

UNECE Working Party on Land Administration workshop

"Ensuring tenure security during the reconstruction after natural and man-made disasters"

2-3 November 2023, Madrid, Spain

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The UNECE Working Party on Land Administration workshop "Ensuring tenure security during reconstruction after natural and man-made disasters" (Madrid, 2 and 3 November 2023) will be organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Working Party on Land Administration (UNECE WPLA) and the Spanish Land and Business Registrars Association.

The workshop objective is to share experiences and good practices from countries of the UNECE region and beyond in the reconstruction after natural and man-made disasters. The workshop will focus on the topic of securing land and housing tenure, especially on the legal, geospatial, and economic aspects.

Understanding **tenure security** as the protection of the right to ownership and other rights over land and given its role as part of economic and social development and reconstruction efforts, it is important to learn about various institutional arrangements and policies developed to ensure tenure security in countries throughout the world.

The workshop will discuss how geospatial information can be linked more effectively to legal information associated with land and property ownership and how different countries promote the use of digital solutions to support sustainable and resilient urban development, and the legalization and improvement of informal settlements.

The workshop will include a special session on the reconstruction of cities in Ukraine. This session will be organized jointly with the UNECE-led project "UN4UkrainianCities - Enhancing urban planning in the cities of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv in Ukraine by supporting the implementation of the new master plans and facilitating investments in sustainable urban infrastructure"¹. The special session will allow discussion of the challenges that Ukrainian authorities are facing as part of the reconstruction efforts and different international best practices and tools that can be used to support the reconstruction in a more effective way.

Expected workshop participants will include representatives of UNECE member States, the European Commission, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the World Bank.

The workshop will be organized under the umbrella of the Spanish Presidency of the EU Council.

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An expected outcome of the workshop is a compilation of experiences and best practices in the production of effective regulations and mechanisms to carry out reconstruction in a resilient, legal, digital and geospatial way, which ensures the protection of tenure security.

About the Working Party on Land Administration

The overall goals of the Working Party are the promotion and improvement of land administration and land management in the UNECE region so as to adequately respond to a changing environment and emerging needs and contribute to Agenda 2030. The Working Party aims at supporting security of tenure, improving and creating more effective land and cadastre registries, a widened usage of geospatial data and promoting sustainable land-use policies. The Working Party supports cooperation and facilitates an exchange of experiences and best practices among countries in the UNECE region; the organization of this workshop is part of these efforts.

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