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Fourth session

(Geneva, 21-22 November 2005)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 21 November 2005*

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda is based on the decisions taken by the Committee on Human Settlements at its sixty-fifth session, and the decisions taken by the Economic Commission for Europe at its sixtieth session. The Working Party is expected to adopt its agenda.

Item 2: Matters arising from the sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth sessions of the ECE Committee on Human Settlements, and the sixtieth session of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Working Party will be informed about the decisions taken by the Committee on Human Settlements at its sixty-fifth (ECE/HBP/134) and sixty-sixth sessions, as well as the decisions taken at the sixtieth session of the Economic Commission for Europe (HBP/2005/1). Information

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will also be provided on the outcome of the external evaluation report of the state of the UNECE and the follow-up discussions and decisions of the Commission.

The Working Party may wish to take note of this information.

Item 3: In-depth discussion on development trends and policies in land administration

At its two meetings in 2005, the Bureau of the Working Party discussed the organization of the fourth session of the Working Party and it was agreed to talk about development trends and policies in land administration in the UNECE region.

Mr. J. Manthorpe (United Kingdom) will present the new edition of Social and Economic Benefits of Good Land Administration, prepared in January 2005.

Mr. P. Dale (United Kingdom), the consultant, will present a new study Land Administration in the UNECE Region: development trends and main principles (ECE/HBP/140).

The purpose of the discussion is to review recent trends in land administration in the ECE region at local, national and international levels. This discussion should contribute to the orientation of the future activities of UNECE in the area of land administration.

All delegations will be invited to make presentations (5-10 minutes; if using Power Point software, at most 5 or 6 slides per presentation). These should be structured around the following main issues: (a) recent developments in land administration policies; organizational structure, distribution of responsibilities and coordination among national organizations engaged in land administration activities; (b) how to convey the importance of land administration activities to politicians and parliamentarians; and (c) how to disseminate the results of the Working Party's activities to the developing countries which are members of other UN regional commissions, particularly with regard to the implementation of the UN Millennium Development Goals (poverty reduction; environmental sustainability; and partnerships for development);

All delegations are invited to prepare papers on these issues. The papers should be sent to the ECE secretariat (guennadi.vinogradov@unece.org), in electronic form, before 15 October 2005. In addition, 50 copies of each paper should be brought to the session for distribution among delegations.

Item 4: Review of work accomplished or in progress

The Working Party will outline its work and corresponding activities, on the basis of the draft programme of work (HBP/WP.7/2005/4).

Item 4 (a): Guidelines on real estate units and identifiers

Mr. P. Dale, Chairman of the task force and consultant, will be invited to present the Guidelines on Real Property Units and Identifiers (the Russian version has been prepared by the delegation of the Russian Federation and is available in electronic format).

The study addresses the need for an effective system of land registration, real property units and land parcel identification. The terminology used in land administration differs among

countries and the guidelines aim to assist those who are seeking harmonization in the UNECE region.

The Working Party may wish to discuss the study and thank the task force for the work accomplished and the delegation of the Netherlands for the publication of the study.

Item 4 (b): Land administration reviews

In 2001-2003, land administration reviews were implemented in Armenia, Georgia and the Russian Federation. In 2004, land (real property) administration review was carried out in Lithuania (HBP/WP.7/2005/3). A follow-up workshop on real property administration in developing the information society took place in Vilnius (Lithuania) on 23 and 24 September 2004 (HBP/WP.7/2005/5).

The delegations of the Russian Federation and Lithuania will be invited to report on the follow-up of the review and the implementation process.

A pre-mission for the land administration review of Azerbaijan took place in April 2005 in conjunction with preparations for a country profile on the housing sector in Azerbaijan. Experts from Georgia, Lithuania and the ECE secretariat participated in the pre-mission. The main mission of the international experts to Azerbaijan is scheduled for October-November 2005.

The Working Party may wish to:

- (a) Discuss the usefulness of this activity, including different options for follow-up activities and ways to make this work more effective; and
- (b) Agree on practical arrangements for the next land administration reviews.

Other delegations may wish to express their interest in carrying out a land administration review in their countries.

Item 4 (c): Public/private partnership (PPP)

At its second session in November 2001, the Working Party agreed to investigate the benefits of public/private partnerships in land administration. The Bureau of the Working Party established a task force for the preparation of a study on public/private partnership. At its third session in November 2003, the Working Party considered the draft study, took note of the progress made and invited the task force to finalize the study (HBP/WP.7/2003/8, para.26).

The Bureau of the Working Party, at its meeting in April 2005, approved the final draft of the study on public/private partnerships in land administration (HBP/WP.7/2005/8).

The Bureau further agreed to hold an in-depth discussion on public/private partnerships around the issues contained in the discussion paper (HBP/WP.7/2005/6). All delegations are invited to prepare a response to the issues raised in the paper. It was agreed to invite representatives of the private sector to take part in the discussion.

Mr. P. Creuzer (Germany), member of the Bureau and Chair of the task force, will be invited to present the study on public/private partnerships and introduce the discussion paper.

The Working Party may wish to discuss this issue and agree on future activities in this area.

Item 4 (d): Future activities in land administration

The Working Party is expected to discuss its future activities and new priorities in the light of the in-depth discussions held under agenda items 3 and 4(d), and other aspects of its programme of work, taking into account the results of the in-depth discussion on social and economic benefits of human settlements development, held at the 66th session of the Committee on Human Settlements.

Attention should be given to the need to strengthen partnerships the Working Party has with countries in Central Asia and the Mediterranean area, as well as with other UN Regional Commissions (ESCAP, ECA and ESCWA).

The Working Party should consider its future contribution to the implementation of the UN Millennium Development Goals, including fighting poverty, sustainable development, housing, governance and partnerships.

Item 4 (e): Workshops

The following workshops were held in 2003-2005:

- “Spatial Information Management for Sustainable Real Estate Market”, Athens (Greece), 28-31 May 2003;
- “Organizational Sustainability and Capacity-building”, Edinburgh (United Kingdom), 1-3 October 2003;
- “Development of Real Property Markets”, Yerevan (Armenia), 6-7 May 2004;
- “Real Property Administration in Developing the Information Society”, Vilnius (Lithuania), 23-24 September 2004;
- “EU Enlargement and Developments in Land Administration”, Budapest (Hungary), 7-8 April 2005.

The delegations of the countries where the workshops were held will be invited to report on the main results of the workshops and follow-up activities.

The following workshops are planned for 2005-2007: “The Multipurpose Cadastre-Be Inspired” to be held in Finland (1-2 September 2005); Georgia (Spring, 2006); Czech Republic (Autumn, 2006); Germany (Munich, Spring 2007) and Ireland (26-28 September 2007).

Item 4 (f): Inventory of land administration authorities

The delegation of the United Kingdom will present the new edition of the UNECE inventory of land administration authorities.

The Working Party may wish to take note of the work done and to thank the delegation of the United Kingdom.

Item 5: Cooperation with other international organizations

International organizations are invited to report on possibilities for cooperation with the Working Party on specific issues of land administration.

Attention should be given to strengthening cooperation not only with professional land administration organizations but also with UNDP, EC, OECD, CIS, Council of Europe and the World Bank.

Item 6: Election of the Bureau

The Chairperson of the Bureau will report on the work of the Bureau since the second session of the Working Party.

The Working Party is expected to elect a new Bureau which will be in office till the end of the fifth session of the Working Party, in November 2007.

Item 7: Other business

Delegations wishing to discuss other issues under this item of the agenda are kindly invited to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

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You are also advised to bring with you all the discussion papers mentioned in the agenda. There will be no distribution of papers in the meeting room. The papers for the session will be on the web site of the Working Party and in room C-111 (first floor) of the Palais des Nations.

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Monday, 21 November	Morning	Items 1, 2 and 3
	Afternoon	Item 3 (cont'd)
Tuesday, 22 November	Morning	Item 4 (a) and (b)
	Afternoon	Items 4 (c)-(f), 5, 6 and 7

The web site of the ECE Committee on Human Settlements and the Working Party on Land Administration is: <http://www.unece.org/env/hs/welcome.html>. The agenda and other documentation for the session of the Working Party will be available on this web site.



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