

## **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe**

### **Report of the Meeting of the Bureau of the Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA)**

*13 January 2017*

*12:00 – 14:00 (CET)*

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#### Attendance:

Mr. Elshad Khanabayli (Azerbaijan), Chair

Mr. Rik Wouters (The Netherlands), Vice-Chair

Ms. Pia Hojgaard (Denmark), Bureau member

Mr. Bakytbek Djusupbekov (Kyrgyzstan), Bureau member

Mr. Howard Bushell (United Kingdom), Observer

Ms. Amie Figueiredo, UNECE Secretariat

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#### **Item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda**

1. The Chair of the Working Party, Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli, opened the meeting. The Bureau adopted the agenda with one change for the heading of item 4 to remove 2016.

#### **Item 2: Questionnaire on land administration systems**

2. Status of new survey deadline 20 January 2017. The secretariat will send another reminder to the focal points the week of 16 January.
3. Mr. James O'Boyle sent preliminary results of the questionnaire by email to the WPLA bureau.
4. Mr. James O'Boyle will produce a paper of the summary of results for the WPLA session, the deadline for the paper to be submitted as an official document only in English is 1 February if possible.

#### **Item 3: 10<sup>th</sup> WPLA Session, 8-9 March 2017**

5. The Tenth Session of the Working Party on Land Administration will be on 8-9 March 2017 in Room VII, Palais des Nations, Geneva
6. The agenda, review of the programme of work 2016-2017 and the programme of work 2018-2019 have been submitted for official translation in Russian and English.
7. Remaining official papers in English only: Preliminary results of the updated Benchmarking & Final results of the merger study are due 1 February 2017 to the secretariat to format and submit so that they are available for the session.
8. Save the date and invitation and have gone out to the WPLA focal points. A reminder was sent on 10 January and another will go out 2 weeks later. The deadline to register is the 10 February 2017.

9. Funding for the keynote speakers has been secured for Martin Dubbeling and Stig Enemark. The secretariat to follow-up with the speakers to confirm their participation and travel details.
10. The bureau discussed the draft programme and made some changes to the structure. Bureau to provide suggestions as soon as possible for speakers for PPP in Land Administration & Challenges of fraud to land administration topics to the secretariat in order to contact them to see their availability.
11. There will be a lunch held on 9 March at 13:00, after the end of the session, with the former bureau members and the incoming bureau members followed by a bureau meeting for only the new bureau members.
12. The third meeting of International Organizations will be held on 7 March 2017 (afternoon) before the 2-day Session.
13. Secretariat to draft the programme and an invitation letter, communicate with the focal points with the organizations, and request feedback by the beginning of February.
14. There are eleven nominations thus far there is still interest from USA, Georgia, Russian Federation and Germany.
15. Proposed nominations for members of the Bureau:
  - i. Mr. Fredrik Zetterquist, Sweden (Chair)
  - ii. Mr. Rik Wouters, The Netherlands (Vice-Chair)
  - iii. Ms. Elena Busch, Norway
  - iv. Ms. Tatjana Cenova Mitrevska, FYR Macedonia
  - v. Mr. Julius Ernst, Austria
  - vi. Ms. Roberta Marconi, Italy
  - vii. Mr. Markku Markkula, Finland
  - viii. Ms. Chryssy Potsiou, Greece
  - ix. Mr. Bakytbek Djusupbekov, Kyrgyzstan
  - x. Mr. Howard Bushell, UK
  - xi. Ms. Beatriz Corredor Sierra, Spain

#### **Item 4: WPLA Workshops for 2017**

16. Mr. Rik Wouters has sent to the bureau the draft programme for comments and suggestions for the swisstopo along with EuroGeographics-Cadastre and Land Registry Knowledge Exchange Network (CLRKEN) workshop on 21 April 2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland. Save the date has gone out and the invitation letter will go out to all CLRKEN and WPLA focal points.
17. Mr. Julius Ernst requested that the bureau send proposals for the topic of the workshop in Vienna 5-6 October 2017 as part of The Common Vision Conference 2017, organized by the BEV. For example: How do Cadastre and Land registry deal with this, show best practice and look for future developments in organisational, technical and legal aspects.
18. The Common Vision Conference in Vienna at the events side will be listed in the UNECE website.

19. Bureau to explore other potential options for 2018 with the new bureau: some proposals are Cyprus, United States, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Lithuania.

**Item 5: Programme of work 2016-2017 and the Work of Task Groups**

20. The work of the TGs should be discussed with the new incoming bureau and decisions on new groups will be added as necessary.

**Item 6: Updates on WPLA participation in international events**

21. Mr. Elshad Khanabayli and Mr. Rik Wouters will attend the Land and Poverty Conference 2017 March 20-24, 2017, Washington, DC.

**Item 7: Other business**

22. The CHLM endorsed the renewal of the terms of reference of the WPLA on Thursday, 1 December 2016 and it will go to UNECE EXCOM for approval on 1 February 2017.

**Item 8: Next Bureau meeting**

23. The next Bureau meeting will be on 7 March 2016 in room VII at the Palais des Nations at 10:00, the day before the 10<sup>th</sup> Session. There will also be a meeting of the new bureau immediately after lunch on Thursday 9 March 2017 at 15:00.