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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the thirteenth session of the Working Party on Land Administration

Palais des Nations, Geneva, Room XXIV, starting at 10 a.m., Tuesday, 4 April 2023

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Matters arising from the eighty-second and eighty-third sessions of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management.
3. Review of the programmes of work 2020-2021 and 2022-2023
 - (a) Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing;
 - (b) Land administration reviews;
 - (c) Studies on selected topics in land management and land administration.
4. Keynote segment: Ecosystems and security in land administration.
5. Collaboration with the Economic Commission for Europe Real Estate Market Advisory Group on Climate-Neutral, Energy-Efficient and Sustainable Buildings and Cities
6. Presentation of the draft programme of work for 2024-2025.
7. Review of the draft terms of reference of the Working Party 2025-2030.
8. Election of the Bureau.
9. Other business.
10. Date of the next session.
11. Adoption of the report.



II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. The proposed agenda and timetable, agreed upon by the Bureau of the Working Party, will be presented for the consideration and approval of Working Party.
2. The Working Party is invited to adopt the agenda.

2. Matters arising from the eighty-second and eighty-third sessions of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management

3. The Working Party will be informed about decisions taken by the Committee on Housing and Land Management at its eighty-second session (ECE/HBP/208) and eighty-third session (ECE/HBP/213) as well as decisions by the Executive Committee (EXCOM) of relevance to the work of the Working Party.
4. The Working Party is invited to take note of the information provided.

3. Review of the programmes of work 2020-2021 and 2022-2023

5. Delegates will be informed about activities carried out since the twelfth session of the Working Party as per its programme of work for 2020-2021 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2019/4) as well as planned activities for completing the implementation of its programme of work for 2022-2023 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2021/3).
6. The Chair will provide an overview of implemented and planned activities (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2023/3). This will be followed by a presentation of deliverables under each of the three clusters of the programme of work.

(a) Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing

7. Delegates will be informed about the outcome of the thematic workshops and webinars on land administration, which were organized by the Working Party since its twelfth session (ECE/HBP/2023/4). Delegates will also be informed about the work of the Bureau on international knowledge-sharing during regional and international workshops, conferences and other events.

(b) Land administration reviews

8. The Working Party will be informed about national land-administration reviews that will be undertaken as part of the ECE country profiles on housing and land management.

(c) Studies on selected topics in land management and land administration

9. The Working Party will be informed about the following studies on land administration and management, which aim at helping land administrations and relevant State agencies better formulate targeted and effective policies:

(a) “Digital transformation and land administration – Sustainable practices from the UNECE region and beyond”, developed jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and published

in 2022.¹ The initial findings and recommendations emerging from this study were presented to the Working Party at its twelfth session in 2021.²

(b) “Sustainable Development and Security of Property Rights in the UNECE Region: An assessment of perceived tenure security for land and housing”, developed jointly with the Overseas Development Institute, United Kingdom and Global Land Alliance, United States and published in English and Russian in 2022. The initial findings and recommendations emerging from this study were presented to the Working Party at its twelfth session in 2021.³

10. The Working Party is invited to:

(a) Take note of the studies;

(b) Take note of the outcome of the thematic workshops and webinars on land administration as well as the ongoing preparations for undertaking the reviews of land administration and land management in Albania and Montenegro;

(c) Review the next steps needed for the completion of the remaining activities in 2023.

4. Keynote segment: Ecosystems and security in land administration

11. The keynote segment will involve presentations on ecosystems and security in land administration, which are among the megatrends challenging governments in the ECE region and beyond (ECE/HBP/2023/5). The segment will involve a discussion of these challenges, building on the studies “Digital transformation and land administration – Sustainable practices from the UNECE region and beyond” and “Scenario Study on Future Land Administration in the UNECE Region.”⁴

12. The discussion will highlight how these challenges are amplified by, among others, the emerging needs and expectations of citizens and the society; the increasingly multi-faceted interplay between land administration and other social, economic and environmental policies; the continuous advancements in information and communications technology; and reduced government spending on public services.

13. Delegates will also discuss how land administration could be transformed to rise to these challenges, including the required actions for land administration authorities to increase their contribution to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda (NUA).

14. The Working Party is invited to:

(a) Take note of the information provided.

(b) Request its Bureau to develop a study on ecosystems in land administration and a study on security in land administration and report on progress made at the fourteenth session in 2025.

¹ <https://unece.org/publications/housing-and-land-management>

² https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/Item%202_PM%20Abbott%20Acc%20digitisation.pdf

³ <https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/Item%206%20Childress%20Prindex%2031-05-2021.pdf>

⁴ https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-12/Scenario%20Study_E_0.pdf

5. Collaboration with the Economic Commission for Europe Real Estate Market Advisory Group on Climate-Neutral, Energy-Efficient and Sustainable Buildings and Cities

15. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the NUA feature land administration and land management as cross-cutting issues. Those issues require coherent approaches that strengthen complementarity between land-administration authorities and other relevant agencies, including those engaged in land management, housing policy and urban development. This segment will discuss avenues for achieving that strategic objective and strengthening collaboration between the Working Party and the ECE Real Estate Market Advisory Group on Climate-Neutral, Energy-Efficient and Sustainable Buildings and Cities.

16. The Working Party is invited to welcome this collaboration and take into consideration the discussions in shaping its future activities, as relevant.

6. Presentation of the draft programme of work for 2024-2025

17. The Working Party will be presented with the draft programme of work for 2024-2025 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2023/6), developed by the Bureau with the support of the secretariat.

18. The Working Party is invited to:

(a) Comment on the document and discuss how to reflect the outcome of the keynote segment and the ensuing discussion in the 2024-2025 programme of work.

(b) Review and approve its programme of work for 2024-2025.

7. Review of the draft terms of reference of the Working Party 2025-2030

19. The Working Party will be presented with its draft terms of reference for the period of 2025-2030 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2023/7) and will be invited to review and approve them. Once approved, the Working Party will recommend the renewal of its mandate to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management at its eighty-fourth session in 2023. The approved Terms of Reference of the Working Party for the period 2025-2030 are to be endorsed by the Committee and the Working Party's mandate renewed in 2023 and approved by EXCOM in 2023.

8. Election of the Bureau

20. The Working Party is expected to elect its Bureau members, including a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, for a two-year term.

9. Other business

21. Delegates are invited to discuss other issues under this agenda item.

10. Date of the next session

22. The next session is scheduled to take place in spring 2025.

11. Adoption of the report

23. The Working Party will adopt the report from its thirteenth annual session at the end of the meeting.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	
4 April	10:00 – 10:25	1	Adoption of the agenda
	10:25 – 10:45	2	Matters arising from the eighty-second and eighty-third sessions of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management
	10:45 – 11:45	3	Review of the programmes of work 2020-2021 and 2022-2023
	11:45 – 13:00	3 (a)	Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing
	15:00 – 15:30	3 (b)	Land administration reviews
	15:30 – 18:00	3 (c)	Studies on selected topics in land management and land administration
5 April	10:00 – 12:00	4	Keynote segment: Ecosystems and security in land administration
	12:00 – 13:00	5	Collaboration with the Economic Commission for Europe Real Estate Market Advisory Group on Climate-Neutral, Energy-Efficient and Sustainable Buildings and Cities
	15:00 – 15:30	6	Presentation of the draft programme of work for 2024-2025
	15:30 – 16:00	7	Review of the draft terms of reference of the Working Party 2025-2030
	16:00 – 16:30	8	Election of the Bureau
	16:30 – 16:45	9	Other business
	16:45 – 16:50	10	Date of the next session
	16:50 – 18:00	11	Adoption of the report