

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

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

9 March 2017

14:45 - 15:30 (CET)

Room VII, A-Building, Palais des Nations

Attendance:

Mr. Fredrik Zetterquist (Sweden), Chair

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

Mr. Julius Ernst (Austria), Bureau member

Ms. Mari Khardziani (Georgia), Bureau member

Ms. Chryssy Potsiou (Greece), Bureau member

Ms. Roberta Marconi (Italy), Bureau member

Ms. Elena Busch (Norway), Bureau member

Mr. Konstantin Litvintcev (Russian Federation), Bureau member

Ms. Beatriz Corredor (Spain), Bureau member

Ms. Tatjana Cenova Mitrevska, (the FYR Macedonia), Bureau member

Mr. Howard Bushell (United Kingdom), Bureau member

Observers

Ms. Olga Boronenko (Russian Federation)

Mr. Darko Crenkovski (the FYR Macedonia)

UNECE Secretariat

Ms. Amie Figueiredo, Ms. Ivonne Higuero, Ms. Marina Garnier

Item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda

1. The Chair of the Working Party, Mr. Fredrik Zetterquist, opened the meeting and welcomed the new bureau.

Item 2: 10th WPLA Session, 8-9 March 2017

1. The secretariat will send a copy of the Report to the bureau in advance of the bureau meeting in Lausanne once the Programme of Work for 2018-2019, which is to be included, has been reviewed by the bureau members and edited. The next bureau meeting should devote two hours to the PoW 2018-2019. The Chair expressed that the Bureau should focus on what they want to achieve long-term before detailing studies and workshops, planning participation to coming events and defining collaboration with organizations in the land administration sector.

Item 3: Questionnaire on land administration systems

2. The Chair raised the question how the follow-up work on the survey on land administration systems, previously conducted by James O'Boyle, will continue. It was suggested to send out another questionnaire at the end of 2017, this will be decided at the next bureau meeting in Lausanne.

Item 4: WPLA Workshops for 2017-2019

3. The next workshop WPLA/CLRKEN, Swiss Tech Convention Centre (Quartier Nord de l'EPFL, Route Louis-Favre 2, CH - 1024 Ecublens) on 21 April 2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland. All bureau members are encouraged to register as soon as possible, <http://www.igs100.ch/en/wplaclrken-joint-workshop.html?MP>
4. Mr. Julius Ernst informed about the workshop in Vienna on 5-6 October «Tradition meets innovation» for those members that were not at the previous meeting, 7 March 2017. He invited Bureau members to provide their suggestions of topics, of speakers and provide their support.
5. Proposals for workshops in 2018-2019 should be discussed at the next bureau meeting.

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

6. Mr. Rik Wouters expressed that the Task Groups are relevant if they are efficient.
7. It has been agreed that the relevancy of current Task Groups and the creation of new task groups should be discussed at the next bureau meeting. The bureau members will have to redistribute the tasks (for example regarding the land administration reviews and the studies).
8. Information on the land administration reviews guidance document will be requested again from Ms. Julie Barry by both the secretariat and Mr. Howard Bushell. The deadline for this is at the next bureau meeting. Mr. Peter Creuzer has agreed to elaborate the document and will begin as soon as he receives the green light from the WPLA.

Item 6: Updates on WPLA participation in international events

9. The secretariat mentioned the World Bank Land and Poverty Conference, 20-24 March 2017 and asked that those that would be participating to please let her know in which events they will participating in so that she could compile a list of events and circulate it among those going. Those bureau members attending suggested having a meeting in Washington during the conference.
10. Ms. Elena Busch asked the bureau if they could come up with a common message for representing the WPLA at various events. This will be discussed at the next bureau meeting.
11. Ms. Figueiredo explained the collaboration with the World Bank and FAO:

- a. WPLA has a MoU with the FAO and an action plan reviewed annually
 - b. Co-organization of some workshops, for example Workshop "Benchmarking of land administration systems and implementation of Land Governance Assessment Frameworks (LGAF) in the UNECE region", Baku, November 2014
 - c. Providing funding for the Literature Review: Informal settlements in countries with economies in transition in the UNECE Region
12. Collaboration with OECD, International Conference on National Urban Policy, co-hosted by the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) and UN Habitat, 15-18 May 2017, Paris.
 13. FIG Working Week and General Assembly, 29 May - 2 June 2017, Helsinki.

Item 7: Work with international organizations

14. The representation of the small amount of international organizations that participated at the Third Meeting of International Organizations, 7 March 2017 was discussed. Further strategic engagement and collaboration will be discussed at the next bureau meeting.

Item 8: Other business

15. The members should send a short bio plus a photo to the secretariat in order to update the WPLA webpage. They should also send complete CVs.

Item 9: Next Bureau meeting

16. The next bureau meeting will be held on 20 April 2017 after lunch (14:00-18:00) in Lausanne at the venue for the Joint workshop WPLA/CLRKEN, Swiss Tech Convention Centre (Quartier Nord de l'EPFL, Route Louis-Favre 2, CH - 1024 Ecublens). When you arrive on 20 April please ask the registration/reception what room the meeting will be held in.
17. Mr. Julius Ernst offered to hold one-day bureau meeting in Vienna he proposed the following dates for a WPLA meeting 9 - 11 May , 13 - 14 June , 26-29 June. A doodle will be made.