

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

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

14 September 2016

8:30 – 10:00 (CET)

Salle XVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Attendance:

Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli (Azerbaijan), Chair

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

Ms. Julie Barry (United Kingdom), Vice-Chair

Mr. Julius Ernst (Austria), Bureau member

Mr. Arturo Angelini (Italy), Bureau member

Ms. Bakytbek Dzhushupbekov (Kyrgyzstan), Bureau member

Ms. Amie Figueiredo, UNECE Secretariat

Item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda

1. The meeting was opened by the Chair of the Working Party, Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli. The Bureau adopted the agenda without amendment.

Item 2: 77th CHLM Session WPLA, 13-14 September 2016

2. The [Land administration and management session](#) was held on Wednesday, 14 September 2016, in Room XVI.
 - a. The activities of the WPLA were presented by Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli; proposals for the organization of the Working Party Tenth session in March 2017 by Ms. Amie Figueiredo; Information on the progress of a study on advantages and disadvantages of unification of land registries and cadastres by Mr. Rik Wouters.
3. Meeting of WPLA/REM Cooperation was held on 14 September 2016 in Room S-436: Discussion and approval of the workplan both by the WPLA Bureau and REM. Mr. Rik Wouters to send out summary and next steps.

Item 3: 10th WPLA Session, 7-9 March 2017

4. The Tenth Session of the Working Party on Land Administration will be on 8-9 March 2017 in Room VII, Palais des Nations, Geneva
5. Third meeting of International Organizations will be held on 7 March 2017 (afternoon) before the 2-day Session. Bureau to brainstorm on potential topics for Session. Secretariat to send out documents from last session to assist.
 - a. Some ideas for the 2018-2019 PoW are topics in:

- i. Efficiency in land use
 - ii. Study on land consolidation; land fragmentation perhaps jointly with FAO.
- 6. Final versions of official documents for the Session must be submitted 6 December 2016, the documents must be reviewed and formatted by 29 November. The Bureau must give latest comments by the Bureau meeting 23 November.
- 7. There will be the election of new Bureau members and Chair at the 10th Session. The Secretariat will send out a reminder for Bureau members to request nominations from their respective agencies. Once these nominations are received, the secretariat will contact their Missions in Geneva for their support.
- 8. Members of the current Bureau:
 - i. Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli (Azerbaijan) will step down as Chair.
 - ii. Mr. Markku Markkula (Finland) and Ms. Pia Højgaard (Denmark) will not seek re-election.
 - iii. Ms. Chryssy Potsiou (Greece), Mr. James O'Boyle (Ireland), Mr. Julius Ernst (Austria), Mr. Arturo Angelini (Italy), Ms. Julie Barry (United Kingdom), and Mr. Rik Wouters (The Netherlands) will seek re-election to the Bureau.
 - iv. Ms. Julie Barry (United Kingdom), and Mr. Rik Wouters (The Netherlands) will seek to continue as vice-chairs.
- 9. Nominations for new Bureau members: Norway will nominate Elena Busch; Switzerland and the USA have expressed interest in joining the Bureau. Looking for a new Chair.

Item 4: WPLA Workshops for 2016-2017

- 11. WPLA workshop in Madrid, 24-25 November 2016. Ms. Nuria Raga to send the final agenda to the WPLA Bureau. Final preparations.
- 12. Mr. Julius Ernst updated the Bureau on the preparations for workshop in Vienna 5-6 October 2017 as part of The Common Vision Conference 2017, organized by the BEV, including the participation of WPLA, PCC, Eurogeographics, FIG, etc. There will be various events taking place which the WPLA will be invited to, including the celebration happening on Wednesday 4 October before the event.
- 13. Discussion that the likelihood of second workshop in 2017 to be potentially in Switzerland. Mr Rik Wouters discussing with swisstopo the possibility of doing the workshop in April 2017.
- 14. Other potential options for 2018 are Cyprus, United States, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Lithuania. WPLA Bureau to inquire about interest in hosting these.

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

- 15. Programme of work 2016-2017: Task Groups

- a. Task group 4: The new survey will be sent out to focal points as soon as it is finalized and hope to have results to present at the WPLA Session.
- b. Task group 7: The study on “Land registration and cadaster – one or two agencies?” and its promotion, Final presentation was at the Committee Session in September 2016 will close once the study is finalized.
- c. Task Group 8 “Cooperation WPLA/REM” Mr. Rik Wouters will continue to update the Bureau and liaise with the REM.
 - i. Mr. Rik Wouters to send out the summary of the meeting.

Item 6: WPLA participation in international events

- 16. Joint Conference of PCC, EuroGeographics and EULIS will be held in Bratislava on 16 – 18 November 2016. The main topic of the meeting will be “Role of the Cadastre and Land Registration in the Interaction with Partners”.
- 17. FIG Workshop on Sustainable Real Estate Markets Policy Framework and Necessary Reforms 19-20 September 2016 Athens, Greece. <http://fig-tfrealestate.ntua.gr>
- 18. [INSPIRE Conference 2016](#) will take place in Barcelona, 26-30 September 2016. UNECE has been asked to participate in the joint FAO/EU JRC/UNECE/World Bank workshop: Financing the Evolution of Spatial Data Infrastructures. The Secretariat will inform the workshop organizers if there is any interest from the Bureau to participate.
- 19. [Conference on Housing Finance – Market and Structures](#), 14 November 2016, Berlin, Germany. The WPLA will be represented in this event.
- 20. XXIII ELRA General Assembly 1-2 December 2016
- 21. UN-GGIM meeting

Item 7: Other business

- 22. Secretariat to send out the wiki login information for the Bureau. <http://www.unece.org/housing-and-land-management/quick-links/login/committee-bureau.html>

Item 8: Next Bureau meeting

- 23. The next Bureau meeting will be held virtually the secretariat will send out a poll to evaluate the best date to hold the meeting.