

WPLA Workshop Autumn 2012

HM Land Registry would like to host a WPLA
Workshop in London, Autumn 2012

an update to the WPLA Bureau members

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Rationale for London 2012

HM Land Registry for England and Wales was founded on 15 October 1862 – we celebrate 150th anniversary in 2012

HM Queen Elizabeth II celebrates her diamond jubilee in 2012

London 2012 is the home of the Olympic Games in July 2012

HM Land Registry would like to mark this unique set of events by hosting a WPLA Conference in London, October 2012

Barriers to London 2012

- **Uncertainty about the future of HM Land Registry**

A comprehensive spending review by Her Majesty's Government is considering the future of HM Land Registry. We are unsure of our future

- **Trading conditions continue to be difficult in England and Wales**

HM Land Registry has had operating losses in each year since 2008. After restructuring costs in 2010/ 2011 were taken into account we lost almost £3 million last financial year. Is this a justifiable expense?

- **Morale in HM Land Registry is low**

Is this the right time? Would our staff get behind this?

Considerations for London 2012

Workshop details - Central London, October 2012

Theme for the Workshop?

Ideas we have considered are:

- a) **The world is a global village. What building blocks are vital to ensure all parts of the world develop sustainable land administration and land management policies?**
- b) **Post credit crunch, how can effective land management policies encourage recovery in real estate markets**
- c) **There is only one problem with land: they don't make it anymore. What are the consequences of land disputes – sharing best practice for resolution**

I would be grateful for the Bureau's ideas or proposals.

Land Registry Board support

HM Land Registry's new Chief Executive, Malcolm Dawson OBE, has indicated support for this proposal but wishes to place a business case before the full Land Registry Board on 27 July 2011.

To prepare for this submission, I am meeting individual Board directors, I have a small team making preliminary investigations on venues, preparing a cost/benefits analysis, a high level project timeline and seeking views of our stakeholders

Other considerations

Does the WPLA have any other views or points?

Do any other members wish to host a workshop in Autumn 2012?

How can you help?

Interpreters? What are the UNECE requirements?