

Thirteenth Session of the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration

4 and 5 April 2023

Room XXIV, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Draft detailed programme

The session will take place in person only.

Languages: English, French and Russian with simultaneous translation

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The detailed programme provides information on the schedule and speakers of the Thirteenth session of the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA). Annotations are available in the Provisional Agenda for the thirteenth session ([ECE/HBP/WP.7/2023/1](https://www.unece.org/ceo/secretariat/working-party-on-land-administration/working-party-on-land-administration-provisional-agenda-for-the-thirteenth-session)).

4 April 2023, Tuesday		
Time	Agenda	
9:30-10:00		Registration
10:00-10:20 (20 min)	Item 1	Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda <i>Fredrik Zetterquist, University Lecturer in Land Administration, University of Gävle, Gävle, Sweden; WPLA Chair</i> <i>Paola Deda, Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE</i>
10:20-10:40 (20 min)	Item 2	Matters arising from the eighty-second and eighty-third sessions of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management <i>Gulnara Roll, Secretary, UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (CUDHLM)</i> Questions and answers.
10:40-10:50 (10 min)	Item 3	Review of the programmes of work 2020-2021 and 2022-2023 <i>The WPLA Chair, Fredrik Zetterquist, will inform on the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work for 2022—2023, including capacity-building, land administration reviews and studies on selected topics in land management. Please see details in ECE/HBP/WP.7/2023/3.</i> Questions and answers.

<p>10:50-12:00 (70 min)</p>	<p>Item 3 (a)</p>	<p>Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing: <u>Reports on outcomes of the webinar series</u></p> <p>This segment will have presentations on the outcomes of the thematic workshops and webinars on land administration organized by the Working Party since its Twelfth session. Please see details in ECE/HBP/2023/4.</p> <p>Cadastral mapping and strategies of land administration authorities in Europe - <i>Kirsikka Riekkinen, Researcher, The National Land Survey of Finland; Assistant Professor, Aalto University, Espoo, Finland; and WPLA Vice-Chair</i></p> <p>Data interoperability: The benefits for the land administration sector – <i>Victoria Abbot, Head of Stakeholders and International Co-ordination, Chief’s Office, Chief Executive and Chief Land Registrar’s Directorate, HM Land Registry, United Kingdom; WPLA Bureau member</i></p> <p>Benefits and challenges of open data in land administration - <i>Pilar Verdejo, Land Property Registrar, Valencia, Spain; WPLA Bureau member</i></p> <p>Socioeconomic benefits of geospatial information - <i>Elena Busch, Project Leader, Norwegian Mapping Authority, Oslo, Norway; WPLA Bureau member</i></p> <p>Geospatial information – advanced education and competence needs - <i>Fredrik Zetterquist, WPLA Chair</i></p> <p>Questions and answers.</p>
<p>12:00-13:00 (60 min)</p>	<p>Item 3 (a)</p>	<p>Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing: <u>Improvement of informal settlements</u></p> <p>COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region - WPLA capacity-building resources to support member States in the improvement of informal settlements - <i>Steven Nystrom, Principle, NewStream Companies, Tampa, Florida, United States</i></p> <p>Improvement of informal settlements in countries: current situation and needs in policy advice and capacity-building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Doris Andoni, Director of Housing Policy, Ministry of Finance and Economy of Albania, Tirana, Albania; and Chair of the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management</i> • <i>Rina Ivančević, Manager, Direction for Legalization, Directorate for Housing and Legalization, Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism, Podgorica, Montenegro</i>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bekhzod Nishanov, Head of Methodology Department, Cadaster Agency, Tashkent, Uzbekistan - tbc</i> <p>Comments and proposals for cooperation from representatives of international partner organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tea Dabrundashvili, Land Tenure Officer, FAO, Rome, Italy - tbc</i> • <i>Robert Lewis-Lettington, Chief of Section on Land, Housing and Shelter, UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya</i>
13:00-15:00		Lunch break
15:00-15:30 (30 min)	Item 3 (b)	<p>Land administration reviews</p> <p>This segment will include an update on the preparation of the national land administration reviews that are being undertaken as part of the UNECE country profiles on urban development, housing and land management.</p> <p>UNECE country profiles on urban development, housing and land management for Albania - <i>Doris Andoni, Director of Housing Policy, Ministry of Finance and Economy of Albania, Tirana, Albania; and Chair of the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management</i></p> <p>Questions and answers.</p>
15:30-16:30 (60 min)	Item 3 (c)	<p>Studies on selected topics in land administration and land management</p> <p>Presentation of the study “Digital transformation and land administration – Sustainable practices from the UNECE region and beyond”. The study was developed jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hartmut Müller, Mainz University, Mainz, Germany, and representative of FIG</i> <p>Questions and answers.</p> <p>Interactive poll followed by a discussion.</p>
16:30-16:45 (15 min)		Break
16:45-18:00 (75 min)		<p>Presentation of the study “Sustainable Development and Security of Property Rights in the UNECE Region: An assessment of perceived tenure security for land and housing”. The study was developed jointly with the Overseas Development Institute, United Kingdom, and Global Land Alliance, United States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Malcom Childress, Executive Director, Global Land Alliance, Washington, DC, US</i>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Denys Nizalov, Associate Professor, De Montfort University, Leicester, UK/Global Land Alliance</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
5 April 2023, Wednesday		
10:00 – 12:00 (120 min)	Item 4	<p>Keynote segment: Ecosystems of actors and security in land administration</p> <p>In light of digital transformation, data revolution and other megatrends, the land sector experiences change. This segment will focus on the discussion of impacts and actions with respect to security aspects and the interplay between actors as well as of functions within the land sector, including cadaster and land registration, land use planning and urban development, and spatial data infrastructure. Read more in ECE/HBP/2023/5.</p> <p>Ecosystems of actors and their functions and security in land administration - <i>Fredrik Zetterquist, WPLA Chair</i></p> <p>Geospatial Information Ecosystems – <i>Hartmut Müller, Germany, and FIG Task Force on International Trends</i></p> <p>Digital Transformation: an ecosystem of security in land administration - <i>Neoclis Neocleous, Chief Lands Officer, Department of Lands and Surveys of Cyprus</i></p> <p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kirsikka Riekkinen, WPLA Vice-Chair, Finland</i> • <i>Pekka Halme, Senior Advisor at National Land Survey, Finland</i> • <i>Pilar Verdejo, WPLA Bureau member, Spain</i> • <i>Elena Busch, WPLA Bureau member, Norway</i> • <i>Mari Khardziani, WPLA Bureau member, Georgia</i> • <i>Tea Dabrundashvili, FAO – tbc</i> • <i>Denys Nizalov, UK/Global Land Alliance</i> • <i>Abdulat Myrzaev, Director, Land Resources Services under the Ministry of Agriculture, Kyrgyzstan</i> • <i>Arevik Avoyan, Deputy head of the Cadastre Committee, Armenia</i> <p>Interactive poll</p>
12:00 – 13:00 (60 min)	Item 5	<p>Collaboration with the UNECE Real Estate Market Advisory Group on Climate-Neutral, Energy-Efficient and Sustainable Buildings and Cities (REM)</p> <p><i>Paloma Taltavull, Professor, Universidad de Alicante, Alicante, Spain and REM Chair; and Nuria Raga Sastre, Land and Property Registrar, Spain and REM Advisory Group member, will present the REM programme of work.</i></p>

		The session participants will be invited to reflect on the presentation and propose possible collaboration between WPLA and REM.
13:00-15:00		Lunch break. WPLA Bureau meeting
15:00-15:50 (50 min)	Item 6	<p>Presentation of the draft programme of work for 2024-2025</p> <p>The draft programme of work will be presented by <i>Fredrik Zetterquist, WPLA Chair</i></p> <p>Presentations by WPLA partner organizations on their activities and proposals for cooperation with WPLA</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is an objective/mandate and key activities of your organization/network relevant to the work of the WPLA? • Which activities could be proposed as joint ones with WPLA? • What are possible key milestones of the cooperation (possible joint events and meetings)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Daniel Steudler, Chair of Cadastre and Land Registry Knowledge Exchange Network (CLRKEN), EuroGeographics, Bern, Switzerland</i> • <i>Kirsikka Riekkinen, Vice- Chair of Commission 7, FIG; WPLA Vice-Chair</i> • <i>Tomaž Petek, Chair, UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) for Europe, Slovenia</i> • <i>Tea Dabrundashvili, FAO – tbc</i> • <i>Manfred Buric, Senior Advisor, European Land Registry Association (ELRA), Austria</i> • <i>Robert Lewis-Lettington, Chief of Section on Land, Housing and Shelter, UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya</i>
15:50 – 16:00 (10 min)	Item 7	<p>Review of the draft terms of reference of the Working Party 2025-2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fredrik Zetterquist, WPLA Chair</i>
16:00-16:30 (30 min)	Item 8	Election of the Bureau
16:30 – 16:45 (15 min)	Item 9	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item.</p>
16:45 – 16:50 (5 min)	Item 10	<p>Date of the next session</p> <p>The Chair will inform on the date for the next Working Party session.</p>
16:50 – 18:00 (70 min)	Item 11	Adoption of the report and closing of the Session

		<p>The Chair will summarize the major decisions taken by the Working Party. The Working Party is invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat. The Chair will close the session.</p>
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