the UNECE can work to improve land management and land administration practices throughout the region. Also, the event will discuss the needs and priorities of land administration in the UNECE region in support of the post-2015 development agenda and the proposed sustainable development goals.

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Thursday, 26 February

09:30 – 10:00	Registration (in front of Room XII)
10:00 – 10:05	Introduction and adoption of the agenda¹ Elshad Khanalibayli (Azerbaijan), Chair, UNECE Working Party on Land Administration
10:05– 10:15	Welcome – Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, UNECE
10:15 – 13:00	<p>High-Level Segment - Land and Sustainable Development Goals²</p> <p><i>The proposed SDGs have land management as a cross-cutting component. The High-level Segment will consist of a dialogue on the main development challenges in the region and how sound land administration, proper land management and sustainable real estate markets can help the transition towards better, safer and more balanced human settlements and sustainable cities.</i></p> <p>Interventions by the governments:</p> <p>Albania – Marsela Mezini, Director of the Cabinet, Ministry of Justice (TBC)</p> <p>Austria – Wernher Hoffmann, Head of the Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying (BEV)</p> <p>Azerbaijan – Karam Hasanov, Chairman of the State Committee on Property Issues</p> <p>Croatia – Vladimir Majetic, Deputy Director General, State Geodetic Administration (TBC)</p> <p>Cyprus – Kyriakos Tsolakis, Acting Director, Department of Lands and Surveys</p> <p>Czech Republic – Karel Stencel, Vice-president of the Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre</p> <p>Estonia – Anne Toom, Deputy Director General, Estonian Land Board (TBC)</p> <p>Finland – Ms. Pia Viitanen, Minister of Culture and Housing</p> <p>Germany – Peter Creuzer, Director, State Survey and Geospatial Information, State Agency for Geoinformation and State Survey Lower Saxony (LGLN)</p> <p>Kazakhstan – Gulzhahan Bimendina, Deputy Director of Economic Infrastructure Development Department, Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan (TBC)</p> <p>Latvia – Elita Baklāne-Ansberga, Director General of State Land Service of Latvia, Presiding country of Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union (PCC)</p> <p>Lithuania – Kestutis Sabaliauskas, Director, State Enterprise Centre of Registers</p> <p>Malta – Michael Falzon, Minister, Parliamentary Secretariat for Planning and Simplification of Administrative Processes, Government of Malta</p> <p>The Netherlands – Kees de Zeeuw, Head Kadaster International, Public Administration, Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency</p> <p>Romania – Victor Grigorescu, Director of Cadastre and Geodesy Directorate, National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registration, Romania (TBC)</p> <p>Russian Federation – Andrey Pridankin, Deputy Head of the Federal Service for State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography</p>
Coffee Break* 11:00 - 11:15	

¹ Item 1 of the Draft Provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Working Party on Land Administration (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1) available at: <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2015/WP7/ece.hbp.wp7.2015.1.en.pdf>

² Item 2 Draft Provisional agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1

	<p>Sweden – Bengt Kjellson, Director General & Chief Executive, Lantmäteriet</p> <p>United Kingdom – Paul Dowse, Director of Strategy, Strategic Development, HM Land Registry</p>
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch (held of the 8 th floor of the A building)*
15:00 – 16:45	<p>Group discussion and presentation of conclusions</p> <p><i>The afternoon segment of the Session will consist of breakout groups that will discuss and agree on priorities of work on land administration and management in the region.</i></p>
16:45 – 17:00	<p>Report from the Informal Settlements Workshop and related recommendations³</p> <p><i>The Working Party will be informed on the results of the workshop on informal settlements held on the previous day and consider its recommendations.</i></p> <p>Doris Andoni, General Director, National Housing Agency - Ministry of Urban Development and Tourism</p>
17:15 – 18:45	Reception for Participants (held of the 8 th floor of the A building)*

Friday, 27 February

09:00 – 11:00	<p>Second Meeting of international organizations/agencies working in land administration and land management⁴</p> <p><i>The Meeting will consist of a dialogue on respective mandates and projects, and how to develop as opportunities for cooperation and increased efficiency. Participants will be invited to propose specific projects involving multiple agencies present at the meeting.</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15	<p>Matters arising from the seventy-fifth session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management of the Economic Commission for Europe⁵</p> <p><i>The Working Party will be informed about the approval by UNECE Executive Committee (EXCOM) of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing, preparations for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development - HABITAT III and the planning of work of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group after the approval by the EXCOM of its new Terms of References.</i></p> <p>Gulnara Roll, Secretary, UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management</p>
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break (served outside the conference room)*
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Review of the Programme of Work for 2014-2015⁶</p> <p>Capacity-building and international knowledge sharing⁷</p> <p>Amie Figueiredo, Secretary, UNECE Working Party on Land Administration</p> <p>Land-administration reviews⁸</p> <p>Julie Barry, Head of International Unit, Land Registry Head Office, WPLA Bureau member</p>

³ Item 5 of the Draft Provisional Agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1

⁴ Item 3 of the Draft Provisional Agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1

⁵ Item 4 of the Draft Provisional Agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1

⁶ Item 6 of the Draft Provisional Agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1; Available at <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2015/WP7/ece.hbp.wp7.2015.2.en.pdf>

⁷ Item 6(a) of the Draft Provisional Agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1

⁸ Item 6(b) of the Draft Provisional Agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1

	<p><i>Studies on selected topics in land management</i>⁹</p> <p><i>“Survey on Land Administration Systems in the ECE Region”</i>¹⁰ James O’Boyle, <i>Financial Controller, Property Registration Authority of Ireland, WPLA Bureau member (from the programme of work for 2012-2013)</i></p> <p><i>“Land Registration and Cadastre: One or Two Agencies?”</i>¹¹ Rik Wouters, <i>Senior Advisor, Land Registration and Geographic Information at the Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency - Kadaster International, WPLA Bureau member</i></p> <p><i>“Informal Development: Challenges and Solutions from South-East Europe”</i>¹² Chryssy Potsiou, <i>President FIG, WPLA Bureau member</i></p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Report on the work of the Bureau of the Working Party¹³</p> <p>Task Groups 1 -6 to present their work:¹⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task group one on seminars and workshops • Task group two on land administration reviews and participation in country profiles on housing and land management • Task group three on the publication of studies and guidelines on specific land administration and land management topics • Task group four on the benchmarking and preparation of inventories of land administration systems • Task group five on cooperation with related national organizations • Task group six on cooperation with related international organizations and interregional cooperation
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 15:45	<p>Presentation of the Programme of Work for 2016-2017¹⁵</p> <p>Elshad Khanalibayli, Chair, <i>UNECE Working Party on Land Administration</i></p> <p><i>Studies on selected topics in land management:</i> <i>Smart City Indicators (ECE/HBP/179, para 48). The study is part of the UNECE’s project “United Smart Cities: Smart urban solutions for transition and developing countries”</i></p> <p>Domenica Carriero, <i>United Smart Cities Project Coordinator, UNECE secretariat ECE Coastal Cities Initiative: for resilient human settlements in coastal areas in the ECE Region</i>¹⁶</p> <p>Gulnara Roll, <i>Secretary, UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management</i></p>
15:45 – 15:55	Any other business ¹⁷
15:55 – 16:10	Election of the Bureau ¹⁸
16:10 – 16:15	Date of the next Session ¹⁹
16:15 – 16:30	Adoption of the report ²⁰

*Provided by the State Committee on Property Issues of Azerbaijan

⁹ Item 6(c) of the Draft Provisional Agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1

¹⁰ ECE/HBP/180. Available at <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=35209&L=0>

¹¹ Available at <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2015/WP7/ece.hbp.wp7.2015.3.en.pdf>

¹² Available at <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2015/WP7/ece.hbp.wp7.2015.4.en.pdf>

¹³ Item 7 of the Draft Provisional Agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1

¹⁴ Task Group 7 will be presented during the previous segment

¹⁵ Item 8 of the Draft Provisional Agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1. Available at <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2015/WP7/ece.hbp.wp7.2015.5.en.pdf>

¹⁶ Available at <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2015/WP7/ece.hbp.wp7.2015.6.en.pdf>

¹⁷ Item 9 of the Draft Provisional Agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1

¹⁸ Item 10 of the Draft Provisional Agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1

¹⁹ Item 11 of the Draft Provisional Agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1

²⁰ Item 12 of the Draft Provisional Agenda, ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/1