

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

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

27 June 2017

9:30 – 17:00 (CET)

BEV, Vienna, Austria

Attendance:

Mr. Fredrik Zetterquist (Sweden), Chair
Mr. Rik Wouters (The Netherlands), Vice-Chair
Mr. Julius Ernst (Austria)
Mr. Markku Markula (Finland)
Ms. Roberta Marconi (Italy)
Ms. Chryssy Potsiou (Greece)
Ms. Elena Busch (Norway)
Mr. Konstantin Litvintcev (Russian Federation)
Ms. Tatjana Cenova (The FYR Macedonia)
Ms. Beatriz Corredor (Spain)
Mr. Howard Bushell (United Kingdom)

Observers

Ms. Yana Novikova (Russian Federation)
Mr. Darko Crenkovski (The FYR Macedonia)

UNECE Secretariat

Ms. Amie Figueiredo

Item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda

1.1 The Chair of the Working Party, Mr. Fredrik Zetterquist, opened the meeting and invited the bureau to make any amendments to the previous bureau meeting minutes and then to the agenda. No amendments were introduced.

Item 2: Debrief on past events and status on actions

Capacity building and international knowledge sharing:

- 2.1 Joint WPLA/CLRKEN workshop in Lausanne, 21 April, 2017: There was lowered participation in the workshop as compared to others in the past. It was suggested to perhaps not do the meetings in parallel but rather back-to-back.
- 2.2 PCC workshop in Malta, 5 May, 2017: Roberta Marconi and Rik Wouters attended. There was a land registry component to the meeting, which is typically focused on cadastre.
- 2.3 FIG Working Week in Helsinki, 29 May-2 June 2017: Chryssy Potsiou thanked Fredrik Zetterquist for WPLA's participation and keynote speech and the Finnish

organizers. There were approximately 1,150 participants at the conference. There has been some restructuring of FIG.

- 2.4 UN-GGIM: Europe 4th Plenary Meeting in Brussels, 7-8 June 2017: No members attended the meeting but Chryssy Potsiou will attend the upcoming meeting in NY and will represent WPLA in the EG-LAM. The secretariat will send her a summary of activities to present.
- 2.5 Preparation for the joint CVC workshop in Vienna, (BEV building 8th floor), 5-6 October 2017: the invitations went out mid-June and the draft agenda was sent to the bureau for inputs. Please send all proposals for speaker to Julius Ernst. There will be a welcome address from each of the organizers.

Land administration reviews:

- 2.6 Government request from Belarus and Bulgaria: Awaiting funding for the Belarus country profile and in discussions with Bulgaria regarding funding for their country profile.
- 2.7 Elaboration of template for the LA reviews: the secretariat will follow-up with Peter Kreuzer to see what is the status of the guidance document.

Studies:

- 2.8 Questionnaire on land administration systems: Many of these are covered by the WB's Doing Business report and a scoping exercise needs to be done to evaluate the need. See what is available from OECD and the WB (e.g. The Land Governance Assessment Framework).
- 2.9 Informal settlements: Rik Wouters drafted the workplan for the task group on the technical guidelines for informal settlements. The secretariat will update it considering the timeline and availability of resources.
- 2.10 Land consolidation: Rik Wouters will discuss with Walter de Vries from TUM (Tech Uni Munchen), FAO (Morten Hartvigsen) and Dutch Kadaster (Marije Louwsma) the official partners about collaborating on a study on land consolidation in the UNECE region. A task group has been set-up for this end.
- 2.11 Scenarios for future land administration and management: A task group has been set-up for this topic.

Item 3: Strategic issues

- 3.1 Collaborations with other organizations:
 - a. Fredrik Zetterquist discussed his meeting with CLGE to discuss ILMS and Howard Bushell will set up a meeting with James Kavanagh from RICS to discuss collaboration. Fredrik to send a summary of that meeting to Howard.
 - b. The WPLA is encouraged to think about what kind of contribution they would like to make for the CHLM 70th anniversary to be held in November 2017.
 - c. Place on the agenda of every bureau meeting the topic of future scenarios of land administration systems.
 - d. There is a need to discuss future scenarios in the framework of how organizations can collaborate.

- e. Tatjana Cenova discussed using the regional cooperation in the western Balkans. The 10th Regional conference on cadaster was held in the period 8 – 9. June 2017 in Skopje, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to utilize these conferences to promote collaboration.
- f. The secretariat to send the list of custodians of the SDGs to the bureau in order to evaluate what collaborations can be made.

3.2 Communication

- g. The [WPLA brochure](#) should be revised. The secretariat to send out the [Social and Economic Benefits of Good Land Administration 2005](#) in order to see if some of the text can be reused. Howard Bushell would take the lead in look at different options for the new brochure.
- h. The WPLA website will be updated with the new information from the 10th session. The final report is available in English, Russian and French on the webpage.
- i. LinkedIn and facebook accounts for the WPLA needs to be reestablished or closed.
- j. Bureau members are reminded to send to the secretariat their CV, short bio and photo to update the WPLA webpage.
- k. The secretariat to send the wiki login information to the new bureau members

Item 4: Programme of work 2018-2019 and remaining activities from PoW 2016-2017 including the work of Task Groups

4.1 Discussions on the Programme of Work were discussed in Item 2.

4.2 The secretariat to send to group leaders sample template of workplans in order to develop their plans to carry out the activities. Deadline for workplans 15 September 2017.

4.3 The following task groups have been restructured/established for the completion on the PoW:

- a. **Group for Outreach and Promotion** Howard Bushell (group leader), Markku Markkula
- b. **Group for Benchmarking of land administration systems** Elena Busch (group leader), Beatriz Corredor, Mari Khardziani, Konstantin Litvintcev
- c. **Group for WPLA/REM cooperation** Beatriz Corredor (group leader), Rik Wouters, Roberta Marconi, Mari Khardziani
- d. **Group on Land Consolidation** Rik Wouters (group leader), Julius Ernst, Fredrik Zetterquist, Darko Crenkovski, Markku Markkula
- e. **Group on Informal Settlements** Chryssy Potsiou (group leader), Tatjana Cenova, Rik Wouters, Darko Crenkovski
- f. **Group on future scenarios for land administration** Fredrik Zetterquist (group leader), Julius Ernst, Rik Wouters, Beatriz Corredor, Chryssy Potsiou, Elena Busch, Markku Markkula
- g. **Group on Fraud in land administration** Howard Bushell (group leader), Tatjana Cenova, Konstantin Litvintcev, Bakytbek Djusupbekov

4.4 WPLA Workshops for 2017-2019

- a. Common Vision Conference workshop in Vienna, (BEV building 8th floor), 5-6 October 2017
- b. Proposals: late-2018 Greece (property markets and future scenarios); 2019 Proposals: Canada, Norway (focusing on SDGs), Finland
- c. The secretariat to send sample budgets for workshops to the bureau.

Item 5: Upcoming events and WPLA participation

- 5.1 The third International Conference on Eurasian SDI, Kyrgyzstan, 29-30 June 2017.
- 5.2 Seventh Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), 31 July - 4 August 2017, New York
- 5.3 [INSPIRE Conference](#) 4-5 September 2017 INSPIRE Conference workshops, Kehl; 6-8 September 2017 INSPIRE Conference, Strasbourg
- 5.4 EuroGeographics General Assembly, 1-3 October 2017, Vienna
- 5.5 200th anniversary of the Cadastre in Austria, 4 October 2017, Vienna
- 5.6 Common Vision Conference 2017, 5-6 October 2017, Vienna
- 5.7 European Urban Forum, 13 October 2017, Prague
- 5.8 Registrars of Title, 24-27 October 2017, Scotland
- 5.9 Joint UNECE/UN-GGIM: Europe Workshop on Integrating Geospatial and Statistical Standards, 6-8 November, Stockholm
- 5.10 CHLM 78th Session, 8-9 November 2017, Geneva
- 5.11 PCC meeting, 13-15 November 2017, Estonia
- 5.12 FIG Congress, 6-11 May 2018
- 5.13 Eleventh Regional Conference on cadaster, June 2018 in Bulgaria

Item 6: Other business

- 6.1 The bureau is asked to send suggestions to the secretariat for speakers for the INSPIRE Conference in September as soon as possible.
- 6.2 The secretariat will send the ministerial declaration to be signed at the CHLM 70th Session to the WPLA bureau for comment.
- 6.3 The secretariat will send the Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets to the bureau for comment, the REM is working on its update.
- 6.4 The secretariat will send summaries of the UN-GGIM EG-LAM activities to the bureau.

Item 7: Next Bureau meeting

- 7.1 The Chair closed the meeting and reminded the bureau that the next bureau meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4 October 2017 at the BEV, Vienna, Austria 14:00-18:00.