



**UNECE**  
**Working Party on Land Administration**

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**Revised Terms of Reference for the  
Working Party on Land Administration**

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# Reasons for revision

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- **UNECE WPLA operates under the auspices of the Committee on Housing and land management**
- **According to the guidelines for the establishment and functioning of working parties within the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE/EX/1), the mandate of a Working Party is to be reviewed every five years by the parent Committee**

# Undertaken Actions

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- For the purpose of extension of the mandate of the Working Party on Land Administration the Bureau of the UNECE WPLA, among other actions, opened discussion on WPLA Terms of Reference**
- Based on the input from the WPLA Bureau members Draft, Revised ToR were prepared by the Secretariat**

# Discussion in the Bureau

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- In the most of the proposals in the discussion there was the statement that existing ToR well describe what UNECE WPLA should do, and that nothing is to be changed
- But .....
- Some of the Bureau members find out that there is a new development in the domain of land administration all over the world and that ToR should be slightly changed
- Some recent reorganization aspects in the parent Committee and its activities also forced us to change ToR (e.g. Land administration chapters in Country profiles, new position of UNECE REM Advisory Group, etc.)
  
- Therefore Draft, Revised ToR were prepared for 7th Session(30 June – 1 July 2011 in Geneva)

# **UNECE WPLA Terms of Reference – proposal**

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- UNECE WPLA will continue to work as intergovernmental body which members are land administration authorities and related authorities of member countries of the UNECE**
- The overall goals of the Working Party will remain to be the promotion and improvement of land administration and land management in the UNECE region**

# **Two basic fields of activities**

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- Land administration**
- Planning and development of land**

# LAND ADMINISTRATION

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- **General Task: Acquisition, registration, storing, maintenance and dissemination of information on real property rights, as well as the geometric and physical characteristics of land**
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- **Activities: Documentation of ownership rights, leases and mortgages, land cover, land-use and land-use restrictions, geo-referenced addresses; transfer of ownership rights; adjudication of land rights; solving of land disputes; cadastral mapping; database activities; real property valuation; personal data protection; other related activities**

# PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND

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- **General task: Contribution to the formulation, implementation and monitoring of land policy and geo-data policy (including financial matters)**
- **Activities: Pricing of services; cost-recovery requirements; development of professional skills; taxation of land and real properties; development of e-services; geo-spatial data policy; sustainable development of urban and rural areas; land consolidation; protection of natural resources; other related activities**



# OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES

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- WPLA shall review its programme of work to ensure coherence of its activities with the work of the CHLM and within the overall objectives of UNECE**
- WPLA coordinates its activities in close contact with other international governmental and non-governmental organizations active in related fields**
- WPLA cooperates with international financial and donor organizations that fund programmes and projects related to land administration in countries of the UNECE region**
- WPLA encourages partnership among the public and private sectors and their involvement in managing land resources and capacity-building for sustainable development**
- WPLA encourages cooperation with educational institutions for enhancing capacity-building activities**

# **Report of the Working Party on Land Administration on its seventh session ECE/HBP/WP.7/2011/8**

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- REPORT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKING PARTY AND THE VALUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REAL ESTATE MARKET ADVISORY GROUP (informal notice 1)**
- WPLA on its 7th Session reviewed the terms of reference of the Working Party and requested to submit this document to the seventy-second session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management for approval**

# **Proposal for the delegates on the 72nd Session of the UNECE CHLM**

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- To extend of the mandate of the Working Party on Land Administration**
- To approve new revised Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Land Administration**



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !**

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