

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

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

23 November 2016

13:00 – 17:00 (CET)

Colegio de Registradores de España

Alcalá, 540, Madrid

Attendance:

Mr. Rik Wouters (The Netherlands), Vice-Chair
Ms. Julie Barry (United Kingdom), Vice-Chair
Mr. Arturo Angelini (Italy), Bureau member
Mr. Julius Ernst (Austria), Bureau member
Ms. Pia Hojgaard (Denmark), Bureau member
Ms. Chryssy Potsiou (Greece), Bureau member
Ms. Amie Figueiredo, UNECE Secretariat

Item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda

1. The meeting was opened by the Vice-Chair of the Working Party, Mr. Rik Wouters. The Bureau adopted the agenda without amendment.

Item 2: CHLM Special Session, 1-2 December 2016

2. The secretariat updated the bureau that the renewal of the terms of reference of the WPLA would be presented for endorsement to the CHLM special session on Thursday, 1 December 2016, in Room IX in the Palais des Nations.
3. The WPLA Bureau endorsed the draft ToRs that were had gone through a consultation with the WPLA.
4. Draft Ministerial Declaration for the 78th CHLM Session as well as the preparations for the ministerial segment of the Session and the 70th anniversary of the CHLM have been discussed.

Item 3: 10th WPLA Session, 7-9 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. It was not decided if the third meeting of International Organizations will be held on 7 March 2017 (afternoon) before the 2-day Session. The bureau wanted to take some more time to decide if this meeting should take place and what the purpose of the meeting would be. Bureau members to submit their proposals before the **9 December 2016** so that planning can commence if needed. Mr. Rik Wouters will contact relevant international organizations to

check their interest to convene the 3rd international meeting back to back with the WPLA 10th Session.

7. Proposed topics for the Session are land administration reviews (to bring countries that have had them to talk about their experience and how that helped their country); challenges of land administration based on the Survey. There was a proposal to have a keynote or perhaps two to kick off the Session the morning of 8 March 2017. Bureau to think about who could come and give the keynote.
8. Bureau discussed the format and theme of the Session and ideas for speakers, the draft detailed programme should be available when the invitation letters go out. **Invitation letters should go out before the end of the year.**
9. Official documents for the Session must be finalized and submitted latest 15 December 2016. The Bureau must give latest comments by the Bureau meeting **9 December 2016.**
 - i. Draft provisional Agenda; Review of Programme of Work 2016-2017; Draft Programme of Work 2018-2019; Abstract on Land registration and cadaster – one or two agencies?"
 - ii. 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.
10. 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.
11. Proposed nominations for members of the Bureau:
 - iii. Mr. Fredrik Zetterquist, Sweden (Chair)
 - iv. Mr. Rik Wouters, The Netherlands (Vice-Chair)
 - v. Ms. Elena Busch, Norway
 - vi. Ms. Tatjana Genova Mitrevska, FYR Macedonia
 - vii. Mr. Julius Ernst, Austria
 - viii. Ms. Roberta Marconi, Italy
 - ix. Mr. Markku Markkula, Finland
 - x. Ms. Chryssy Potsiou, Greece
 - xi. Mr. Bakytbek Djusupbekov, Kyrgyzstan
 - xii. Mr. Daniel Steudler, Switzerland
 - xiii. Potential nominations from Georgia (Mr. Elshad Khanabayli to follow-up) and the USA (the secretariat to follow-up with Christopher Barlow, contact of Ms. Julie Barry).

Item 4: WPLA Workshops for 2016-2017

12. WPLA workshop in Madrid, 24-25 November 2016. Over 100 participants from over 25 countries in the UNECE region.

13. Mr. Rik Wouters confirmed that swisstopo along with EuroGeographics-Cadastre and Land Registry Knowledge Exchange Network (CLRKEN) will host a workshop on 21 April 2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland.
14. 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.
15. Bureau to explore other potential options for 2018: proposals are Cyprus, United States, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Lithuania.

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

16. Since many TGs will be closing there was a proposal to remove the numbers to the groups and just call them by their names in order to avoid confusion.
17. The following changes have been agreed by the bureau:
 - “Group for workshops” will be closed.
 - “Group for land administration reviews and country profiles” will be closed. Ms. Julie Barry will prepare report as a guide for future Reviews.
 - For the land administration review of Kazakhstan, there are several questions that still need answering, they will be sent to the mission to facilitate the response.
 - “Group for publication” will be renamed “Group for outreach and Promotion”. The purpose of this group is to preserve the history and knowledge of the work of the WPLA.
 - This group needs a team leader.
 - Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli is to request the login information from the previous bureau member to delete WPLA LinkedIn and Facebook accounts. A new LinkedIn account will be created linked to the CHLM page.
 - “Group for benchmarking and inventories” continues for collection and production of the new survey.
 - Mr. James O’Boyle will finalize the questionnaire incorporating the comments received. The idea is to send out the questionnaire mid-December 2016.
 - “Group for cooperation with national organizations”. It was decided to abolish this group. The bench marking has little priority because so much information is available at web-site from Eurogeographics, ELRA, EULIS, PCC etc. It will be regular task of the Bureau members to cover this aspect of cooperation.
 - “Group for cooperation with international organizations and interregional cooperation”. Also the relevance of this TG was discussed. It was decided that this is a regular task of the Chair of the Bureau and specific tasks can be delegated to members of the Bureau.
 - Cooperation UN-GGIM. Mr. Rik Wouters shared that there will be at the first meeting of the expert group on land administration 5 December 2016 to produce the global atlas for land tenure.

- Cooperation with FAO: Discovery Day 2016: Spatial Data Infrastructure in support of good land governance will be held on 28 November 2016 in Rome at FAO headquarters. Cooperation with FAO on Land and Gender and GLII, the secretariat will share more information as it is received.
- “Land registration and cadaster – one or two agencies?” and its promotion, will close once the study is finalized. Mr. Rik Wouters with Walter de Vries will elaborate a paper in 2017. Mr. Rik Wouters will produce an abstract for the WPLA Session.
- “Cooperation WPLA/REM” Mr. Rik Wouters will continue to update the Bureau and liaise with the REM.

Item 6: Updates on WPLA participation in international events

18. Ms. Chryssy Potsiou gave an update on the FIG Workshop on Sustainable Real Estate Markets Policy Framework and Necessary Reforms 19-20 September 2016 Athens, Greece. <http://fig-tfrealestate.ntua.gr>
19. The secretariat gave an update on the [INSPIRE Conference 2016](#) that took place in Barcelona, 26-30 September 2016.
20. The secretariat gave an update on third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development ([Habitat III](#)) on 17-20 October 2016 in Quito, Ecuador.
21. Mr. Rik Wouters gave a brief update on the [Conference on Housing Finance – Market and Structures](#), 14 November 2016, Berlin, Germany. The WPLA was represented in this event by him.
22. XXIII ELRA General Assembly 1-2 December 2016. Bureau members will report on the meeting at the next meeting.

Item 7: Other business

23. 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

24. The next Bureau meeting will be decided by online poll end of January. The following Bureau meeting will be on 7 March 2016 in the morning, the day before the 10th Session. In April a separate Bureau meeting is foreseen to kick off with the new Chair and the renewed group of Bureau members.