UNECE WPLA WORKSHOP
Ensuring tenure security
after natural and man-made disasters

Introduction
The workshop “Ensuring tenure security after natural and man-made disasters” is organized in Madrid on 2 and 3 November 2023 by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA) and the Spanish Land and Business Registrars Association. It is held under the umbrella of the Spanish Presidency of the European Union Council.

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

The workshop is organized in person at Colegio de Registradores, Calle Alcala 540, Madrid, Spain; and online; in English, Spanish and Ukrainian with simultaneous interpretation.

To participate, please register before 27 October 2022 at https://indico.un.org/event/1007460/. The online connection will be provided to registered participants. In case if you have questions, please contact the workshop secretariat at secretaria.ue@corpme.es

More information on the workshop is available at:
https://unece.org/info/Housing-and-Land-Management/events/382803

Draft programme

2 November 2023, Thursday

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| 09:30-10:15 | Opening and welcome  
*Speakers:*  
- Natalia Kozlovska, Deputy Minister for Development of Communities, Territories, and Infrastructure of Ukraine  
- Victoria Abbot, Chair of the Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA); and Head of External Affairs, Customer and Strategy Group, HM Land Registry, London, UK.  
Paola Deda, Director, UNECE Forest, Land and Housing Division, Geneva, Switzerland.  
- María Emilia Adán, President, Public Corporation of Land and Business Registrars of Spain. |
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| 10:15-11:45| Round Table 1. “Legal aspects of Tenure Security”                                            | - **David Vilas**, Director General for International Judicial Cooperation and Human Rights, Ministry of Justice of Spain  
- **Sofía Puente**, Director General for and Public Certainty and Public Faith, Ministry of Justice of Spain |
|            | **Moderator:** **Nuria Raga**, Public Corporation of Land and Business Registrars of Spain. | **Panelists:**  
- **Louisa Clode**, President, European Land Registry Association (ELRA), Lisbon, Portugal.  
- **Luis Seller**, Spanish Supreme Court Magistrate and Legal Secretary Coordinator of the Technical Office of the Supreme Court, civil area.  
- **Malcom Childress**, Co-Director of the Prindex Study and Senior Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK (online)  
- **Denys Nizalov**, Senior Land Governance Adviser, Global Land Alliance/ De Montfort University, US/UK  
- **Ombretta Tempra**, Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat, on activities of the Global Land Tool Network (UN-GLTN) |
| 11:45-12:15| Coffee Break                                                                               |                                                                                               |
| 12:15-13:15| Round Table 2. Geospatial Information and Tenure Security                                  | **Moderator:** **Emilia Simó García**, Public Corporation of Land and Business Registrars of Spain  
**Panelists:**  
- Geospatial Information and tenure security: UN Perspective - **Pilar Verdejo García**, Registrar, Public Corporation of Land and Business Registrars of Spain; and WPLA Vice-Chair  
- Geospatial Information and Land Administration **Hartmut Müller**, Senior Professor, FH Mainz University of Applied Sciences  
- Activities on tenure security at UN HABITAT - **Robert Lewis-Lettington**, Chief of the Urban Legislation Unit, UN-Habitat  
- Information on the Spanish Law on Coordination Land Registry-Cadastre, **Luis Benavides** Land Registrar of Spain, |
| 13:15-14:30| Lunch Break                                                                                |                                                                                               |
| 14:30-15:45| Round Table 3. The impact of natural disasters on tenure security                          | **Moderator:** **Sergio Saavedra**, Public Corporation of Land and Business Registrars of Spain  
**Panelists:**  
- La Palma Volcano: geospatial and legal solutions - **Paco Palacios**, Land Registrar of La Palma, Spain |
- Earthquakes in Turkey: geospatial and legal solutions - **Emre Ergin Ergani**, Land Registry Expert. General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre, Turkey
- Fires in Portugal: geospatial and legal solutions - **Filomena Rosa**, Land Registrar of Portugal. President of the Portuguese Institute of Registrars and Notaries
- Earthquakes and other risks - **Arevik Avoyan**, Deputy Head of the Cadastre Committee of Armenia

Discussion focusing on the question of how to deal with a compound impact consequences of the COVID pandemic and natural disasters

| 15:45-16:15 | Coffee Break |
| 16:15-17:45 | Round Table 4. Addressing impacts of natural and man-made disasters on tenure rights using legal instruments and other tools  
**Moderator:** **Teresa Touriñan**, Land Registrar, Public Corporation of Land and Business Registrars of Spain.  
**Panelists:**  
- **Addressing impacts in informal settlements – a discussion including:**  
  ▪ **Chrissy Potsiou**, Expert in Informal Settlements and WPLA Bureau Member, Athens, Greece  
  ▪ **Doris Andoni**, Lecturer, POLIS University, Tirana, Albania  
  ▪ **David Egiashvili**, Representative of the UNECE Real Estate Market Advisory Group (REM), Tbilisi, Georgia, and **Nuria Raga**, Representative of the UNECE Real Estate Market Advisory Group (REM), Madrid, Spain  
  ▪ **Sergio Saavedra**, International representative of the Land and Business Registrars Association. International Property Registries Association and International Centre of Registration Law (IPRA-CINDER)  

Questions and answers

| 17:45-18:00 | Conclusion of the day |
### Round Table 5. Ensuring tenure security and promoting reconstruction in Ukraine in the context of the war

**Moderator:** Denys Nizalov, Senior Land Governance Adviser, Global Land Alliance/ De Montfort University, US/UK  
**Panelists:**  
- Thamara Fortes and Melanie Steinkemper, UNECE Forests, Land and Housing Division  
- Yevhen Plashchenko, Ukraine Ministry for Development of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure;  
- Hryhorii Melnychuk, Ukraine Ministry for Development of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure/ Oleksandr Dudchenko, USAID  
- Ihor Kyryliuk, Ukraine State Geocadastre  
- Yevhen Poliakov, Mykolaiv City Council, Ukraine  
- José Francisco Herrera, International Relations Director, Madrid City Council  

Questions and answers

### Round Table 6. Multidisciplinary aspects of reconstruction

**Moderator:** Enrique Maside, EU Director of the Spanish Land Registry Corporation  
**Panelists:**  
- Alberto Cendoya, Architect, Norman Foster Foundation, Madrid, Spain  
- Pablo Olalquiaga, Representative of Colegio Oficial Arquitectos de Madrid (COAM)  
- Eduardo Llarena, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Brussels, Belgium  
- Paul Scott Prettitore, Senior Public Sector Specialist, World Bank  
- Kirsikka Riekkinen, WPLA Vice-Chair  
- Spanish Land Registrar.  

Questions and answers

### Round Table 7. Building institutional framework to support post-war reconstruction

**Moderator:** Alina Nica, Land Registrar, Public Corporation of Land and Business Registrars of Spain.  
**Panelists:**  
- Representative of the armed forces of Spain.  
- Case Study: Enrique Maside, Spain.  
- Case Study: Juan Carlos Mejía Coto, Latam  
- Case Study: Mihail Taus, Rumania.  

Questions and answers

### Workshop conclusion:
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**Prof. Dr. Sergio Nasarre-Aznar**, Civil Law Full Professor, founder of the UNESCO Housing Chair, University Rovira i Virgili
**Nuria Matarredona**, Director General for Urban Agenda and Architecture, Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda.
**Mr. Jorge Dajani**, Director of Global Corporate Solutions, WordBank